



**LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION
DISCUSSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 10, 2013 – 5:00 P.M.
Boone's Long Lake Inn**

- **Call to Order and Welcome:** By President Gerry Chefalo at 5:05 PM.

Introduction of Other Board Members: Tanya Berg, Kendra Balderach, Walter Kraimer, Dan Marks, Jo Marks, Pug Rundio, Dean Templeton, Makayla Vitous, Jim Wheaton, Pete Zirnhelt.

Newly Appointed Board Members:

Gerry Chefalo advised members that two new directors had been appointed at today's LLA Board meeting to fill two positions that were vacated by resignations. Both resignations were due to scheduling conflicts that did not allow two directors to attend board meetings. Gerry introduced and welcomed the newly-appointed directors, John Cartwright and Rick Kiehle.

- **Other Introductions:** Gerry Chefalo introduced and welcomed Long Lake Township Supervisor, Karen Rosa.
- **Timbers Recreation Area Project – Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC):**
Matt McDonough, Director of Land Protection and Kate Pearson, Charitable Giving Specialist, gave a brief presentation on the Timbers Recreation Area land acquisition project. GTRLC assisted Long Lake Township in securing a \$2.2 million grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to acquire the property on Long Lake that was formerly the Timbers Girl Scout Camp. The purpose of the acquisition is to protect and preserve the property for use as a natural recreation area open to the public. The property includes 9,000 feet of waterfront. To be eligible to receive the grant, GTRLC must raise an additional \$895,000 in local funds. Those interested in learning more or donating may visit the GTRLC website at www.gtrlc.org.

Committee Reports

- **Finance and Audit – Treasurer Makayla Vitous:**
Makayla Vitous introduced and thanked Ron Albers, who conducts the annual audit for LLA. The Finance Committee is responsible for managing the finances of the association and preparing financial documents for the Board and members. A copy of the 2013 budget was distributed to the membership. The balance sheet and detailed profit and loss statement are available upon request. Total assets as of June 10, 2013 are \$51,604.
- **Community Affairs - Makayla Vitous:**
The Community Affairs Committee consists of Jo Marks, Dennis Wiand, Peter Zirnhelt, and Makayla Vitous. The purpose of this Committee is to review Long Lake Township meeting agendas (Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals Board), for agenda items relevant to the LLA membership. Committee members attend applicable meetings and report back to the Long Lake Association Board.

- **Water Safety – Gerry Chefalo:**

LLA has again contracted for additional marine patrol on Long Lake on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The cost for the additional marine patrol in 2013 is \$3,000. Sergeant Ossee is returning as the officer in charge of our marine patrol.

Island Maintenance – Walt Kraimer:

LLA has allocated up to \$8,600 from the 2013 budget to assist Long Lake Foundation and Long Lake Township with shoreline soil erosion abatement on Picnic Island. Dennis Wiand, President of the Long Lake Foundation, will present more information to the members.

The islands are open for visitors and O’Hern Pest Control has completed spraying the outhouses for insects. Dock has been installed on South Island. Professional tree services are being sought to remove fallen trees. Last August evidence of a fire was discovered on South Island that required a response by the fire boat. Fires are strictly banned on the islands. Please do not use fireworks on the islands due to the high risk of igniting a fire.

A kiosk and signage in memory of Shari Bourdo will be installed on South Island by the Ma-Me-Ne-Sewong Garden Club on June 21st.

Lake Management – Pug Rundio:

The Lake Management Committee’s 2013 treatment plan was approved by the LLA Board at its May 8th meeting. This year’s plan calls for treating 6.7 acres with herbicide to control water milfoil, including 3 acres on the north side of Fox Island. Due to the late ice out date, cool temperatures, and high water levels, treatment is scheduled for June 24th to help ensure satisfactory results.

In developing the 2014 treatment plan, the Lake Management Committee will continue to monitor the lakes throughout the summer and early fall and will stay abreast of the effectiveness of various methods for controlling invasive aquatic plants such as herbicides, weevils, mechanical harvesting, etc. Pug encouraged members to read an informative article, *Aquatic Plant Control – Things to Consider*, which has been reprinted and posted on the LLA website with permission from the Riparian Magazine. Pug thanked the Lake Management Committee for their work as well as members who have provided assistance with securing riparian permission forms as part of the permit process.

