

**Ann Lake Property Owners' Association  
Board Minutes  
July 20, 2024**

**I. Call to Order: 9:08am**

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

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

**III. Approval of Agenda: Dave motions to approve agenda. Maggie seconds the motion. Board unanimously approves.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Dave motions to approve minutes. Kathy seconds the motion. Board unanimously approves.**

**V. Report of Officers:**

**President:**

- Riverdale Lane/Maple Grove/Pleasant View circle repavement may start middle of August.
- Team Elmer's will be doing the work.
- No update on the culvert/Birch View repavement work.

**Vice-President:** no report

**Treasurer:**

- Income to date: \$4460.65
- Expenses to date: \$1750.89
  - On track to have surplus income this year. Still have some expenses that need to be paid.
  - There are some refundable bank fees that were incurred with the set up and transfer of \$\$ into the new Money Market Account.

**Secretary:**

- Val will check with Randy to see where the book, Michigan Lake Association-The Nuts and Bolts (2009) is. Board would like this book to be passed around to new Board Members to read. New Board members can purchase this book if they want at [mlswa.org](http://mlswa.org) for \$20.50.
- Question was raised at Annual Meeting, "Does ALPOA have any Greenbelt resources to share with members?" "Link to [shorelinepartnership.org](http://shorelinepartnership.org) will be sent by Email blast to database. Will be included in 2025 Newsletter. This is a resource shared by John Ransom on practical "greenbelt" advocacy.
- Next meetings are August 17, Sept 21. Both meetings are at 9-11am @ the Dahlberg house. Sept 21 meeting will include food provided after the termination of Board meeting. Food TBD at later date. Family members of the Board are invited to join us at that time for socializing.

- Note of concern and thoughts was signed by Board members present and sent to Aaron for the family emergency he is dealing with. Val will check in with his wife to see if she needs anything at this time.

## VI. Report of Standing Committees:

### Communications:

**Government:** Dave is still sending minutes from the Almira Township meeting.

**Nominating:** Jeff

- Val reviewed the elected nominees from the Annual Meeting and their terms on the Board.
- Positions/terms of current Board Members reviewed.

**Membership:** Dave

1. ALPOA has **84** paid members as of July 20, 2024. 2023 paid membership was 85.
2. Dave has Emailed 18 members who were paid members in 2022 or 2023. One check received from this “blast”. No Emails came back undeliverable.
3. Optimistic that we will reach 100 members by Dec 31, 2024
4. Dave has made a “new owner” packet. Includes “welcome to the lake letter, newsletter hard copy, Riparian copy. Will pass on to new owners of properties as they become known to us.

**Events:** Maggie

#### 1. ALPOA Hats:

- Ordered 17 hats, 1 had flaw, given to ALPOA free, sold 13 hats @ \$17.00 each, have 3 hats left to sell. Buyers often gave \$20.00 and said to use the “change” for an ALPOA donation. Need minimum order of 6 hats to order more.
- Discussion around different types of ALPOA promotional materials (mugs, hats, pens) to purchase and sell. Maggie to investigate different options and costs.

#### 2. Annual Meeting

- a. 25 Voting members, 1 Associate Member attended
- b. Food expenses discussed. Concern at increasing costs. Discussion ensued. Look at food alternatives to donuts. Board agrees that anything less than \$70 is still within reason to host an annual meeting.
- c. Annual Meeting signs cause some confusion as to the location of the meeting. Five pre-preprinted signs are still in good condition, so we don’t want to expend more \$\$ to change them. Dave will investigate alterations in wording that may help clarify the location and not add any additional cost to the signs.
- d. Recommend Email blast reminder closer to the meeting date to help increase attendance numbers.

### 3. Boat Parade

- 38 boats participated
- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Hot Dogs, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: American Pastimes (3 boats shared the prize), 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: USA: red, white, blue.
- Concern shared about posting pictures of “kids” on the boats without permission. Maggie will take care of posting information about winners in the Lake Ann Brewery.
- Pictures posted may be Randy and Rhonda Davis (Board member) boats, after obtaining their permission.
- No response will be sent about the two boats that displayed political themes. We will continue to promote “no political decorations” during Boat Parade.
- Thank you notes have been written to the businesses who donated gift certificates.

### 4. Homecoming/Lake Ann Days was July 13, 2024, 9am-2pm.

- a. Recommended to have raffle for some ALPOA item next year. It is free and no need to be present to win
- b. Jeff and Val will continue to lead this event, with Board members help.
- c. We spoke to more than 40 people during the day and handed out free information/brochure
- d. Still feel this is a great opportunity to meet and greet community
- e. Will continue handing out of free water, this is well received by people passing by
- f. Thank you to Maggie for Greenbelt display, Kathy for “good weeds” display, Dave for water quality information, Board members who volunteered their time.

#### **Newsletter:** Val

- Still have 12 hard copies left. Six given to Dave to include in membership materials for handout.
- Contact Val if anyone needs more hard copies.

#### **Website:** Kathy

Scott Hedberg still unavailable to help on updates. Kathy will continue to work on meeting with Scott.

