

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
48th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

AGENDA AND NOTES

Date: Sunday, August 21, 2016

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: UMBS Biological Station – Gates Lecture Hall

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order/Opening – Holly Gedert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., and welcomed all in attendance. • All who participated in the preparation of the Annual Meeting were thanked. • Special thanks to the UMBS staff and helpers, who assisted in preparations and setup for the meeting. • Holly gave a brief history of swimmer’s itch research at Douglas Lake. John Kafer’s report of the June 2016 Michigan Swimmer’s Itch Partnership meeting at Roscommon High School, is available on the DLIA website.
News from the Biological Station – Knute Nadelhoffer, Professor; Director of UMBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The credentials and accomplishments of Dr. Knute Nadelhoffer, were summarized by Holly, and then welcomed him to the podium. • Dr. Nadelhoffer announced the retirement of Bob VandeKopple; potential replacements are being interviewed. • Dr. Nadelhoffer will soon begin a year-long sabbatical at the University of Copenhagen; will return as UMBS Director, Summer 2018. Dr. Linda Greer, will serve as Interim Director during Dr. Nadelhoffer’s absence.
Swimmer’s Itch – Curt Blankespoor and UMBS Student, Jennifer Suleiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause of swimmer’s itch explained, along with the various experimental methods used to combat it. • Douglas Lake is part of a 2015-2017 four-lake (Higgins, Lime, and Glen) study. • Ms. Suleiman indicated there are new techniques involving molecular biology for the study of swimmer’s itch. She has studied filtered water samples from two sites on the lake (UMBS and Jerry and Barb Huey’s location, near Van and Silver Strand) for snail density and bird diversity.
Michigan Shoreland Stewards Program – Elijah Baker, Huron Pines Americorps Member, Education & Outreach Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership between Michigan Shoreland Stewards Program, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, and the Michigan Natural Shoreline Project. • A blend of cosmetic and natural shoreline is possible. • Property owners can obtain suggestions for improving their shorelines. • Shoreline steward certificates are available, along with display signs showing our Michigan shoreline stewardship status.
Minutes of the 2015 Meeting – Jayne Morse (for Secretary, Joan Hartwig)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No corrections; approved as submitted.
Treasurer’s Report –Susan Klaas (see attached)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLIA financial position is very good. Total cash assets \$78,090.86 • DLIA budget established last year, is on track • Report filed for audit.

<p>Committee Reports – Holly Gedert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Summary – H. Gedert • Loon Nests/Pike Marsh – Dave Thompson • 50 Years Committee – Frank Beaver • Proposed Bylaws – Marnie Sheridan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLIA website, which is soon to be updated, provides information related to the newsletters, eNews, membership, committee responsibilities/activities, annual flyer, merchandise sale schedule, etc. • Following committees were described: Invasive Species, Membership, Budget/Finance, MDOT Adopt-a-Highway, Douglas Lake Boat Ramp, Volunteer Boat Assistance Program, NewsTeam, Merchandise, Directory Ads, and Volunteer. • Personnel needs for 2017 listed. Holly encouraged anyone interested in serving the DLIA at the Board level, to contact her. • Marilyn Kelemen will no longer serve as Merchandise Manager, but will continue to be responsible for the annual DLIA calendar. • All association volunteers were recognized and thanked. • Four loon nests this year, with three having loons; two nests hatched one chick each (North Fishtail Bay and Nuttings Bay), who are now young loons. • Steel sinkers should be used by people fishing, rather than lead sinkers, which caused the death of a loon last fall. Steel sinkers can be purchased at Walmart. • Event will focus on “Improvement.” • Two major components: 1) creation of an anniversary booklet; 2) a festive occasion. • Membership is encouraged to contribute pictures, narratives, historical material, etc. • Interested individuals are strongly encouraged to help plan this event. • Bylaws revision process explained, and the “Summary of Proposed DLIA 2016 Bylaws Changes” reviewed. • Two member recommended Bylaws revisions introduced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Item V.B.4.g <i>If the Treasurer is unable to perform the functions listed in subarticle 4, the President may perform these functions using the Vice President for the second approval, in accordance with items (e) –(f) above.</i> Motion made by Dennis Buchweitz, seconded by Chick Hershberger, to accept the revision; motion passed. ○ Item VI.B.5 <i>The President may rescind the appointment of a Director, with the approval of the Executive Board, if that Director is unwilling or unable to perform the duties of Director.</i> Motion made by Nancy Sheldon, seconded by Chick Hershberger, to accept the revision; motion passed. • Proposed bylaws discussion, followed by a motion made by Ed Grant, seconded by John Perkins to approve the proposed bylaws; motion passed.
<p>Unfinished Business</p>	<p>No unfinished business.</p>

<p>New Business</p> <p>Election of Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary) – Sue Nelson</p> <p>Introductions, Appointments and Changes – Holly Gedert</p> <p>Drawing for Douglas Lake Merchandise – Marilyn Kelemen</p> <p>Closing Remarks – Holly Gedert</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<p>No new business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Sue Nelson presented Joan Hartwig as the nominee for Secretary, Marnie Sheridan for Vice-President, and Holly Gedert for President. • By acclamation, the following were elected: Joan Hartwig, Secretary; Marnie Sheridan, Vice-President; Holly Gedert, President. • Holly recognized the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suzanne Witthoff – Zone 41 representative ○ Ed Grant – Director (appointed at the June 2016 Board meeting) ○ Special Recognition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mark Paddock (appointed as Director in 2015) for being a good collaborator over the years and aiding in the DLIA partnership with UMBS, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC) and Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC) ▪ Marilyn Kelemen for her 10 years of providing interesting, entertaining, creative, and functional Douglas Lake wear and products. She helped Kathy Buchweitz for four years and served as the manager for six years. ▪ John Kurkjian for recognizing DLIA needed a fundraiser for invasive species management. He has been selling business ads for the DLIA member Directory since 2000, and for the last three Directories raised more than \$35,000. ▪ Sue Nelson for 16 years of dedicated and quality leadership on the DLIA Executive Board. She served as Secretary, Vice President, President for four years, Immediate Past President, and Director. <p>Names were pre-drawn for Douglas Lake merchandise; items distributed.</p> <p>Holly thanked all for being DLIA members and attending the meeting. She also reminded everyone to support the businesses advertised in the DLIA Directory.</p> <p>4:13 p.m.</p>
<p>Minutes Submitted by: Jayne Morse for Joan Hartwig, Secretary</p>	