

**Ann Lake Property Owners' Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2024**

I. Call to Order: 10:01am

II. Guest Speaker:

- John Ransom, Conservation Specialist for Benzie Conservation District (BCD) spoke to the group about the Platte River Watershed Plan.
- John monitors Water Quality throughout Benzie County.
- Defined what is a watershed.
- Delineated different watersheds in this area that impact Lake Ann.
- Watershed Plan drives funding for different projects.
- Goals/objectives/priorities are categorized within the Plan.
- Detailed plan can be found on BCD website.
- Plan re-evaluated/updated after 10 years. Tentative approval date is 2025/2026.
- BCD can help with funding sources/grants when invasives are found.
- New invasive species often receive more funding than known invasives.
- Riparians and Lake Associations often shoulder a lot of financial burden of remediation.
- Watch for stakeholder survey in near future to give input into plan.
- Questions and answers were presented throughout the talk.

III. Roll Call of Officers and Board:

President:	Jeff Dahlberg	Present
Vice-President:	Kent Taylor	Present
Treasurer:	Dave Maxson	Present
Secretary:	Val Dahlberg	Present
Member at Large:	Kathy Garmes-Taylor	Present
Member at Large:	Maggie Sowers	Present
Member at Large:	Aaron Jenkins	Present
Member at Large:	Darryl Perry	Absent
Member at Large:	Randy Davis	Present

Total Present: 25 Voting Members, 1 Associate Member, 0 Guests

IV. Approval of the Annual Meeting Agenda: Lisa moved to approve agenda. Nancy seconded motion. Agenda approved unanimously by voting members.

V. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Aaron moved to approve minutes, Dave seconds motion, unanimously approved by Board.

VI. Report of Officers:

President:

1. Committee continues to work on transition from 501(c)4 (current) to 501(c)3 status. Meeting to be scheduled with Ed Dewey, who has experience with process at Duck and Green Lake, to help educate committee. 501(c)3 status will give us more ability to write for grants to help with invasive infestations in the future and allow for tax-deductible contributions to ALPOA.

2. Reinforced that ALPOA Board has no enforcement authority on the lake. Refer problems of enforcement to Sheriff or DNR. Members discussed history of that perception. Our mission is to monitor and educate about the lake on various invasive species and water quality issues.

Vice-President: no report

Treasurer:

- Income to date: \$3,830.96
- Expenses to date: \$1496.09
- Invasive Remediation Reserve: \$11,470.10. These funds to be used only for immediate treatment of invasive species, if found.
- August PLM (professional monitoring for invasives) charge of approx. \$650 still to be paid. Total of that monitoring (\$1300/yr) is shared equally with Almira Township.
- Financial status of organization is stable and sustained at this point.
- Hard copies of Treasurer report given to members on demand at meeting.

Secretary:

Encourage members to check annlake.org website often for minutes/information about ALPOA activities.

VII. Report of Standing Committees:

Communications:

Nominating: Jeff

1. Current proposed slate of nominees: Jeff Dahlberg (President-1yr term), Kathy Garmes-Taylor (Vice-Pres-1yr term), Maggie Sowers (Member at Large-3-year term). Terms effective Jan 1,2025.
2. Don Shires was nominated from the floor, by Dave Maxson, to be a Member At Large, He accepted the nomination for a term of 3 years, effective Jan 1, 2025.
3. **Committee proposed motion to accept the Member At Large nominees to the 2025 ALPOA Board (Maggie and Don). Lisa seconded. Vote for nominees passed unanimously.**
4. **Committee proposed motion to accept the nominees for Board Officers to the 2025 ALPOA Board (Jeff and Kathy). Nancy seconded. Vote for nominees passed unanimously.**

Membership: Dave

1. ALPOA has 76 paid members as of June 29, 2024.
2. 13 of the 76 members are **new** members.
3. **2023** had 85 members. We hope to reach 100 members by end of 2024.
4. One Associate Membership (non-voting) obtained at end of Annual Meeting.
 - a. Benefits of Associate Membership include: can or cannot own property on lake, can serve on committees, receive all communications, discounted membership fee (\$15), can't vote.
 - b. Discussion about challenge of recruiting for Associate Members due to limitations of our database (only riparian

properties). Township helps by notifying us of property ownership changes.

- c. Board will continue to educate public/interested parties at upcoming Lake Ann Days 2024.
- d. New ALPOA trifold Brochure being worked on by Board committee will help.
- e. All attendees encouraged to disseminate information about Associate Membership tier to increase awareness.

