

**Ann Lake Property Owners' Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Annual Meeting**

June 29, 2019

I. Call to Order: 12:00 PM

II. Roll Call of Officers and Board:

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| President | Dave Maxson | Present |
| Vice President | Kent Taylor | Present |
| Treasurer | Kathy Taylor | Present |
| Secretary | Maggie Sowers | Present |
| Member at Large | Julee Parker | Present |
| Member at Large | Susan Sharp | Present |
| Member at Large | Sven Anderson | Absent |
| Member at Large | Terry Sowers | Present |

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Postponed until next regular Board Meeting. Minutes are available on line at the ALPOA web site.

IV. Report of Officers:

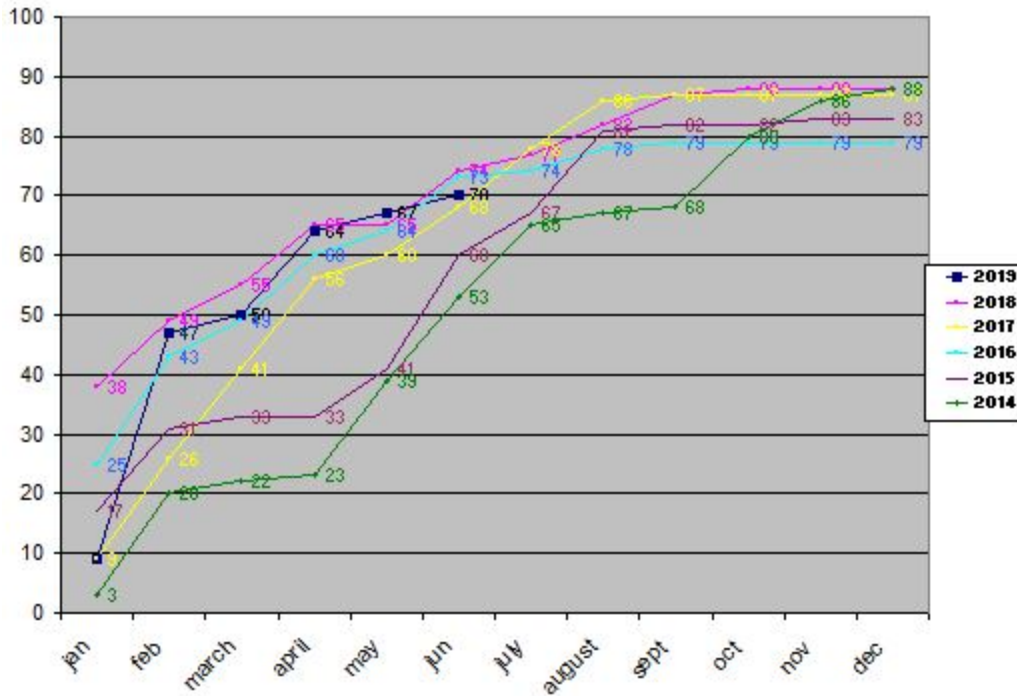
President: There is no President report. Water Quality report to follow.

Vice President: There is no Vice President report. Invasive species report to follow.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer and Membership :

Membership Growth Trends



- Current membership is 70 as of June 28, 2019 (last year we had 74 at this time) 7 members signed up today making the total number 77.
- 7 Members have paid via PayPal (down from 10 last year)
- 4 Members have paid for 3 years
- 28 Members continue to subscribe to the Riparian
 - Riparian costs increased in 2019 from \$12 to \$14
- We have received \$555 in donations to the Lake Management Fund
- We have received \$223 in general donations
- Of existing 70 members – we are missing 4 email addresses and additional 8 who want hard copies of newsletters
- We have 23 families who were members in 2018 and have not yet renewed
- In the May, 2019 budget report, the PLM cost was incorrectly added twice to expenses which resulted AT THAT TIME in a projected negative \$570 cash flow. The corrected cash flow number in May should be a positive \$54.
- As of June 29th, the projected cash flow for the year is \$444.48.
- The Lake Management Fund is currently shown as part of the ALPOA spread sheet

See financial sheet below for details of the budget.

**V. Report of Standing Committees:
Communications:**

Nominating and Membership: See information in above Treasurer's report.

Election of Officers.