Membership/Nominations – Kendra Balderach:

FY 2013-2014 membership solicitation (dues envelope) was included in the spring newsletter mailed on May 5th. Membership goal is 400 for this fiscal year.

Fishing Quality/Loon Management – Kendra Balderach:

Loons have returned and two chicks have been reported on Ruth Lake. Please stay a safe distance away from loon nests and loons when on the lakes. Remind visitors and guests to keep away from loons as well. If you see loons being harassed or encroached upon, you may call the marine patrol central dispatch at 231-922-4550. Try to get the MC number when reporting such incidents.

Long Range Planning – No report at this time.

Communications/Website – Tanya Berg:

An overview of LLA's current communications activities was shared with members, including a presentation on LLA's various communications tools (meetings, printed newsletter, email, and website). LLA currently has email addresses for 75% of members and would like to continue to increase that percentage as email is one of the most time and cost efficient ways to communicate with members. LLA's website has been updated and completely redesigned with the assistance of Rick Kiehle, owner of Garrison Digital Solutions and one of LLA's newly-appointed board members. Tanya thanked Rick for generously donating his time to redesign the website.

Members can find valuable information on the website including educational materials, treatment maps, contact information, meeting minutes, events, and more. Members are encouraged to visit the website regularly to stay abreast of LLA's activities.

- **Long Lake Foundation (LLF) – Dennis Wiand:**

LLF President Dennis Wiand shared an update on the Picnic Island erosion abatement project. The Long Lake Foundation, Long Lake Township, and Long Lake Association are partnering to share the cost of this project. The contractor is on site and work is underway. Photos and project drawings were made available to view after the meeting. Dennis also presented the new Long Lake Foundation website that was just launched. The website was also developed by Rick Kiehle of Garrison Digital Solutions. Members were encouraged to visit the website at www.longlakefoundation.org.

- **New Business – Board Secretary:**

Gerry Chefalo advised the membership that LLA is seeking a new Board Secretary and encouraged anyone who may be interested in serving in that role to contact him at 231-499-8522. LLA is seeking to appoint a new Secretary by the July 10th Board meeting.

Member Questions and Comments

Don Ehrenberger – Asked whether the new fireworks ordinance will affect the main fireworks on Long Lake scheduled for July 6th. LLT Supervisor Karen Rosa indicated it would not affect that fireworks display because it is officially permitted by the Township.

A follow up question was raised regarding how the decision was made on the new fireworks ordinance. Karen Rosa stated that LLT had received many complaints regarding fireworks and like a number of other communities, the LLT Board made the decision to enact a new ordinance restricting their use. The ordinance that was passed did not require public comment.

Al Carlson – Asked if the LLA Board has made a decision to contribute to the Timbers Recreation Area campaign. Gerry Chefalo stated that making a financial contribution to the Timbers project has not been brought before the board at this time.

Hugh Simmons - Asked if the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy has a formal capital campaign underway for the Timbers project. Kate Pearson (GTRLC) indicated that they were just kicking the campaign off and more information will be made available soon. Kate confirmed that multiple year gifts are acceptable. Walt Kraimer advised that memorial donations can also be made to the Timbers project.

Barry Lishawa - Asked if reports of tribal netting of fish on Long Lake were accurate. Gerry Chefalo indicated that LLA has not been made aware of any requests for permits for tribal netting on Long Lake this year. If you see netting on the lake, please report it to the DNR.

Kate Dahlstrom – Advised that some of the loons won't hatch for another week. Fishermen have been observed casting their lines at the loon nests and lures have been found on the nests. Please be respectful of the loons and remain a safe distance from the nests. If you witness fisherman casting at nests or other harassment of loons, please report it to the Marine Patrol.

- **Adjournment:** 6:15 PM

Annual Meeting: Saturday, August 24, 2013 - 10:00 AM (Boone's Long Lake Inn)

Respectfully submitted by Tanya Berg, Long Lake Association Board Secretary on 06/13/13