

THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

AGENDA AND NOTES

Present: Mary Ellen Sheridan (President), Bill Foster (Vice President), Barb Huey (Secretary); Directors – Scott Davis; Past President – Holly Gedert; Zone Reps – Jayne Morse, Dennis Mikus, Joyce Oldham, Denise Bosin, Alan Grams, Joan Caldwell, Susan O’Dwyer, Betsy Naumer; Standing Committee Chairs – Joan Hartwig, Stuart Case

Date: May 26, 2022 *Time:* 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm *Location:* Pellston Regional Airport, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions/Findings	Next Steps
Call the Meeting to Order by the President – Mary Ellen Sheridan (MES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm. MES introduced new Zone Reps: Dennis Mikus, Zone 33; Susan O’Dwyer, Zone 101 and Alan Grams, Zone 81. Zone 71 is in need of a Rep. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One third of Executive Board constitutes a quorum; quorum noted. 	
Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Attendance – Barb Huey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion by Joan Hartwig, seconded by Holly Gedert to approve minutes of 8/19/2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion passed. 	
Treasurers Report – MES for Suzanne Witthoff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer’s Report through April 2022 was presented. Holly noted that Merchandise Inventory Actual 2021 should be \$1538.77. Motion by Holly Gedert, seconded by Scott Davis to approve Treasurer’s Report after above correction is made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer’s Report approved with correction noted. 	
President’s Report – MES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two local contractors submitted bids for the job to Huron Engineering. The bids were within \$1000, each in the \$68,000 - \$70,000 range. We are awaiting a decision by the Munro Twp. Board on acceptance of a bid so that the project can move forward. Budget consequences of project to DLIA – 60% of ~ \$68,000 plus 60% of \$10,000 for Huron Engineering contract. All permits have been received. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EB Actions Approved by Email Vote 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Munro Twp. Board is holding a Special Meeting on June 1, 7:00 pm, Township Hall. • Also see Boat Ramp Committee report below. • Approval of new Zone Reps: Dennis Mikus, Zone 33 and Susan O’Dwyer, Zone 101. Email request 9/21/2021. • Approval of new Zone Rep: Alan Grams, Zone 81. Email request 10/12/2021. • Approval for DLIA donation of funds to Munro Twp. to fund 60% of Township’s contract with Huron Engineering & Surveying, Inc, for DL Boat Ramp Replacement Project services. Email request 1/12/2022. • Approval of budget request of \$800 from Loon Committee to cover costs of publication of <i>The Loons of Maple Bay</i> as fundraiser for DLIA. Email request April 8, 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request approved. • Request approved. • Request approved. • Request approved. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly Gedert is chairing committee. See more info in Committee Reports below. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Openings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News Team Leader. MES noted that Joan Hartwig has been News Team Leader and has put together very interesting Newsletters. Joan thanked her team of writers for their assistance. • Membership Administrator. Gwen Kuehn has held this position for many years. MES noted that Gwen will work with new volunteer before stepping down. • Position descriptions are available. Contact MES if you are interested or have suggestions for candidates. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmer’s Itch Solutions LLC (SIS) Proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Swimmer’s Itch Solutions LLC (SIS) Proposal in New Business below. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MES thanked members of EB and Committee Chairs for their service to DLIA and for working with her in a year of extraordinary bumps and accomplishments. 		
<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee – Holly Gedert • Membership Administrator – Gwen Kuehn • Boat Ramp – Stuart Case • Newsletter – Joan Hartwig 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positions open for 2023: President, VP, and Secretary due to term limits • Committee members are Jennifer Bates, Marty Foster and Linda Woolcott. • Currently DLIA has 373 memberships. • \$7025 in dues for 2022 has been collected. • Committee members prepared ramp in mid-May by installing the dock and cleaning the ramp approach of debris. The underwater ramp showed further signs of deterioration from winter storms and ice damage. Damage included additional fracturing of the planks & newly exposed sections of rebar. • Hopefully replacement of the current ramp will take place this summer. The committee recommends that EB and Munro Twp. have plan for interim repairs if the work should be delayed to preclude a situation where ramp would have to be closed due to safety concerns. • The News Team prepared articles for 12-page Spring Newsletter which has been emailed/mailed to memberships. • Joan shared extra Black & White copies of May Newsletter with EB members who could give them to organizations whose interests align with DLIA, e.g. TOMWC. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EB will discuss at June 7 EB meeting following Munro Twp. meeting

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merchandise – Kelly Davis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loon Committee – Anne Covy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross sales from 2021 were \$24,384, net profit was \$9,933. Inventory level is lowest in recent years. • Most merchandise for this year is brand new with new designs. Apparel and non-apparel items will be for sale. Thanks to Mindy (Fangman) Masterson and Linda Orlow for help with designs. • Nests have been placed at Maple Bay, Marl Bay, Manitou, and N. Fishtail. As of May 19, there is one egg at N. Fishtail and two each at Maple Bay and Marl Bay. • Three new buoys have been added as well as a 4G camera. • Holly Gedert has created a book, <i>The Loons of Maple Bay</i>, which will be used as fundraiser for DLIA. They will be sold at Merchandise sales or at douglaslake.org. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Boat Assist Team – Ron Keleman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This team consists of volunteers who can assist stranded boaters due to malfunction of boat/motor by helping get stranded boats to shore. Nine members have volunteered. • List can be found at douglaslake.org 		
<p>Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee will be meeting at a future date. • Burt Lake is also doing Membership Survey and has agreed to share what they will be sending out when it's available. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee will bring survey proposal to EB when ready.
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmer's Itch Solutions LLC (SIS) Proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNR has cancelled all permits for Common Merganser Trap & Release this summer to deter the spread of avian bird flu. • EB has received proposal from SIS to conduct snail study since we can't get permit for Merganser Trap & Release. SIS would retrieve 1000 snails from DL for fee of \$1500. Snails would be 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Information Flyer 	<p>captured at multiple places around DL then tested for the avian schistosome parasites. Data would be summarized and provided to EB. Cost - \$1500.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We continue to have a commitment to SIS for another year of trap & release based on availability of permits in 2023. • Motion to approve \$1500 to fund SIS Proposal by Dennis Milkus, second by Susan O’Dwyer. • Several (but not all) of the factors that led to this determination include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General opinion that a snail study after just one year was premature. A snail study after a second year of removal made more sense. ○ Lack of clear evidence that a study this summer would support a determination not to proceed with a second season of common merganser trap and release summer of 2023, assuming that DNR will permit such activity next summer. ○ Uncertainty about the value of snail study in July. SIS had previously reported that snails reproduce in June and die shortly after the first extended heat wave in July. A new generation of snails aren’t usually mature enough to harbor patent infections of avian schistosomes until mid- to late-August ○ Unrelated to SIS and the proposed study is the fact that DLIA has a considerable financial claim on its assets this summer to fund a majority of the cost of replacement the Douglas Lake boat ramp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Information Flyer was shared with EB for review & comment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion denied. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly will revise as 2022 Flyer as PDF that will be posted on DLIA web
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MES has received request by one membership to add to the Good Neighbor Practices under Lights recommending that outdoor lights be turned off when not in use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EB agreed to add this comment. 	<p>site and shared with Zone Reps for distribution to zone members.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjournment - 5:05 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to adjourn made by Susan O’Dwyer, seconded by Joyce Oldham. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion passed. 	<p>Next meetings Tues., June 7, 3:00 – 5:00</p> <p>Annual Mtg: Mon., Aug. 22, 2022 7:00 pm</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes Submitted by: Barb Huey 			