

THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

AGENDA AND NOTES

*Present:* Mary Ellen Sheridan (President), Barb Huey (Secretary); Directors – Bill Foster, Frank Beaver, Linda Orlow; Past President – Holly Gedert; Zone Reps – Jan Huntley, Jayne Morse, John Perkins, Betty Cassidy, Suzanne Witthoff, Gail Beaver, Joan Caldwell, Betsy Naumer; Standing Committee Chairs - Bill Hartwig, Gwen Kuehn, Joan Hartwig, Stuart Case; Gail Gruenwald – Guest, Tip of Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC)

*Date:* August 8, 2019

*Time:* 3:00 – 5:30 pm

*Location:* Pellston Regional Airport, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions/Findings	Next Steps
<b>Call the Meeting to Order by the President</b> – Mary Ellen Sheridan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.</li> <li>• The DLIA Purpose was reviewed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One third of Executive Board constitutes a quorum; quorum noted.</li> </ul>	
<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Attendance</b> – Barb Huey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Bill Foster, seconded by Gail Beaver to approve minutes of 7/15/19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion passed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasurers Report</b> – ME Sheridan for Sue Klaas and Scott Davis (see attached)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Report through July 2019 was presented.</li> <li>• Corrections to Actual YTD noted:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Merchandise Income \$9757.20</li> <li>○ Sales Tax Reserved \$585.43</li> <li>○ Directory Ad Sales \$2874.48</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ME Sheridan noted that merchandise sales are going well in part because of the new styles &amp; designs.</li> <li>• Proposed 2020 Budget reviewed.</li> <li>• Motion by Frank Beaver, second by John Perkins to accept Financial Report with noted corrections for 2019 and Proposed 2020 budget as is.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Report for July and Proposed Budget approved.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Pros/Cons of 501©3 IRS Status -</b> Gail Gruenwald, TOMWC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizations that have 501(c)3 status must be educational, scientific, or charitable. The government supports this because they don't have the resources to do all the work.</li> <li>• One third of revenue of 501(c)3 organizations must come from public support such as government money and dues. Merchandise sales revenue would not qualify.</li> <li>• Gail stressed that we should take time to really consider how/if obtaining this status would really benefit DLIA based on the function of DLIA.</li> </ul> <p>Some pros &amp; cons that were discussed:</p> <p>Pros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legitimate tax-exempt status</li> <li>• Donations made to DLIA would be tax deductible. Can be incentive to donate.</li> <li>• Grants can be obtained directly. Currently we are non-profit and can partner with organizations such as TOMWC to apply for grants.</li> </ul> <p>Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be more paperwork for State &amp; IRS than we currently have. Consider the time and resources it will take to complete them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ License to Solicit Donations for every</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EB will discuss more in 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EB will discuss more in 2020.</li> </ul>
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	<p>state that you might get donations from would be necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We may need to change our accounting system in order to meet IRS requirements.</li> <li>• Gail also commented on proposed changes to our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation that can offer EB Directors and Officers liability insurance through the State of Michigan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ME Sheridan received specific wording that could be added at a later date.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be discussed at future meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Annual Meeting Draft Agenda</b> – ME Sheridan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Agenda was reviewed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most of the Committee Reports will go out to members in future eNews.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zone Reps to try to obtain and bring proxies for Bylaws &amp; Articles vote for those who will not be in attendance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Unfinished Business</b> – Update on Boat Speed &amp; Noise concerns - ME Sheridan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns have been brought to ME Sheridan from members regarding the new property owner with the race boat clearing their shoreline of trees and possibly putting in a boat ramp.</li> <li>• Munro Twp. Supervisor was contacted. Supervisor went to property &amp; has filed report for investigation to happen. Investigator has been out twice but is unclear which property to look at.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ME Sheridan to continue to get updates.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Aquatic Plant Survey</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to delays at TOMWC in July, the aquatic survey will begin next week. Hopefully volunteers will be available. If not, TOMWC employees will help.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is data collection only right now. Reports will be written over winter.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Committee Reports</b> Community Relations – Bill Hartwig</p> <p>Little Traverse Conservancy – ME Sheridan for Mark Paddock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill checked with Emmet County regarding deteriorating shape of Van Rd.</li> <li>• Mark has decided to step down from this committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emmet County has no plans to work on Van Rd. east of 31 this year.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>New Business</b> <b>Hatchery tour – ME Sheridan</b></p> <p><b>Decorations from Luau – John Perkins</b></p> <p><b>Boats driving too close to shore</b></p> <p><b>Swimmer’s Itch – Gail Beaver</b></p> <p><b>Adjournment - 5:12 pm</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MES noted that there are a couple of spaces open for the Hatchery Tour Tues., Aug. 20.</li> <li>• John has been storing 5 bins of decorations from Luau for a few years that he would like to get rid of.</li> <li>• It has been requested that a future eNews reminds boaters about regulations regarding distance boaters must stay from shore, docks, swimming areas, etc.</li> <li>• One of memberships in Gail’s Zone is requesting information on Swimmer’s Itch.</li> <li>• Motion made by John Perkins, seconded by Bill Foster.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ME Sheridan will write reminder in eNews.</li> <li>• Gail will refer members to DLIA Newsletters on line, specifically to an article that Ron Witthoff submitted.</li> <li>• Motion passed.</li> </ul>	<p>Next meeting Annual Meeting Mon., Aug. 19, 7:00 pm</p>
<p><b>Minutes Submitted by:</b> Barb Huey</p>			