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| Nominees: President | Sven Anderson |
| Vice President | Kent Taylor |
| Secretary | Maggie Sowers |
| Member at Large | Dave Maxson |
| Member at Large | No volunteers |

Dave made a motion to, **Elect the nominees as listed here.** Motion was duly seconded from the floor. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Events: See report below.

Website: Kathy reports that our website crashed earlier this year and she, Scott and Arnie are rebuilding it. It is up and running but not completely.

Kathy also added that we received the Forestry Report in our mail and parcels under review for this year are in the Homestead Area. The best she can tell there is nothing in the Almira Township or Lake Ann area slated for forestry review this year. She will add the information to our website.

Environmental:

Invasive Species:Lake Preservation Fund Kent Taylor reports: Have permission from Board to open this as a 501 c 3. It is our vision that this account will be funded each year by the generous donations of our lake residents and eventually, commercial interests. The ALPOA board is committed to making up the difference each year to meet our obligation to the township. This year \$625 and next. After that, costs will rise no more than 3% per year for the next 3 years per a new contract signed by the township with PLM, our lake management firm. All they need from us is a resolution of commitment to pay our one half through 2023. (motion). Combined with our volunteer sampling for certain virulent species we pledge to stay on

top of our aquatic plant population. Should the lake have a serious problem and require funding from grants and other sources, this is the exact type of fund required, all set and ready to go. We also are attempting to solicit contributions from non-ALPOA members using this vehicle, so far with limited success. The fund received \$555 in donations, of only \$50 from non-members. This amount is over and above the Invasive Species Reserve created over the years and sequestered in CD's for use in an emergency. That dedicated reserve stands at a little over \$10,000. 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.

PLM Survey Report:

Here is what these professionals say about our lake after last year's survey:

“The diversity of native plants in Ann Lake was outstanding. Numerous different pondweed species were found as well as Elodea, Bladderwort, Naiad, Northern water milfoil and Chara to name a few. Chara formed a nice mat on the bottom of most of the lake, providing excellent habitat for invertebrates and the healthy fishery witnessed during the survey.... indicating a balanced and healthy ecosystem.....raking is recommended for breach areas, while promoting healthy native plant beds in the rest of the lake.It is important to keep an eye on the milfoil population in the lake. None of the plants sampled showed any indication of being non-native. However, with a public access site in addition to waterfowl, non-native milfoil could be found and with a dense native milfoil population, could mix quickly and make early detection more difficult.”

Invasive Shoreline Issues

Late last summer we also addressed some shore plant infestations, particularly Purple Loosestrife. Going around the lake we noted locations and notified land owners. We asked them to remove the plants or allow us to. Most did so themselves, all others allowed us to. Great cooperation, everyone is getting it and helping us get things done. Thanks to those homeowners. So far we have not found any Eurasian Phragmites on our shoreline unlike many nearby lakes.

A very important point he made is **Wash your Boats**. This alone will help to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Kent Taylor made a motion in support of the townships effort superseding our previous resolution **I move that ALPOA continue for a period of 5 years, until 2023, the bilateral relationship with Almira Township paying for the Professional Lake Management annual survey so long as this amount requested does not exceed \$1000.00 per year.**

Seconded by Maggie Sowers.

Discussion followed with explanation from Kent of how we came to use PLM and why. Dave further explained that the ALPOA Board had already agreed through a formal motion to collaborate with the township for a period of 3 years on this contract. We subsequently learned that the contract is actually for 5 years. This motion is to correct the duration of our commitment to 5 years (until 2023). Motion was passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Lastly Dave took a few minutes to explain that we invested the Invasive Species Reserve (\$10,000) in a CD specifically sequestered for immediate treatment of the lake if an invasive species (like Eurasian Water Milfoil) is found.

Loons: We have two loon chicks on the lake. Kathy Garmes-Taylor acknowledged and thanked the folks who were involved in building and placing the loon platform.

Water Quality: Dave reminds us that this information has been already published in the summer newsletter and is available on line. He summarized the report. The low level of nutrients results in dissolved oxygen being distributed throughout the water column. The deepest parts of our lake are about 70 feet and we have oxygen readings all the way down. This means the lake is healthy. The overall nutrient levels of the lake are unchanged since monitoring began about 14-15 years ago.

