

**Ann Lake Property Owners' Association  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 10, 2023**

**I. Call to Order: 10:45 AM**

**II. Roll Call of Officers and Board:**

<b>President:</b>	Kathy Garmes Taylor	Present
<b>Vice President:</b>	Kent Taylor	Present
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Dave Maxson	Present
<b>Secretary:</b>	Maggie Sowers	Present
<b>Member at Large:</b>	Val Dahlberg	Present
<b>Member at Large:</b>	Jeff Dahlberg	Present
<b>Member at Large:</b>	Terry Sowers	Present
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**III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:**

**Dave moved to approve, Jeff seconded. Unanimously approved**

**IV. Report of Officers:**

**President:** Kathy: No report.

**Vice President:** Kent: No report.

**Treasurer:** Dave: There are 82 paid members otherwise no report.

**Secretary:** Maggie: No report.

**V. Report of Standing Committees:**

**Communications:**

**Government:** No chair no report.

**Nominating and Membership:** Dave and Jeff: We want to have the three newly elected board members attend the September board meeting. Jeff is working to arrange this. We may change the time of the August meeting to allow them to attend it. Jeff is working to determine term lengths for the 5 Members at Large as of 2024.

**Events:** Maggie: Annual meeting head count was 35, sign up sheet was 33. Will attempt to schedule 2024 annual meeting June 29 at the townhall. Boat Parade count is uncertain.

1st prize to Randy Davis (Vintage car at the Drive In Movie) from Lake Ann Brewery a Growler and T-Shirt, from Stone Oven a gift certificate for \$30 and from The Bread Lady a Bread Club of the Month (one loaf of bread per month for one year).

2nd prize to Rich and Tammy Mitchell (Moon Walk/NASA) from Stone Oven a gift certificate and a Corner Cone gift certificate.

3rd prize to Bill Sharp (hot dogs on the fourth) from Papa J's a gift certificate for a Boot Pizza. Winning boat decorations were based on originality, craftsmanship etc. Many of the boats were similar with flags and banners.

We decided board members will no longer be eligible for prizes. We will continue with the Americana Theme as it has very little possibility for conflict and lots of opportunity for originality.

Boat Parade is not passing a large portion of the lake shore. Henceforth we will gather over the central sand bar and begin the parade in front of Shady Shores.

Val: Homecoming Days booth is planned. Val presented our volunteer assignments, materials, timing and location for this event.

It was decided to offer a special Associate Membership price of \$15 for a membership from summer 2023 to December 2024. This is special offer for Homecoming Days only.

Kathy presented a brochure produced by the Friends of the Lake Leelanau (which is the endowment group) addressing fund raising for invasive species clean up.

**Newsletter:** Val wishes to update the membership form to include associate status and reduce negativity by January 1. Jeff and Dave will do this. Deadline date for Newsletter is April 15, 2024. Send any interesting material to Val throughout the year. Our printing budget is \$300. We will continue to print at Central Methodist Church. A hard copy is still desirable for some members.

**Website:** : Kathy suggests we add a QR code to link to our website. It may be possible to add our logo in the center of the code. Jeff will do this.

### **Environmental:**

**Invasive Species:** Kent stated the starry stonewort survey should take place in September.

**Health and Safety:** No chair no report.

**Loons:** Kathy said the loons are out and about. Jeff reported there are some good photographs of the loons and the chick. Kathy will gather some folks to disassemble to platform. The loons did not object to the fake plants. Kathy and Val are working on a plan for sustainable plants on the platform.

**Water Quality:** Dave states Don Shires is now doing the water quality monitoring. Phosphorus levels are trending upward and the report is pending. We suspect there is a septic tank at the waters edge in the northwest corner of the lake. There is evidence of more algae like growth in that area than the rest of the lake. This suggests a source for increased phosphorus.

All phosphorus samples should be taken over the deepest hole in the lake at a depth of 12 inches. We have three deep holes. Can we test for phosphorus in random locations? **Kathy moved to allow Dave \$100 to do random phosphorus testing using Great Lakes Water Quality Lab. Seconded by Terry and unanimously approved.**

Don Shires was reimbursed for 100 foot anchor line, an anchor and 100 foot surveyors tape.