#### **Environmental:**

##### **Invasive Species-Kent** -see attached report

1. Kathy presented for Kent in his absence.
2. Update given on ongoing process that is taking place in Pearl Lake (PL) for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) 1 acre infestation around boat launch. Board members had an opportunity to talk with Duane Redick (president of one of PL associations) from Pearl Lake at Lake Ann Days. Herbicide treatment is

moving forward with costs being shared by lake association and Almira township. No special assessment district (SAD) in place yet. Will continue to bring updates to ALPOA Board.

3. No treatment being done at infested Herendeen Lake
4. One attendee at Lake Ann Days approached ALPOA Board member and stated the SAD levied on Duck Lake, for treatment of EWM was very upsetting to him personally.
5. Board discussed future expectation of having difficulty accommodating different perspectives/opinion on the treatment decisions around EWM.
6. Question raised as to what happens for infestation found around the state campground land? Does state contribute to cost of treatment?

**Health and Safety:**

Jeff checked about E. Coli testing:

- none being done at Lake Ann Village beach at the present time. Last testing done by EGLE in 2020.
- No record of testing done at State Park campground beach.

**Loons:** Kathy

- Three loons on the lake, 1 chick and 2 parents. 1 chick has been killed (eagles, turtle or pike likely culprit)
- Kathy asks for budget of \$50 for maintenance costs of loon nest materials.

**Water Quality:** Dave

Monitoring still ongoing, overseen by Don Shires (newly elected Board member)

**VII. Old Business:**

- Discussion had by group about negative image that still exists about ALPOA and its enforcement legacy. Different ideas discussed about how to improve community's perception of us. Increase ALPOA database to include non-riparian properties? Dave to check with township, if this is possible to obtain that info.
- Trifold committee handed out the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Trifold brochure revision. Board members are asked to review and send comments back to Jeff to be included in future drafts.

**VIII. Elections:** None

**IX. New Business:**

Maggie asks that each Board Member compile a list of items that they currently have in their possession and send it to her. She will put together an "inventory" list to be updated regularly so we know where things are at any given time.

**X. Meeting Adjourned:** 11:18am.

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Dahlberg, Secretary

### Invasive Committee Report for July 2024

The committee is staying on track to meet its obligations for survey and prevention activities. Our June volunteer survey for Curly Leaf Pondweed was conducted over nearly 20 transects and turned up no suspicious plants. Curiously, it did not yield any samples of our normally prolific native milfoil. This result was communicated to PLM who assured us that such plant populations often have seasons of less abundance and this observation was nothing to be concerned about. They will be conducting their annual survey within a couple of weeks; let's see if they confirm our results.

With Eurasian Water Milfoil showing up in nearby places of concern such as Lake Dubonnet and Pearl Lake our vigilance must remain constant. I wrote to our PLM representatives and conveyed our concern about EWM making its way along the Platte into Mud Lake and eventually our lake. Casey assured us that segments of EMW would be unlikely to make it that far and our primary threat remains the boat launch. He did assure us that on their upcoming visit they will attempt to enter Mud Lake and make an assessment; this is something we hope they can accomplish with their boat and that this will become a recurring part of their annual survey. This may result in an increase in costs, something we won't know until they attempt access to Mud Lake this next month and make their recommendation about covering that additional body of water.

Pearl Lake is also a concern best addressed by Don Shires who has better contacts and information than we do. The main concern we have is how the township will respond. Currently, there appears to be a discrepancy between what Pearl Lake told us the promised response will be and what the first draft of Board minutes say. Stay tuned for more, as this is an important test case for us to see unfold.

Purple Loosestrife is becoming noticeable again along our shores as it does every year at this time. Two infestations were noted by our family, one near Krockie Point and the other near the Muelmann's / Minicucci properties. Both nearby landowners were immediately notified, and removal plans are in the works. More and more of these plants will be spotted soon, notable for their bright pink flowers that spike above the surrounding vegetation. We will monitor and try to enlist property owners in its eradication. Committee members will be available to assist.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kent Taylor

Chair, Invasive Species Committee

**ANN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

July 19, 2024

	2023	2024	2024
	Actual	Actual	Budget
<b>Beginning Balance January 1</b>	5,409.84	5,515.86	5,515.86
<b>INCOME</b>			
membership dues paid	2,280.00	2,265.00	2,400.00
prepaid future membership dues	270.00	270.00	
donations	184.00	61.00	470.00
CD interest: (invasive remediation reserve)	309.17	299.31	38.17
MM Interest		61.09	
Lake Preservation Fund (monitoring)	868.00	1,032.00	894.00
Riparian subscriptions	314.00	266.00	266.00
Hats sold	34.40	206.25	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,259.57</b>	<b>4,460.65</b>	<b>4,068.17</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
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	284.25	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 (refundable bank fees)	83.73	38.55	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
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,153.55</b>	<b>1,750.89</b>	<b>3,186.76</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>	<b>106.02</b>	<b>2,709.76</b>	<b>881.41</b>
<b>Ending Balance Operating Fund</b>	<b>5,515.86</b>	<b>8,225.62</b>	<b>4,883.13</b>
<b>Reserve balances</b>			
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
<b>Total Resources (including reserves)</b>	<b>21,571.76</b>	<b>24,475.48</b>	<b>20,253.66</b>

**DEPOSIT BALANCES**

PayPal	307.30
Checking	401.74
CD	11,470.10
MM	12,296.34

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