Events: Maggie

1. ALPOA Hats: being sold today and Lake Ann Days for \$17.00.
2. Boat Parade, July 4, 2024, 1pm, meet over the sandbar.
 - a. Parade Route explained on map in the Township Hall.
 - b. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes given at end of parade by judging boat.
 - c. Photos will be taken of the decorated boats.
 - d. Use “Americana” theme.
 - e. Board members can participate but can’t win prizes.
3. Homecoming/Lake Ann Days will be July 13, 2024, 9am-2pm.
 - a. Good opportunity to meet Board members at ALPOA booth
 - b. Education to public about ALPOA and what we do.
4. Greenbelt Award
 - 2024 Greenbelt of the Year Award given to Garry and Carlene Lancewicz (not able to be present at meeting).
 - Greenbelt sign will be taken to their home, and with their permission posted on their property.
 - Members were encouraged to intentionally develop a greenbelt on their property.
 - John Ransom, our guest speaker will pass along a link/info about greenbelts and their development to the Board.

Newsletter: Val

- Sending only one newsletter annually due to increasing printing costs.
- Newsletters sent to all riparian property owners in our database of 200 physical addresses.
- 101 Hard copies and 144 Email copies sent May 15, 2024.
- Extra copies will be handed out at Annual Meeting, Lake Ann Days, to local businesses who give gifts for Boat Parade, welcome packet to new property owners.
- Contact Val if you didn’t receive a Newsletter so we can correct the issue.

Website: Kathy

Still functioning well. No updates.

Environmental:

Invasive Species-Kent

1. Kent will continue to chair Invasive Comm until end of 2025.
2. Monitoring for invasives occurs 3 times/year: June, August, Sept.
3. Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) primary concern, passed by small segments of the plant. **No EWM found to date.**
4. Discussed other invasives we look for during surveys.
5. Vigilance still very important as we are surrounded by infested lakes, increasing our risk for infestation in Ann Lake.

Loons: Kathy

- 2 chicks hatched in May. 1 chick has died, 1 chick still alive and feeding with the parents.
- Several fishing lures found in the buoys that delineate the nesting area.

Water Quality: Dave

Monitoring has been ongoing since 1999

- Current testing being performed by Don Shires/volunteers
- Question about E. coli being tested at beaches by Public Health Dept. Not known if this is being done.

VIII. Old Business: none

IX. New Business: none

X. Meeting Adjourned: 11:39am

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Dahlberg, Secretary

ANN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

June 28, 2024

	2023	2024	2024
	Actual	Actual	Budget
Beginning Balance January 1	5,409.84	5,515.86	5,515.86
INCOME			
membership dues paid	2,280.00	2,070.00	2,400.00
prepaid future membership dues	270.00	210.00	
donations	184.00	51.00	470.00
CD interest: (invasive remediation reserve)	309.17	299.31	38.17
MM Interest		25.40	
Lake Preservation Fund (monitoring)	868.00	902.00	894.00
Riparian subscriptions	314.00	238.00	266.00
Hats sold	34.40	35.25	
Total Income	4,259.57	3,830.96	4,068.17
EXPENSES			
Michigan Lakes & Streams Association; dues	140.00	140.00	140.00
Subscriptions to Michigan Riparian	266.00	322.00	266.00
Liability insurance premium	437.67	437.66	437.71
State filing fee	20.00		20.00
PO box rent and misc postage	56.00		42.00
PayPal Fees	12.50	2.47	20.00
Water Quality:	100.00		
CLMP Enrollment	222.00	230.00	222.00
Equipment	108.09		
Newsletters/Communication:			
Summer newsletter	273.50	68.00	300.00
By-laws communication/recording LARA	10.00		
Website	610.46		70.00
Loon Committee	39.37		100.00
Invasive Species:			200.00
Education material			0.00
PLM monitoring	635.00		
Special Events:			
Annual meeting	164.36		50.00
Lake Ann Homecoming	53.61		0.00
Boat Parade			150.00
Hats for Resale	275.20		0.00
Membership:			
Winter postcard	103.89	102.00	105.00
New members packets			0.00
Unbudgeted expenses (external hard drive)	83.73		0.00
Allocations to reserves			
Website hosting fees			131.88
Invasive Remediation Reserve	309.17	193.96	38.17
Lake Monitoring Reserve	233.00		894.00
Legal Reserve			0.00
Loon Reserve			0.00
Total Expenses	4,153.55	1,496.09	3,186.76
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for year	106.02	2,334.87	881.41

Ending Balance Operating Fund	5,515.86	7,850.73	4,883.13
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Reserve balances

Website hosting fees	263.76	263.76	131.88
Invasive Remediation Reserve	11,276.14	11,470.10	10,951.65
Lake Monitoring Reserve	2,016.00	2,016.00	1,787.00
Legal Reserve	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Resources (including reserves)	21,571.76	24,100.59	20,253.66

DEPOSIT BALANCES

PayPal	307.30
Checking	62.54
CD	11,470.10
MM	12,260.65

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