## **VI. Old Business:**

**Trifold:** Discussion.

- The original purpose is an awareness brochure designed educate people about good lake behavior and fishing rules with a little ALPOA information. It was not intended to be a marketing tool.
- Is there enough value in the brochure to spend the amount of money to rework it?
- Reprint as is? Or revise and reprint?
- It is the only brochure we have.
- There isn't a good way to distribute the brochure.
- It is good PR.
- Value lies in a map of the lake, possible changed boating behavior.

There is a difference of opinion within the board about if we should reprint it as is, revise and reprint or do nothing. There are some errors we should correct. Kathy will investigate the cost of editing and reprinting. Then, if it is cost effective, she will form a committee to edit the brochure.

## **Articles of Incorporation:**

Jeff presented his suggestions for changes in the Articles of Incorporation. (See below) The Articles of Incorporation supersede the By Laws. So, any part of the By Laws must follow the AOI. *Much of what is in our current AOI is unnecessary and addressed in the By Laws.* Jeff will try to obtain a blank AOI for us to see what exactly is required by the State of Michigan. Technically we should review the AOI yearly.

## **VII. New Business**

**Hunting Laws:** Kathy has learned that the State Forest is a recreation area and hunting is permitted. Interlochen is a state park and hunting is not allowed. Duck hunting is popular. A former DNR agent credited the low levels of swimmers itch in Ann Lake to the hunters control of the duck population. There is nothing ALPOA can do about the hunting laws. Individual citizens can complain to the state. Kathy will follow up with Scott Hedberg.

**Boat Wash:** Benzie Conservation District staffed a boat wash sponsored by the DNR at our launch on July 7. They asked us for volunteers and there were none. Next year we will appeal to the general population for volunteers should the need arise. We can do this through an email blast.

**Score the Shore:** Benzie Conservation District sponsors a shoreline survey. They analyze about 1000 feet of shoreline sections. It is judged on the quality of the shoreline with respect to how it protects the lake. They have grant money to do this for Ann Lake. We provide a crew and boat to work with them. All members of the board volunteered.

Concern was expressed about how this information is used, and if photographs without permission of owners is advisable. The purpose of this endeavor is to educate ourselves about areas of the shoreline that need improvement with respect to the health of the lake. If there are possibilities for improvement we can give the information to the township that has zoning ordinances regarding the lakeshore.

Jeff asked about dredging the Platt River as it exits Ann Lake. He is concerned that unnatural sediment from boats etc. are filling the river bed. General consensus is that permission from the government is required and likely to be denied.

**Welcome package:** The Membership Committee will work on this.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 PM

## AOI Discussion

**Option 1:** Align Purpose of AOI with that of new By-Laws only. This requires that the By-Laws are approved by the Membership.

ARTICLE II would be exactly as our By-Laws and read as follows:

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed for:\*

**Section 1** This Association shall promote the education of riparian property owners and other lake users about water quality and water safety.

**Section 2** This Association shall support issues which concern the welfare of the lake in general, including the conservation of the water supply in the lake and watershed, the maintenance of the quality of water safe for swimming and conducive to the renewal of the fish resources.

**Section 3** This Association shall support the measurement and evaluation of hydrological data of the lake so that decisions and actions of the Association shall be in line with what is best for the lake.

**Section 4** This Association shall promote the best interests of the membership in fiscal and civic matters.

**Section 5** This Association shall work to preserve Ann Lake as a natural resource and recreational area through protection and prudent use of its environs.

**Section 6** This Association may acquire, own, dispose of and deal with real and personal property and interest in real and personal property, and may apply gifts, grants, bequests, and devises and their proceeds to promote the purposes of the Corporation.

**Section 7** This Association may carry on only those activities which are permitted to be carried on by a non-profit corporation under the Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act, as amended.

**Option 2:** Align Purpose of AOI with that of new By-Laws and retain all the other Articles that are in the Restated AOI. This requires that the By-Laws are approved by the Membership. There are currently an additional 8 Articles within the AOI. These include Articles concerning ownership of land, number of Board Members, Liability, Electronic messaging, what to do if the corporation is dissolved, and additions to the By-Laws.

This requires that the By-Laws are approved by the Membership.

**Option 3:** Align Purpose of AOI with that of new By-Laws. Create a small committee to explore what is actually needed in the AOI, then recommend how the AOI should be Restated.

This requires that the By-Laws are approved by the Membership.