



ANN LAKE WATER LOG

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2021

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Kathy Garmes-Taylor, *Treasurer*

Maggie Sowers, *Secretary*

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Dave Maxson

Julee Parker

Susan Sharp

Terry Sowers



President's Letter

Hopefully 2021 will be a year of healing. Our lifestyles have been compromised in the hope that we can avoid contamination from this pandemic. Many of us spent a lonely, quarantined holiday removed from our families and friends. Let us hope that by summer we can reunite with our loved ones and enjoy their company on our beautiful Ann Lake.

It is with this hope in mind that we encourage you to make up for missed holidays by dressing up your boat for a Christmas in July parade. That's right; bring holiday cheer (all denominations are welcome!) to decorate your boat for our 4th of July parade, and if you would like, integrate the red, white and blue to create a hybrid Christmas/ Independence Day unique décor. The bigger, the bolder, the better!

Parade boats will gather at the north sandbar and line up behind the lead boat (ALPOA banner) at 1pm on Sunday July 4, 2021. We will then proceed counterclockwise around the lake in celebration.

Participants will be evaluated and prizes will be awarded for the most impressive displays. Join the fun on this 4th of July!

Sven Anderson
President



LOON REPORT

*Kathy Garmes-Taylor
Loon Ranger*



Last year we were unsuccessful in having any loon chicks. The artificial nest was placed at the same location and the loons started nesting; then Cristobal hit! It blew the nest across the bay and it ended up lodged at Harris Point. The loons never got back on the nest. It was sad to see that there were 2 eggs on the nest when we brought the nest to shore in July.

We tried to prepare for another windy spring by putting out a permanent, VERY HEAVY anchor in the location where we place the nest. You might have noticed a buoy; it marks the location of the anchor. The nest will be placed in the same location once the ice is out and the loons are spotted. Getting the nest out as soon as we can is desirable, but we do need a boat to tow the nest. If anyone has their boat in the water in early May (preferably a pontoon boat) and would like to help launch the nest, please contact me at : kathy@annlake.org



Re-engineered artificial nest

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kathy Garmes Taylor, Treasurer

The audit of the books for the year ending December 31, 2020 was completed in January, 2021.

- (a) Total income was \$4,423.25.
- (b) Total expenses were \$3,974.08.
- (c) The net result was a **surplus** of \$449.17 for the year.
- (d) The accumulated balance of the Operating Fund ("working capital") is \$5,808.01, to begin 2021.
- (e) The sum of all funds, including reserves, was \$18,831.07.



WHAT'S THIS?

INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE REPORT: FEBRUARY 2021

Kent Taylor

It's always a good year for this committee when no invasive aquatic plants are found—and 2020 was another good year. But there is other good news as well.

As you know, Almira Township recently agreed to split the cost with our lake in support for a professional lake management. The township agreed to a new three year contract with PLM, our lake management firm. To make this possible, ALPOA had to ensure we would continue to meet our 50% obligation of \$625 a year (2019-2021). The contract remains in place.

To continue to fund ALPOA's 50% obligation to pay for these services a Lake Preservation Fund was established as an independent fund. It is our vision that this account will be funded each year by the generous donations of our lake residents and eventually, non-members and commercial interests. The ALPOA board is committed to making up the difference each year to meet our obligation to the township. The fund received \$665 in its first year 2019 but only \$50 from non-members. ALPOA did not need to add any money; we rolled over the additional \$40 to give us a head start on 2020. The committee will continue to try to solicit contributions from non-ALPOA members using this vehicle.

Please, bear in mind, this fund is in addition to the Invasive Species Reserve created over the years and sequestered in CD's for use in an actual invasive emergency. That dedicated reserve stands at over \$10,000 and is now closed to new contributions. Instead we ask you to add your contribution to the Lake Preservation Fund when you pay your annual dues to support our annual surveys. We are one of the few lakes in the region not having to deal with expensive plant treatments. Let's try and keep it that way. Thanks to all that contributed over the years to these important contingency funds.

We've lost some members due to attrition and would like more volunteers this year. Please consider joining the group. If interested, contact me at Kent@annlake.org.



**Sven & Zachary Anderson
clearing out Purple Loose-
strife with the ALPOA Fall
Invasive Team**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dave Maxson

ALPOA ended 2020 with 83 members. While that is three less than 2019, it was an unusual year for everybody. Memberships have tended to be between 83 and 88 for the past 7 years, so we're holding steady. Unfortunately, that's support from less than half the eligible properties around the lake. Maybe we can do better in 2021.

Having said that, this newsletter is sent only via email, so I assume the audience is primarily "the choir". I won't preach! As we prepare this newsletter, the memberships received in response to the Happy New Year postcard have not been tallied. If you are one of those who've already remitted your membership, thank you! We appreciate your support and will endeavor to represent your best interests as lakefront property owners.

If not, we hope you will do so soon. A membership form is included at the end of this newsletter.

ALPOA EVENTS

Maggie Sowers

The ALPOA Events Calendar was empty in 2020. Covid –19 shut down most everything and group events were restricted. Thank goodness 2021 is a new year and we are already planning the 2021 Annual Meeting.

The 2021 Annual Meeting is Saturday, June 26 at 10AM at the Almira Township Hall in beautiful downtown Lake Ann.

Bring a neighbor and plan to attend! We need you!



Also mark your calendars for the annual **July 4th Boat Parade**. The 2021 parade will be a two-fold theme: Christmas in July and Independence Day. Plan to decorate your boat and combine thankfulness for our democracy and missed holiday celebrations in 2020 due to Covid-19. There will be prizes this year for creativity and final inspirational product. The event is a fun family celebration of America... **NO POLITICAL ENTRIES!!**

The 2021 Boat Parade will be held on **Sunday, July 4 at 1pm on our beloved Ann Lake**. Line up behind the lead boat (ALPOA banner) on the northwest sand bar.





ANN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Membership Application Jan. 1 to Dec. 31

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Your contributions are used to protect the quality of our lake and protect the value of our properties for the mutual benefit of all property owners.

If you are not a member or have already renewed, you can still donate to the Lake Preservation Fund. Please use this membership application when sending in your donation. Enter your donation amount on the Lake Preservation Fund line. We would also appreciate if you filled in your name and your winter, summer and email addresses. If you are not a member, we would like feedback if you are willing to tell us why not and what we might be able to do to convince you otherwise.

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Additional Donation \$ _____

Total Amount Paid \$ _____ For calendar year 20 _____

Please Print Information:

Owners Name/s: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Lake Phone _____

Summer Address: _____ Lake Ann, MI 49650

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I would like my Newsletter first class mailed to me: Yes ___ No ___ It will be emailed

I would like to volunteer to ALPOA: Yes ___ Committee: _____

Comments: _____

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