

(TO BE APPROVED AT 2014 MEMBERSHIP MEETING)



LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
MINUTES

Saturday, August 24, 2013  
Boone's Long Lake Inn

1. Call to order. President Gerry Chefalo at 10:01 A.M.

Board members present: Kendra Balderach, Tanya Berg, John Cartwright, Gerry Chefalo, Rick Kiehle, Walter Kraimer, J. Marks, Pug Rudio, Jim Wheaton  
Board members absence excused: Dan Marks, Dean Templeton, Peter Zirnhelt

2. President's message. President Chefalo welcomed those attending and said he was honored and privileged to serve as president. He discussed our membership and efforts to increase it. Benefits of membership which he mentioned include

A. what we do with our money

- i. pay for increased Marine Patrol on the lake
- ii. coordinate with the Long Lake Foundation on matters such as the work on Picnic Island
- iii. work to control invasive species in the lake.

B. using our influence on township issues, such as zoning.

As an example of the Association's role in the community, he discussed a party being planned for Long Island and thanked Nick Farrugia, owner of Long Lake Grocery for his support of the Association's position.

President Chefalo then introduced the Board members present and gave brief descriptions of their roles in the Association.

3. Minutes of August 25, 2012, Annual Meeting. Moved by Sara Cobis, seconded by Nancy Lang. Approved.

4. Committee reports.

A. Treasurer's report: Makayla Vitous discussed the Profit & Loss Detail, Balance Sheet and Budget Summary. As of August 7, 2013, the Association had income of \$18,155.32, expenses of \$17,283.52, and assets of \$45,408.75. President Chefalo read the following email from Ron Albers who audited the finances:

"I did the audit. I independently verified the bank balances of \$1,176.26 and \$44,232.49 shown on the financial statement dated Aug. 7, 2013. I reviewed some of the transactions and found nothing out of order. In my opinion the statements dated Aug. 7, 2013 fairly state the financial position of the Association."

B. Community affairs: Makayla Vitous discussed the new fireworks ordinance (copies available) and the fundraising efforts of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy for the purchase of the former Girl Scout camp (the Timbers project).

C. Lake Management: Pug Rundio reported on the efforts to treat water milfoil. Treatments of several areas occurred, covering approximately 7 acres. The results were satisfactory with a single treatment. The goal is to control the milfoil and keep it from impeding the recreational use of the lake. The committee is now planning for next year and considering the various options available.

Rundio also reported on a township meeting about the water quality of the lake involving the Department of Environmental Quality and the Watershed Center. The single largest threat to the water quality comes from improperly maintained septic systems, and he urged members to be vigilant in that regard.

D. Membership: Kendra Balderach encouraged members to look at the website. She asked members to discuss the benefits of membership with their neighbors, friends and renters. Our membership for 2012-2013 is 372, and we are probably going to achieve our goal of 400 for 2013-2014. She asked for suggestions about new strategies to increase membership. Stan Genslak is keeping the database of the membership, and Cindy Lemcool will help prepare an information packet for new riparians.

E. Fishing/Loons: Kendra Balderach indicated there are no significant changes in this area. She requested that everyone avoid bothering the loons and to call the Marine Patrol (922-2112) to report any problems.

F. Recreation/Social: Kendra Balderach related that our discussion meeting was successful with approximately 250 people in attendance and was standing room only.

G. Water safety: Walt Kraimer reported there had been one drowning on the lake this summer and urged members to use caution when swimming and boating. Sgt. Christopher Oosse of the Grand Traverse Sheriff's Office spoke. He will forward a summary of his statistics to the Board (which will be posted on the Association's website). There have been no boating accidents this summer and fewer incidents than in the past. The deputy will investigate the issue of a swimming raft and buoys obstructing the Mickey Lake channel. The audience raised concern with another swim raft that was linked to shore by a badly marked cable.

H. Island maintenance: Walt Kraimer reported on the Picnic Island project which involved cooperation of the Association, the Township, and the Long Lake Foundation. The project—to repair work done 14 years ago and slow the erosion of the island—exceeded budget due to delays in obtaining the necessary permit, the high water level of the lake, and untimely rain. Photographs of the work were shown. Dan Marks was thanked for his leadership and work on the Picnic Island project.

Dennis Wiand of the Long Lake Foundation spoke, indicating the costs of the Picnic Island project would be detailed on the Foundation's website. Also, the Foundation has purchased and will soon install cameras around the lake so live views of the lake will be available on the website. Wiand also raised the possibility of an investigation into a future sewer system.

Kraimer also reported that South Island's pathways had been cleared of fallen trees.

I. Communications/Website: Tanya Berg suggested members talk to others about the Association and benefits of membership. We send a newsletter yearly to about 900 riparians, and email will increasingly be used for communicating with the membership. The website is the most important resource for news about the Association and lake issues.

5. Election results. President Chefalo reported the following individuals were elected:

President: Gerry Chefalo

Vice President: Kendra Balderach

Board members:

Three-year term: John Cartwright, Dan Marks, James Wheaton.

Two-year term: Rick Kiehle

One-year term: Tanya Berg

Kendra Balderach reported that there were no write-ins on the ballots.

6. The staff of Boone's Long Lake Inn and Nick Boudjalis were thanked for hosting the meeting. (Applause.)

7. Questions, Answers, and Comments. President Chefalo opened the floor for discussion.

Water quality: John Tobin spoke of the Township meeting about water quality and reported that pharmaceuticals are increasingly a problem as septic systems often don't dispose of them. Karen Wiand asked why we don't test for pharmaceuticals; Barry Lishawa asked if such a test is available; Dennis Wiand said he is unaware of any information about such a test. Dennis Wiand urged members to pay attention to their septic systems as they fail before the failure is visible. Joy Tobin expressed regret about the weak attendance at the Township's water quality meeting.

Walt Kraimer asked the membership to thank Pug Rundio for all his work on weed control on the lake. (Applause.)

Flotilla: A local radio station, KLT, is hosting a party on Long Island, Sunday, August 25, 2013. They will ferry people from the Crescent Shores boat launch. Dave Kaupas discussed similar events on Torch Lake and elsewhere and the problems they present in terms of parking, litter, and general misbehavior. He displayed a banner opposing the event and offer to sell copies to members to display on Sunday. Jami Hirsch spoke in opposition to the event and hoped it could be kept safe. Cory Treadway asked if the radio station had any responsibility for cleanup after the event. Gerry Chefalo indicated the advantages of Association membership in alerting members and the Marine Patrol; he said we don't know how all this will play out but that Brad Oleson of the Oleson Foundation, which owns Long Island, will be present at the event. Tanya Berg urged us not to overreact as, in these days of social media, we might make things worse. Barry Lishawa worried about the human waste and its impact on the island's environment. Ryan O'Hare asked if the Department of Environmental Quality knew of this event. Jo Marks asked how the Association could be involved to help the situation. Gerry Chefalo mentioned the invasive species issue with outside boats coming onto the lake. Alice Entwisle asked whom to contact in event of excessive noise and was told the Marine Patrol will be monitoring noise levels. Dave Kaupas explained how Central Dispatch works if they are called about a problem. John Cartwright raised concerns about parking. Jill Stander asked the hours of the event and was told "noon 'til whenever." Dennis Wiand urged everyone to be sensible on this matter.

Zoning: Jami Hirsch voiced her frustration about septic requirements in a new construction adjoining her property. Dennis Wiand said there are no lot coverage limits any more, only setback requirements. Joy Tobin called attention to a Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2012, where the issue of non-conforming structures will be discussed.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M

Respectfully submitted  
Allen Horstman, Secretary