

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA AND NOTES

Present: Officers - Holly Gedert, Joan Hartwig, Sue Klaas, Mary Ellen Sheridan; Directors – Bill Foster, Mark Paddock; Zone Reps – Linda Alexander, Gail Beaver, Ron Kelemen, Jayne Morse, Evelyn Schulte, Suzanne Witthoff; Standing Committee Chairs –Sharon Fortner, Gwen Kuehn, Pete Klaas

Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Time: 3-5:00 p.m.

Location: Pellston Regional Airport
2nd floor Conference Room

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions/Findings	Next Steps
<p>Opening by the President – Holly Gedert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. • Kieran Fleming, Chief Operating Officer, Little Traverse Conservancy, was introduced, and it was noted that Tom Bailey, current LTC Executive Director will retire in August; K. Fleming will assume the E.D. position after T. Bailey’s retirement. 	<p>One third of Executive Board constitutes a quorum; quorum noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mission of the Little Traverse Conservancy is to protect the natural diversity and beauty of northern Michigan by preserving significant land and scenic areas, and fostering appreciation and understanding of the environment. Their service area includes Chippewa, Mackinac, Emmet, Cheboygan, and Charlevoix counties. • LTC is a land trust with more than 200 nature preserves open to the public, 270 private properties with permanent protection through conservation easements, and is a 501©3 organization. • They have partnered with local units of government to protect lands open to the public, and have collaborated with the DLIA on potential lake properties, which may be offered for purchase, and which may meet the LTC mission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Fleming will keep the DLIA apprised of the current status of property offers.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation easements were discussed. “They can be an ideal tool for landowners who want to preserve their land’s natural and historic heritage for future generations, while maintaining private ownership. Land protected with a conservation easement need not be open to the public and continues to carry many of the normal benefits of private land ownership. The primary motivation behind a conservation easement must be conservation. It is a legal document restricting future uses of the land. The easement is agreed upon and signed by the landowner (the easement donor) and the Conservancy (the party receiving the easement). The Conservancy accepts the easement with the understanding that it must enforce the terms of the easement in perpetuity. After the easement is signed, it is recorded with the County Register of Deeds and applies to all future owners of the land.” (LTC Conservation Easement Guidebook) 	
Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Attendance – Joan Hartwig	Motion by Gail Beaver, seconded by Sue Klaas to approve the minutes of 08/10/17.	Motion passed.	
Treasurer’s Report – Sue Klaas (see attached)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report through 05/29/17 was presented. • Sue indicated the DLIA financial position is very good. • DLIA assets (savings) are the result of fund raisers (merchandise, directory ad sales, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue will present all financial reports through 05/31/18 at the 06/11/18 Executive Board meeting.

<p>Appointment/Committee Changes – Holly Gedert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly Gedert – Directory Ad Sales chair • Bill Foster – TOMWC liaison • Holly Gedert – Merchandise manager • Joan Hartwig – News Team chair • Linda Alexander – Nominating Committee (Mark Paddock, Linda Orlow), chair • Jenny Kalejs – UMBS Outreach person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations needed for Vice-President and Secretary. 	
<p>Email motions and approvals –</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/10/17 – Board approved Sue Klaas (20-0) as Nominee for Treasurer – unanimous. • October 2017 – Board approved donation of DLIA clothing to Pellston Public Schools Clothes Closet. • November/December 2017 – Board approved the 2018 Budget (18-0). • 05/07/18 – Board approved motion made by Linda Alexander (13-1), seconded by M.E. Sheridan, for DLIA to provide a \$2500 scholarship to a UMBS student. The UMBS Associate Director will select the applicant based on our desire to help fund a local student, and when a local student has not applied, the Associate Director will select another applicant in need, and will notify DLIA of selected recipient. 	
<p>DLIA Scholarship to UMBS</p>	<p>Discussion re: granting funds to student when no local student has been identified.</p>	<p>No decision</p>	<p>To be discussed at 06/11/18 meeting.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline Stewardship – Sharon Fortner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon highlighted the 05/24/18 <i>E-News</i> article on <i>Ice Berms</i> by Jennifer Buchanan, TOMWC, and some of the Douglas Lake shoreline projects. • Follow the 2018 loon nesting program on the website: 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean Boats Clean Waters/Invasive Species – Pete Klaas Merchandise – Holly Gedert 	<p>http://www.douglaslake.org/news/loon-nesting-program/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pete continues to monitor boats/trailers at the DLB ramp. Placed Clean Boat brochures on vehicle windshields. TOMWC aquatic survey will take place this summer. New items have been purchased for 2018. Merchandise sales – future plans? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No decision 	
<p>Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference lodging reimbursement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michigan Lakes & Streams Association (MLSA) 57th Annual Conference, Crystal Mountain, was attended by Bill Foster and Mary Ellen Sheridan. DLIA covered registration costs. Current DLIA policy states registration (not to include lodging or meals) costs for two people will be paid. Motion made by Linda Alexander, seconded by Gail Beaver to reimburse both attendees for conference hotel costs, not to exceed \$250/each. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TOMWC Summit – June 18, 2018, North Central Michigan College. Mary Ellen Sheridan and Holly Gedert to attend. Motion passed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit DLIA conference policy. Identify future conferences and costs.
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None</p>		
<p>Adjournment – 5:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion made by M.E. Sheridan; seconded by Mark Paddock to adjourn.</p>	<p>Motion passed.</p>	
<p>Minutes Submitted by: Joan Hartwig</p>			