VI. New Business:

1. It was asked if anything is being done about the water level of the lake. Scott Hedberg notes that there are 4 culverts on the lake that are used to control the water level. They are filled with sediment. He believes the Road Commission is responsible for maintaining the culverts. There is no dam but they are occluded somewhat. He notes that wake boats and surfing cause shoreline damage in bays or coves, especially when the water level is high. On Long Lake there are many breakwaters to prevent shoreline damage, which is not the best solution for the problem. He wants ALPOA to ask the DNR about wake boat restrictions.

Our guest speaker, Jane Perrino, MS from Benzie Conservation District added the DNR is trying to build awareness, asking citizens to be mindful of their wakes. Some areas do have restrictions when water levels are high. Some groups are

setting up tables of information about this problem. There are some laws being considered but that is between the township and the DNR.

Terry Sowers notes that we do not want to be perceived as an enforcement group. Scott states there is a state law that states that if a boat causes damage to your property you, as a property owner have the right to sue the boater. He suggests that we make a pamphlet educating and encouraging boaters to be mindful of other peoples property.

Dave assured Scott the board will address this issue at our next meeting.

2. Jane Perrino, MS, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for the Benzie Conservation District. She spoke about Natural Shorelines and the natural ecology of a shore line is healthier for the lake than those that are man made. She gave several local resources for interested parties to access.

