

**LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday, August 25, 2012 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**Boone's Long Lake Inn**

- **Call to Order and Welcome:** President Jo Marie Marks at 10:00 AM.

**Board Members Present:** Jo Marie Marks, Tanya Berg, Kendra Balderach, Gerry Chefalo, Devin Hill, Jake Kaberle, Walter Kraimer, Dan Marks, Pug Rundio, Makayla Vitous.

**Board Members Absent and Excused:** Dean Templeton, Pete Zirnhelt.

- **Acceptance of August 22, 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Motion: Joy Tobin. Second: John Cartwright. Approved.
- **President's Message:** Jo Marie Marks welcomed members. No Long Lake Township officials were present. Returning to Saturday morning for the annual meeting has been well-received. Jo thanked the LLA board for their service and also thanked everyone for the honor of serving as the Board President.
- **Long Lake Foundation Update – Dennis Wiand:** Key projects include erosion control on Picnic Island, which will be spearheaded by Dan Marks, as well as support for the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy's acquisition of the Timbers Girl Scout Camp. Kathy Hockin asked about the current status of the property acquisition and Al Carlson asked about the purpose of the acquisition. Dennis indicated the acquisition was important not only to protect and preserve Long Lake, but also for the entire Long Lake watershed. Dennis was not able to provide more specifics about the funding status at this time, but noted that Matt McDonald of the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy will be invited to present more information at the 2013 LLA Spring Discussion Meeting.
- **Committee Reports:**

**Fishing Quality/Loon Management – Kendra Balderach:** Kendra introduced Grand Traverse County DNR Conservation Officer, Sean Kehoe to provide more information regarding tribal fish netting. Five area tribes are part of the 1836 Federal Inland Decree that allows for special permitted tribal fishing and netting on inland lakes. The two primary tribes that engage in tribal fishing/netting in the area are the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Officer Kehoe described the process for permitting, which requires tribal members to apply for a permit through their specific tribe. The tribe is then required to provide notification to the DNR when the permit is issued. Permits are available for spearing, hook and line, and netting. Netting permits are for 24 hours. There are specific guidelines for the time duration of the permit and maximum fish allotment. In 2011, 16 hook and line permits were issued to the Little River Band for the months of March and April and 29 walleye were taken during the permit period. Reporting for 2012 is not yet completed.

If anyone believes they have witnessed a violation of these tribal fishing requirements, please call the DNR 24 hour dispatch immediately at 1-800-292-7800 and provide as many specifics as possible to substantiate the suspected violation. Procrastination will kill a case so please make the call in a timely manner.

**Al Carlson:** Asked if any netting permits have been issued on Long Lake this year. Officer Kehoe said they have not received notification of any permits this year. If permitted netting is occurring, there should be two buoys with the tribe's ID on the buoys.

**Kate Dahlstrom:** Asked about Sucker Creek. There are rumors someone has dug it out. Officer Kehoe indicated that wetland violations should be directed to the MDEQ not the DNR.

Kendra Balderach reported that loon activity has been good this year and not many reports of harassment of loons.

**Membership/Nominations – Kendra Balderach:** As of 8/25/12, LLA has 306 paid members for a total of \$10,710 in paid dues. Forty six percent (46%) of members made an additional contribution beyond the membership fee for a total of \$4,901 in incremental donations. Please visit the LLA website where names of our 2012 paid members are now posted (except for those who have asked to remain anonymous.)

The winner of our drawing for those who renewed their LLA membership by August 1, 2012 is Tom Nemic. Tom will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Boone's Long Lake Inn.

**Lynn Larson:** Suggested LLA contact the presidents of other local lake associations, such as Settler's Cove, to encourage them to invite their members to join LLA.

**Finance/Audit – Ron Albers:** Reported that the annual audit was completed this month. Ron independently reviewed financial statements and conducted a random review of transactions. Everything appeared to be in order and it is his opinion that the financial statements reported by LLA are accurate. The most recent financial statements are available to all members at the handout table at the back of the room.

**Water Safety – Gerry Chefalo:** Marine patrol statistics for Long Lake were made available to the members. Long Lake is the only lake in Grand Traverse County that pays for additional dedicated weekend marine patrol from Memorial Day to Labor Day. LLA invests \$3,000 per year for this dedicated weekend marine patrol. The marine patrol officer assigned to Long Lake, Sargeant Brandon Brinks, has been reassigned so Long Lake will have a new officer for the 2013 season. LLA plans to again invest in this additional weekend patrol in 2013. The Board welcomes feedback from members regarding water safety and marine patrol and members are invited to serve on the Water Safety Committee.

Gerry alerted members a large swim platform was removed on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from an area near John and Joy Tobin's home. The platform is still missing. If anyone has information, please contact Joy Tobin. If not further information is forthcoming, a police report will be filed.

**Lake Management – Pug Rudio:** Pug encouraged members who have more detailed questions to see him after the official meeting is adjourned. He thanked members of the 2012 Lake Management Committee for their time and efforts and also thanked several other members for their assistance.

