



AGENDA

LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2022

Zoom Conference Call 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

- Call to Order: 5:01pm
- Roll Call: Brent Schnell, Becki Watson, Rick Kiehle, Mark Cerny, Janice Moy, Adam Adamczak, David Baker, Terry Motley, Rick Dahlstrom, Len Klein, Wendy Wares
- Agenda for April 13, 2022 approved
- Minutes for LLA Board Meeting Minutes-November 2021 & LLA Board Special Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2022 meetings were approved.
- Member Comment: None
- Public Comment: None
- Old Business: None

New Business:

- Discussed the DNR letter from Conservation Officer William Kinney regarding illegal buoys on the surface of the water. Schnell will talk to Kiehle to get posted on LLA website and will talk to Kinney about attending the Welcome Back to Paradise meeting to discuss and answer any questions.
- Spring Cleanup May 7, 2022 at 9:00 am. This will be posted on the LLA website under events.
- EWM Treatment: Schnell and Baker reported that we are going to use ProcellaCOR on Mickey Lake in June. We are in the process of getting the permanent permission letters to Riparians signed. Discussion ensued about continuing doing one full survey per year with Dennis Wiand. There was general agreement amongst the board members that this was the right way to proceed to maintain at least one full survey per year to document our progress in maintaining the EWM level in Long Lake likely in the late summer/early fall and to help plan for the next year treatment. In addition to our current herbicide treatment, if we are included in the proposed EGLE project, they may assist with funding for benthic barriers to reduce EWM. Motley stated it was the intention of the surveys to tell us where the milfoil is located and compare yearly surveys. Schnell reported that we have had mapping done for the last three plus years, but there is no comparison between years. Schnell will talk to Dennis Wiand about providing a look-back feature. There was a question if the data could be output to an Excel spreadsheet to possibly allow our interns to do a year-over-year analysis. Schnell also stated his belief that monitoring the overall level of EWM is the most important attribute of the annual drone studies versus comparing specific year over year EWM location changes.
- New Permanent LLA/EWM Letter: The change adds ProcellaCOR and EGLE approved treatments. This new letter replaces the five-year agreement previously signed by Riparians. We will post any herbicide precautions on the LLA website. 100 letters have been sent out.
- Boat Wash Demos: In partnership with the Benzie County Conservation district, the demos will be May 28 and July 2nd from 9:30am to 3:30pm at the Crescent Shores boat launch. Looking for volunteers to support the demos. Contact Dan Dallalmo at dpdallalmo@aol.com
- Signage for Islands/Boat Launches: The LLF is working with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy on new signage for the islands and the boat launches. The LLF has requested that Adamczyk and Schnell and Schnell assist with posting these signs on the islands. Cerny suggested the South Island dock have a sign regarding limiting dock stay time to 30 minutes.
- LLA Accounting: Moy discussed Quickbooks and different accounting software such as MoneyMinder for banking/PayPal/direct debit/credit cards. The cost is for \$179/year. There is an additional fee of \$59/year for bank and



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echeck/PayPal integration. Moy will do more research and report at a future Board meeting. Kiehle noted that we may still be able to stay on Quickbooks, but that the desktop version will not get any further updates.

- The Welcome Back to Paradise on June 6, 2022 and the LLA Annual Board Meeting on August 27, 2022 is confirmed at Boone's Long Lake Inn.
- EGLE grant funding: No update from Eric Calabro from EGLE regarding barriers and native aquatic plants.
- Proposed by-law changes: Moy and Schnell met with the former LLA treasurer to discuss why we are a non-calendar fiscal year. She had no recollection other than the time of year the dues were remitted. The board agreed to form a sub-committee of Baker, Dahlstrom and Cerny to look at making a bylaw change to move to a calendar fiscal year. Other bylaw changes could also be made at this time if the sub-committee found others that need updating. This effort will be mentioned at the Welcome Back to Paradise meeting and the draft by-laws changes will be posted on the LLA website to allow members to review the proposed detailed changes. Any proposed by-law changes will need to be voted on at the LLA annual meeting in August. The board agreed to a by-law subcommittee call on May 18th.
- Long Lake Township has created a Long Lake Township Shoreline Steering sub-committee of 46 people to study the moratorium on dredging and other shoreline issues and also the language used in the moratorium. There should be a new shoreline ordinance presented at some point later this year by the sub-committee for consideration by the Long Lake Township Planning Committee.

Committee Reports:

- Financial: Moy reported we currently have \$29,199.04 in our fund balance.
- Communications: Kiehl reported that the newsletter will go out in mid-May. Please send any updates or pictures as soon as possible. The LLA website will also be updated. Newsletter deadline is May 1 for publication by May 15.
- Lake Management Treatment: Schnell and Baker stated that 12 acres will be treated this year for EWM.
- Lake Management Studies: Klein reported that the lake water reports will be ready for the board to look over this week. The reports will also be on the LLA website. We have one intern for this year. Dahlstrom reported that the zebra mussel information will be in this newsletter asking riparian to report, monitor and destroy any they find.
- Lake Management Prevention: Cerny reported that the road cleanup is May 7, at 9:00 am. He will send out an email to see who can help. Our road cleanup area is from Church Rd to Lake Ann Rd.
- Water Safety: Cerny received last year's stats from Ian Ferguson, the Sheriff Dept. Supervisor. There were 165 patrol hours in 2021, down 30% from 2020. Stops were up from 135 in 2020 to 385 in 2021. Ferguson has expressed an interest in being at the Welcome Back meeting to discuss and answer any questions at the social hour. The Crescent Shores boat launch will have an attendant again this year.
- Fishing/Loons: Motley reported that based on a 2017 fish survey the DNR may do a possible fish planting. You can view the report on the LLA website. The loon nests will be placed as soon as the ice is out by the local volunteers with assistance from Motley and Klein. There is also a beaver dam on Ruth Lake that will be removed.
- Membership: Membership levels stayed about the same as the previous year (435 members). Stickers will be ordered and we will discuss their distribution at the May board meeting.
- Island Maintenance: Adamczak reported that the docks and the trail maintenance should be completed in the next couple weeks.

Adjournment was at 6:20pm.