VII. Meeting Adjourned: 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Sowers
Secretary

Ann Lake Property Owners Association

2019 Status as of June 29, 2019

| | 2014 | 2014 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Projected | Proposal |
| Beginning Balance January 1 | 5,276.75 | 5,276.75 | 5,277.48 | 2,265.25 | 3,405.01 | 3,660.54 | 3,660.54 | 3,660.54 |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | |
| membership dues paid | 2,520.00 | 2,340.00 | 2,190.00 | 2,520.00 | 2,610.00 | 1,980.00 | 1,980.00 | 2,520.00 |
| prepaid next-year membership dues | 90.00 | | 60.00 | | 118.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 | |
| donations | 287.00 | 400.00 | 579.45 | 608.45 | 353.25 | 223.00 | 223.00 | 15.00 |
| invasive donation fund | | | | 4,434.81 | 1,164.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| lake management/preservation fund | | | | | 0.00 | 555.00 | 555.00 | 0.00 |
| Riparian income | | | | 168.00 | 168.00 | 138.00 | 138.00 | 168.00 |
| PPPR Income | 790.00 | 950.00 | 726.00 | 849.00 | 761.00 | 170.00 | 170.00 | 0.00 |
| Hat income | | | 210.00 | 102.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other income | | | 60.00 | 45.00 | | | | |
| Total Income | 3,687.00 | 3,690.00 | 3,825.45 | 8,727.26 | 5,174.25 | 3,306.00 | 3,306.00 | 2,703.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | | |
| Michigan Lakes & Streams Association; annual dues | 90.00 | 90.00 | 140.00 | 130.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 |
| Subscriptions to Michigan Riparian (for 2016) | 336.00 | 420.00 | 324.00 | 324.00 | 312.00 | 322.00 | 322.00 | 392.00 |
| Liability insurance premium (annual) | 389.88 | 400.00 | 438.03 | 411.63 | 437.89 | 0.00 | 411.63 | 437.89 |
| State filing fee | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 30.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| PO box rent and misc postage | 39.80 | 50.00 | 32 | 54.20 | 47.80 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| PayPal Fees | 12.60 | 25.00 | 13.39 | 14.47 | 12.89 | 8.54 | 8.54 | 15.00 |
| Water level gauge | 50.45 | | | | | | | |
| Water Quality: | 374.40 | 277.00 | 320.68 | 270.50 | 197.00 | 227.00 | 337.00 | 327.00 |
| CLMP Enrollment | | | 217.00 | 217.00 | 197.00 | 227.00 | 227.00 | 217.00 |
| Travel | | | 103.88 | 53.50 | | | 110.00 | 110.00 |
| Newsletters/Communication | 331.65 | 344.20 | 322.10 | 633.82 | 480.81 | 304.45 | 380.00 | 470.00 |
| Winter newsletter | | | | 346.51 | 87.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 90.00 |
| Summer newsletter | | | 322.10 | 287.31 | 362.44 | 304.45 | 380.00 | 380.00 |
| By-laws communication | | | | | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | 30.87 | | | |
| Brochures | | | | | | | | |
| Website maintenance | | 50.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Invasive Species: | 130.06 | 150.00 | 76.10 | 50.00 | 625.00 | 0.00 | 625.00 | 675.00 |
| Education material | | | | 50.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| Plant mapping | | | | | 625.00 | 0.00 | 625.00 | 625.00 |
| Special Events: | | | | | | | | |
| Annual meeting | 112.14 | 205.00 | 84.49 | 77.71 | 101.13 | 55.00 | 130.00 | 130.00 |
| Lake Ann Homecoming | | | | 55.00 | 20.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 |
| PPPR expenses (offset by income above) | 732.22 | 950.00 | 794.17 | 774.86 | 710.11 | 170.00 | 170.00 | 0.00 |
| Membership: | 242.76 | 550.00 | 114.25 | 113.90 | 123.80 | 61.25 | 111.25 | 325.00 |
| Winter postcard | | | 71.75 | 68.00 | 68.00 | 61.25 | 61.25 | 175.00 |
| Spring postcard | | | 42.50 | 45.90 | 41.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| New members packets | | | 0 | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| Mid-summer membership drive | | | 0 | | 14.50 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Health and Safety | | | | | | | | |
| Unbudgeted expenses | | | 291.40 | 90.60 | 374.29 | 34.10 | 34.10 | 0.00 |
| Allocations to reserves (unbudgeted, from undesignated Operating) | | | | | | | | |
| Website hosting fees | 119.00 | 119.00 | 122.00 | 122.00 | 122.00 | 122.00 | 122.00 | 122.00 |
| Invasive Species Reserve | 1,000.00 | | 4000.00 | 4434.81 | 1164.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Lake Management Reserve | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| Legal Reserve | 500.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Loon Reserve | 150.00 | | -179.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sign Maintenance (@ boat landing) | 50.00 | | -75.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Expenses | 4,680.96 | 3,650.20 | 6,837.68 | 7,587.50 | 4,918.72 | 1,444.34 | 2,861.52 | 3,798.89 |
| Ending Balance Operating Fund | 4,282.79 | 5,316.55 | 2,265.25 | 3,405.01 | 3,660.54 | 5,522.20 | 4,105.02 | 2,564.65 |
| Reserve balances (unbudgeted, from undesignated Operating) | | | | | | | | |
| Website hosting fees | -2.64 | | 241.36 | 3.72 | 125.72 | 122.00 | 125.72 | 247.72 |
| Invasive Species Reserve | 1,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 9,434.81 | 10,598.81 | 0.00 | 9,434.81 | 10,598.81 |
| Lake Management Reserve | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| Legal Reserve | 600.00 | | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Loon Reserve | 179.93 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 179.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sign Maintenance (@ boat landing) | 75.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ending Balance (including reserves) | 6,135.08 | | 8,106.61 | 13,443.54 | 14,985.07 | 5,899.13 | 14,265.55 | 14,011.18 |
| Yearly Budget Surplus/Shortfall | | | -3,012.23 | 1,139.76 | 255.53 | 1,861.66 | 444.48 | -1,095.89 |

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ALPOA SPECIAL EVENTS 2019

- **SATURDAY JUNE 29, 12:00PM - 2:00PM:** The **Annual Meeting and Potluck**. The meeting will be held in the Almira Township Hall in downtown Lake Ann. Main entree, table ware and water will be provided. *Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.* RSVP if you are coming to Maggie Sowers maggiesowers@icloud.com
- **THURSDAY JULY 4, 1:00PM:** The **Annual Unofficial Boat Parade**. Gather at the big sandbar in the middle of the lake.
- **SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 8:00AM - 11:00 AM: 10th Annual Paddle, Pedal, Paddle, Row Around Ann Lake.** There are some exciting new changes to this year's event. The event is now FREE. For those who want one, there is a special edition T-Shirt available for \$17.
- **SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 12:30 PM: Pizza Party** to be held in Burnett Park in Lake Ann. Sign up for all your family members for \$5 each. Join your fellow Riparians for the festivities.
- Please submit T-Shirt orders to Maggie Sowers or Kathy Taylor. Deadline for T-Shirt orders is July 5.