THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION				
47 th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING				
AGENDA AND NOTES				
Date: Sunday, August 23, 2015	<i>Time:</i> 1:30 p.m.	Location: UMBS Biological Station – Gates Lecture Hall		

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order/Opening – Holly Gedert	Holly called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., introduced the DLIA Board, and welcomed all in
	attendance.
	• All who participated in the preparation of the Annual Meeting and the Association picnic, were thanked.
	• Special thanks to the UMBS staff – Knute Knadlehoffer, Director; Karie Slavik, Associate Director; Bob
	VandeKopple, Resident Biologist; and their staff and helpers.
	Recognition of Tip of the Mitt Director, Gail Gruenwald.
News from the Biological Station – Karie Slavik	• Karie welcomed all to the UMBS, and introduced Dr. Patrick Kociolek, University of Colorado and UMBS
	faculty, who provided information re: the CLEAR (Community and Lake Environmental Awareness
	Research) Program. CLEAR was started in the late 1970s by Mark Paddock.
Maple River Project – Jayna Sames	• Dr. Kociolek introduced one of his students, Jayna Sames, who provided research information related to
	the Maple River, along with predictable ecological changes to the river when the hydroelectric dam is removed.
	• Final plans for the removal of the dam, built in the early 1900s, are still in process.
	Research data will be provided to the DLIA for communication to members.
Guest Speaker – Mary Stewart Adams,	Headlands International Dark Sky Park is one of twenty International Dark Sky Parks.
Program Director, <u>Headlands International</u>	• Property is owned by Emmet County and the State of Michigan, and is located on the Straits of Mackinac.
Dark Sky Park.	• Construction of new facility is underway, with vehicle and pedestrian traffic limited during construction.
	 Property includes five miles of hiking trails; guest house on property, available for rental.
	 Proper outdoor lighting is covered on the top, pointing down, lighting where light is needed and not
	shining in the neighbor's window.
	• 09/27/15 – Harvest Moon Total Eclipse.
	• DLIA members, family, and guests are encouraged to visit the park, open all day, every day.
Minutes of the 2014 Meeting – Joan Hartwig	No corrections; approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report –Walt Naumer	 DLIA 2014 (01/01/14 – 12/31/14) Net Cash Flow report (see attached) presented.
(see attached)	• DLIA has operated within budget. Walt expressed thanks to Holly, Linda Alexander and the Budget
	Committee, and indicated it has been a privilege to serve the Association.
	 Current DLIA funds – Checking, \$22,000; Money Market, \$16,000; CD, \$15,000.
	 Current CD matures 10/17/15; W. Naumer investigating other investment options.
	• Recent donations: \$245 boat parade, \$275 memorials (Ernie & Donna Rae Gaunt; Leo Lighthammer)
	placed in general fund.
	Holly thanked Walt for his 4 years of service to the DLIA.
Committee Reports – Holly Gedert	
Committee Summary – H. Gedert	PowerPoint presentation of a few of the 20 current DLIA Committees.

- Water Quality Monitoring Sam Gaither has monitored the quality of water in the lake, and has forwarded data to the Tip of the Mitt. • Bylaws Revision (Bill Hartwig, Chair) - Committee working on document revisions. Vote on proposed revisions will take place at 2016 Annual Meeting. • Invasive Species – Pete Klaas keeps invasive species brochures stocked at DL Road boat ramp, and Maple Bay Marine. Laminated aquatic plant charts prepared; we distributed 273 – 1/household. • Purple Loosestrife – 500 Galerucella beetles, purchased from Tip of the Mitt, will help keep Purple Loosestrife in check along Van Road. Budget/Finance changes: create annual budget, have standardized fiscal year reporting, and have a 5 year forecasting tool. • Will send a dues letter to all members in January; collect dues in January. UMBS Scholarship – Carrie Coy from Petoskey, received the 2015 \$1,000 scholarship. The Board has approved a 2016 \$2,500 scholarship. Holly thanked the following members for their service to the organization – Gwen Kuehn (Membership), Bob Reynolds (Ads), John Kurkjian (#1 Ad Man -Directory), Marilyn Kelemen (Merchandise), Linda Orlow (News Team), Chick Hershberger (Website, DL Boat Ramp). • Environmental – John Kafer • Gail Gruenwald shared preliminary Shoreline survey info. Follow-up – Volunteers needed to become knowledgeable about methods to improve DL shorelines, and to assist property owners. • Northern Michigan Pipeline Symposium – 08/27/15, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., NCMC • Microbeads in cosmetics, personal products, pharmaceuticals, etc. causing problems in lakes; no known methods to remove from the environment. • Net Pen Aquaculture Seminar, St. Ignace, 08/24/15 – Proponents want to commercially raise Rainbow Trout in the Great Lakes. • Bessey Creek monitoring – Data collected (twice/year) used by TOMWC stream monitoring program to evaluate the health of the stream and water flowing into DL. John is still looking for 2 adult participants for 4 hours collection 09/19/15. Training available 09/12/15 at NCMC. Nine Pellston High School students have also volunteered. DLIA works closely with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council; donations to TOMWC are always appreciated. Loon Nests/Pike Marsh – Dave Thompson Three artificial loon nests were placed in the lake this year (North Fishtail, Maple Bay, and Marl Bay) Healthy loon population. Exploring the possibility of joining the Michigan Loon Preservation Association. For violation of loons by water craft, call the DNR with as much water craft information as possible. Pike Marsh – Waiting for DNR fish survey results.
 - 50 Year Committee Frank Beaver
- Committee is in formative stage. Still looking for additional volunteers. Contact Frank, fbeaver@umich.edu.

Unfinished Business	The event will celebrate the 50 years of DLIA accomplishments, programs, events, scholarship recipients, past-presidents, etc.	
New Business	No unfinished business.	
Election of Officer (Treasurer) – Sue Nelson	Mark Paddock reported that in a recent telephone conversation with Curt Blankespoor, he learned that the Common Merganser population is down. Curt is using Douglas Lake as a control lake in his swimmer's itch study and wants to know if anyone is intentionally ridding the lake of the Common Merganser. Contact Mark with information, no names are needed.	
Appointments and Changes – Holly Gedert	 On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Sue Nelson presented Sue Klaas as the nominee for Treasurer. By acclamation, Sue Klaas is elected to the office of Treasurer. 	
Drawing for Douglas Lake Merchandise – Marilyn Kelemen	 Holly thanked the following for their service: Chick Hershberger – 1 term as Director Martha Beechler – 2 terms as Director Mark Paddock – Has accepted a 2nd term as Director Bylaws state the DLIA must have 3 – 5 Directors. No plans to appoint additional Directors at this time. 2015-2016 Directors – Sue Nelson, Mark Paddock, Barb Wilkinson. 	
Closing Remarks – Holly Gedert	Names were pre-drawn for Douglas Lake merchandise; items distributed.	
Adjournment	Holly thanked all for being DLIA members and attending the meeting. "Now, let's go picnic."	
	3:16 p.m.	
Minutes Submitted by:		
Joan Hartwig, Secretary		