In 2012, 12 spots of Eurasian Water Milfoil totaling slightly over 3 acres were treated with herbicide. Results have been satisfactory and the recreational use of those areas has been restored.

The lake management plan for 2013 is currently under development and expected to be completed by the end of September. If you have areas of concern, please contact Pug. The north end of Fox Island has visible milfoil if anyone is interested in getting a better look at what it looks like so you can recognize milfoil in the future.

Pug noted that there have been questions in the past regarding the use of weevils, their effectiveness, and cost. Pug has been further studying and assessing past results with weevils on Long Lake. His preliminary assessment is that weevils may have been less effective than previously thought.

**John Cartwright:** John noted that several years ago, the LLA Board made a decision to use both weevils and chemicals to manage milfoil in the lake. It is his understanding that the current lake management committee may recommend abandoning the use of weevils. John urged the full board to carefully consider this issue before eliminating weevils as part of LLA's overall lake management program. John asked if weevils will be used in the 2013 season. Pug Rundio indicated that at this time, weevils are not currently in the plan for 2013.

**Mark Cerny:** Mark thanked Pug and the lake management committee for the herbicide treatment on his lakefront. It was effective. Mark asked if an additional treatment is required in 2013. Pug responded that it depends on a number of variables, including weather conditions, and it is too soon to determine if an additional application will be required in 2013. Pug indicated the goal is to ensure recreational use of the lake isn't impeded, but to go gentle on the lake and not use herbicides to excess.

**Stan Genslak:** Regarding only treating areas that are used for recreation. Let's be sure we don't let other areas get out of control.

**Bill Halbert:** Asked for an explanation of line items for "weed treatment" and "other" on the profit and loss statement. Treasurer Makayla Vitous addressed the question and explained it was due to the timing of the expenses and changing our reporting to a cash basis for 2012.

**Ron Albers:** All lakes are different. Long Lake is not likely to have the same problems as some other lakes due to low nutrients, average depth, lake bottom, etc. Pug acknowledged that while that is true, the lake management committee wants to be responsive to riparians who may have isolated patches of milfoil that impede recreational use.

**Karen Wiand:** Please keep in perspective. Avoid panic or bombing milfoil.

**Community Affairs – Pug Rundio:** Master plan for the Long Lake Township is being updated and is seeking input from residents. Encouraged everyone to complete the online survey or printed questionnaire available at the LLT Hall. Also be aware of the current zoning ordinance issue regarding the improvement of an existing non-confirming boathouse.

**Joy Tobin:** Joy provided further background on the zoning ordinance issue related to non-confirming structures and encouraged members to share their thoughts and feelings with her or the LLT Zoning Board. While this non-confirming issue can be complex and contentious, it is critical to address it as it will impact all riparians in one way or another in the future.

**Island Maintenance – Walt Kraimer:** Clean up and trail clearing was completed this season on Long and Fox Islands. In addition, directional signage to the rustic restroom was installed on Fox Island and a new 32 foot dock installed on South Island. Repairs were made to the Oleson Camp Building after apparent vandalism. Walt thanked Dan Marks, Bill Miller, Ken Marks, Kevin O'Hern, and Don Erinburger for their assistance and encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the islands. Jo Marks thanked her Garden Club for assistance on South Island.

**Website and Recreational/Social– Jake Kaberle:** Reported that LLA began using email (Long Lake eNews) this summer and a membership list has been added to the website. Future website enhancements may include online membership renewal and dues payments. Jake encouraged

everyone to use the website to access information about LLA and its ongoing activities. He also encouraged feedback and suggestions from members.

The Annual Welcome Back to Paradise Event was again held in June and was well-attended.

### **Membership Questions and Comments:**

**Mark Cerny:** LLA has over \$42,000 in the checking account. What are the plans for using this money? Gerry Chefalo responded that the Board is committed to being good stewards of member's money and LLA needs to keep a cushion in the event we encounter a major issue such as a new or expanding invasive species.

**Ben Lishawa:** How can members give more input about the lake and lake priorities? Can the LLA website or a survey be used to allow more members to provide input? Jo Marks noted those were good suggestions, especially given it's been several years since the last membership survey was completed. Jo also encouraged members to attend LLA Board meetings whenever they would like as an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Board and to provide feedback or input.

- **Old Business:** None.
  - **New Business:** None
  - **Nominations – Jo Marks:**  
Ballots have been counted and all 2012 - 2013 LLA Board nominees were elected. Gerry Chefalo, President; Kendra Balderach, Vice President. Three Year Terms: Jake Kaberle, Walter Kraimer, Dean Templeton. One Year Term: James Wheaton.
- Gerry Chefalo:** Accepted the position of President and asked for the help and support of the Board and membership in the coming year. Gerry thanked and acknowledged Jo Marie Marks for her dedication, hard work, and many years of service to LLA.
- **Adjournment:** 11:40 AM

*Respectfully submitted by Tanya Berg, Long Lake Association Board Secretary  
09/10/12*