

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
51st ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**AGENDA AND NOTES**

*Date:* Monday, August 19, 2019

*Time:* 7:00 p.m.

*Location:* UM Biological Station – Gates Lecture Hall

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>Call to Order/Opening</b> – Mary Ellen Sheridan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., and welcomed all in attendance.</li> <li>• All who participated in the preparation of the Annual Meeting were thanked.</li> <li>• Special thanks to the UMBS staff and helpers, who assisted in preparations and setup for the meeting.</li> <li>• DLIA expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet once again in the Gates Lecture Hall.</li> </ul>
<b>News from the Biological Station</b> – Dr. Knute Nadelhoffer, Professor; Director of UMBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Knute Nadelhoffer, stated he will be retiring next year.</li> <li>• UMBS, as part of a large, public university, focuses on “service”:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To students, who receive a world-class science education. This summer UMBS has hosted more students and offered more class options than in the last 20 years.</li> <li>○ To science research; UMBS engages students in environmental studies. Some of the topics this summer included research on global change, microbes in the wild and use of blue green algae for medical purposes.</li> <li>○ To the world and local communities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to explore the station and to take advantage of the summer lecture series.</li> </ul>
<b>A View from the Mackinac Bridge</b> – Kim Nowack, Executive Secretary, Mackinac Bridge Authority – Introduced by M.E. Sheridan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mackinac Bridge Then &amp; Now Presentation. Kim shared photos and information regarding the history of the bridge.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1911 Railroad ferries were the first transportation to the island.</li> <li>• 1923 Mich. Dept. of Transportation ferry boats were being used but couldn’t keep up with demand.</li> <li>• 1950 Bridge Authority created</li> <li>• 1954 bridge work begins. Construction happens 24 hours a day without safety features now required. Bridge designed to withstand ice pressure and wind.</li> <li>• 1957 bridge opened to traffic</li> <li>• Inspections of the whole bridge are done annually, under water inspections are done every 5 years and the main cables are inspected every 10 years.</li> <li>• To see photos and read about the history: <a href="https://www.mackinacbridge.org/history/history-of-the-bridge/">https://www.mackinacbridge.org/history/history-of-the-bridge/</a> Home page of this site also has information on bridge weather conditions, bridge cams, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Minutes of the 2018 Meeting</b> – Barb Huey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor correction on location of meeting. Changed UMBS Biological Station to UM Biological Station.</li> <li>• Motion to approve minutes by Dan Francis; second by Scott Davis. Motion approved.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> –Susan Klaas (see attached)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DLIA financial position is very good. We ended with more money than anticipated. Actual YTD as of 07/31/19 – \$89,323.44</li> <li>• 2020 DLIA budget has been approved by the Executive Board.</li> <li>• There were no questions raised by attendees.</li> </ul>
<p><b>President's Report</b> – M.E. Sheridan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Ellen thanked the many people who have assisted her in her first year of being president. She noted there was a lot to learn. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting with Gail Gruenwald, TOMWC, to discuss DLIA documents and make recommendations regarding these. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ State sales taxes had not been collected on sales of merchandise. The cost of tax is now included in the price of merchandise and reported to the State of Michigan.</li> <li>○ DLIA Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation lacking public benefit statement. Changes in language approved in vote noted below.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Aquatic Vegetation Survey boats are currently out on lake. Reports will be written this winter/spring and shared with DLIA and UMBS which are jointly funding the survey.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Committee Summary</b> - Mary Ellen Sheridan</li> <li>• <b>Shoreline Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Invasive Species Management</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most Committee news will be shared in upcoming eNews.</li> <li>• Sharon Fortner stepping down as Chair.</li> <li>• Funds approved for purchase of a second benthic blanket which could be used to stop small patches of invasive plants from spreading in lake</li> </ul>
<p><b>Unfinished Business</b> <b>Election of DLIA Treasurer</b> – Joan Hartwig</p> <p><b>Proposed Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation</b> – Bill Hartwig</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joan announced that the Executive Board approved Suzanne Witthoff for DLIA Treasurer.</li> <li>• No nominations from the floor.</li> <li>• Motion to approve Suzanne for Treasurer from Cheryl Krehbiel, second by Bill Foster.</li> <li>• Motion approved by acclamation.</li> <li>• See proposed changes to Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws from July 15, 2019 Executive Board Meeting for specific language.</li> <li>• Why changes were proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If we wish to apply for grants directly or for have 501(c)3 status, we need to address serving the general public, not just the lake members. Bill noted that there has been no determination on DLIA pursuing 501(c)3 status.</li> <li>• If Association were to be dissolved, we needed to address what happens to the existing funds.</li> <li>• Ensure liability insurance for DLIA Officers &amp; Directors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The changes presented reflect what DLIA is doing now and give us the opportunity to make some possible changes in the future.</li> <li>• Proposed changes were presented to DLIA members in June/July both in hard copy (for those not on email lists) and eNews for comment. No comments either positive or negative were received.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One comment from the floor requested that we think carefully about adding “and general public” because the purposes for Douglas Lake may be different for the general public than for lake property owners.</li> <li>• Motion to approve the Bylaws changes as proposed from Walt Naumer, second by Scott Davis. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Motion to approve the Articles of Incorporation changes as proposed from Gwen Kuehn, second by Scott Davis. Motion passed.</li> </ul>
<b>Recognition of Volunteers</b> – M.E. Sheridan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Ellen recognized all Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, Zone Reps, and anyone who volunteered to work for any committee, noting the number of people that make the organization run.</li> </ul>
<b>Gifts</b> – Mary Ellen Sheridan, assisted by Marilyn Kelemen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special recognition and gifts of appreciation were given to Sue Klaas for 2 terms as Treasurer, Holly Gedert for her work as Merchandise Manager and managing the ads, layout, and printing of the 2019 Douglas Lake Directory, and to Gwen Kuehn as services as Membership Administrator.</li> <li>• Names were drawn for Douglas Lake merchandise; items distributed.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b> - M.E. Sheridan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charlie Antcoviak, Munro Twp. Supervisor was introduced.</li> <li>• Bob Watz lives next door to the boat ramp and requested that DLIA look into paving it due to the dusty conditions created by its use. He suggested that Cheboygan County may be a source for funds. M.E. Sheridan stated that she would bring it before the Executive Board to see what options there might be.</li> <li>• Mary Ellen reminded everyone that all comments are welcome at info@DouglasLake.org.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion made by Sue Nelson, second by Jim Hodgson. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.</li> </ul>
Minutes Submitted by: Barb Huey, Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>