

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

May 15, 2021

I. Call to Order: 9:34 AM

II. Roll Call of Officers and Board:

President	Sven Anderson	Present
Vice President	Kent Taylor	Absent (Scheduling conflict)
Treasurer	Kathy Garmes-Taylor	Present
Secretary	Maggie Sowers	Present
Member at Large	Terry Sowers	Present
Member at Large	Sue Sharp	Present
Member at Large	Dave Maxson	Present
Member at Large	Julee Parker	Present
Member at Large	Vacant	

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Maggie reports the minutes from our last meeting were emailed to everyone. **Dave moves ,“the Minutes be approved”.** Maggie seconded. **Unanimously approved.**

IV. Report of Officers:

President: Sven has no formal report.

Vice President: Kent is absent, no report.

Treasurer: Kathy presented budget for 2021. See below. Anticipate membership is 80 members, 16 of these are prepaid, she does not budget for any donations. expenses remain the same as last year,. The “Cash Flow” format for our budget can make our budget appear not balanced. Pre-paid memberships make it appear as if we are not getting enough money when we really are. She notes also that there are two expenses that are not recorded. Web site back up that was approved last year and signage that Scott is going to install over Memorial Day. Dave notes that he asked CLMP to send an email invoice to Kathy about three weeks ago, she has not received it. Dave will track this. Dave notes that by the next Board Meeting we should have had a chance to review the proposed budget and we can vote on it then.

Secretary: Maggie has no report.

V. Report of Standing Committees:

Nominating and Membership: Dave states at the end on 2020 we had 83 members. To date we have 65 members. About 20-25 members from the recent past have not paid for 2021. Dave will contact these people. There are also some new residents he will send our welcoming letter. We will need to get their names and addresses from public record.

Dave notes we have to develop a slate of nominees for the ALPOA Board to be elected at the Annual Meeting. Kathy will figure out which positions are open for the upcoming year to discuss at our next Board meeting

Events: Lake Ann Homecoming Days have been canceled again this year due to Covid 19. Sven expressed concern about having the ALPOA Annual Meeting indoors at the Town Hall and suggests we try to get the large Almira Park Pavilion. Other board members agree. Sven will contact Almira Township next Monday.

Julee volunteered her large coffee pot for the meeting. Maggie and Terry will go into Meijer to get donuts on the morning of the meeting.

Dave suggests representatives from Long Lake and Lake Leelanau as our presenters for the ALPOA Annual Meeting. They will be asked to talk about their experience with invasive species and how they are managing it. Dave will contact them. Kathy will invite Ed Dewey from Duck Lake. Maggie suggests inviting representatives from Pearl Lake and will contact them. Kathy says the majority of the lakes in Benzie County are testing for EWM.

We are planning a “Christmas in July” “Patriotic” Boat decorating contest during the Ann Lake Boat Parade on July 4, 2021. Sven suggest we try to get prizes donated from local business and he plans to ask the L.A. Brewery, John and Sandy’s, Stone Oven, Corner Cone and Papa J pizza. Maggie suggests a photo of the winning boat to be hung in the Lake Ann Brewery instead of prizes. Sven will talk to Matt about this idea.

Greenbelt of the year will be decided at the next board meeting.

Newsletter: Susan states the Summer Newsletter usually comes out about 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. She would like all copy to her by June 1. Kathy will make the envelopes.

Environmental:

Invasive Species: Kathy is reporting for Kent who sent a written report a few days ago. We plan to monitor for Curly Pond Leaf in June, PLM will do their monitoring in August, the phragmites party will be sometime this summer and Starry Stonewort in the fall. See full report below.

Loons: Kathy reports the Noes and Hedbergs took the previously assembled loon platform into the water on April 1. Over the course of the month the platform plants were washed out and the loons were not using it. The Taylors replanted it and the loons used it. Kathy knows at least one egg was laid and the loons have been occupying the nest since then. She notes that loons always lay two eggs (not usually on the same day) but both may not hatch. We are looking forward to this years chicks. Dave says the natural timing is for loons to lay eggs and occupy the nest around the first of May, and eggs hatch around the first of June. He also recalls the loons nested on Mud Bay until the Eagles moved in about 4-5 years ago. Then the loons did not return to that location and we moved the platform.

Water Quality: Dave recalls the data collection system was not available last year so there is no 2020 information. It is now operative. We are registered for all the same monitoring tests. Dave explained the Secci disk, how it measures water clarity, and that yesterday clarity was at 23 feet. He explained how we expect the clarity to be reduced during the summer months but in total the water clarity is very good for Ann Lake. He sent a set of samples into CLMP and that is in process. He says that last year we did two samples from the Great Lakes Water Quality Lab last year but Kathy states we only got one bill. Dave will double check on that.

VI. New Business: Kathy asks if we have recently reviewed our insurance policy. Maggie suggests we drop the title “Unofficial Boat Parade” hoping to limit liability. Sven prefers to own anything that is successful bringing in membership and awareness. He thinks we should title the boat parade as an ALPOA event. He wonders if the judging boat (his) should have advertising for ALPOA.

Kathy suggests we distribute our trifold brochure during the boat parade. There are very few of these remaining. There was discussion about the tone of the existing brochure and we should redo our brochure to be friendlier with more emphasis on the positive work of ALPOA. We desire to erase the image that we are the lake police.

There is much interest in revising the brochure. We will not use the old ones at this time and formulate a plan for making a new brochure.

VII. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting June 12 at 9:30 AM.

Invasive Species Report

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Our plans have yet to be confirmed by committee membership, but I expect they will include a familiar set of expectations and tasks:

1. A survey for Curly Leaf Pondweed should be conducted by committee members mid-June at the latest.
2. The first week of August, PLM is scheduled to do their annual AVS survey of our lake. We need to get our check over to the Township by next month.
3. In the early fall a survey of the lakes shore from the water will reveal where we have Purple Loosestrife outbreaks. Then we'll plan the necessary notification strategy to encourage each affected property owner to take out these weeds on their own in an appropriate fashion. Those that don't or can't comply, we'll consider our options which in the past have been very effective and problem-free.
4. Our last normal task of the year is in fall just before we put our boats away. Then we will again throw rakes and search for Starry Stonewort which is only identifiable to the eye when it shows off its 'stars' during its annual reproductive season.

Aside from these anticipated activities we will consider a presence at Lake Ann Days but I believe as of this time that event was canceled. Once we have our first in-person committee meeting I may have more things to report to the board. As of today, that's all I know.

Ann Lake Property Owners Association										
2021 Status as of May 14										
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2021				
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget				
Beginning Balance January 1		3,405.01	3,660.54	5,358.84	5,358.84	5,358.84				
INCOME										
	membership dues paid	2,640.00	2,430.00	2160.00	1,410.00	1,980.00	Budget based on 64 (80-16 prepaid) paid memberships			Current = 41+4
	prepaid future membership dues	90.00	522.00	420.00	180.00	0.00				3 for 2022 and 3 for 2023
	donations	351.25	484.77	419.00	304.00	0.00	Assume coverage of PP fees			
	invasive donation fund	1,164.00	0.00	306.25	0.00	0.00	Interest on CD			
	lake management/preservation fund	0.00	675.00	818.00	550.00	0.00				
	Riparian income (current & prepayments)	168.00	126.00	300.00	266.00	210.00	15 for 2021			2 for 2022 and 2 for 2023
	PPPR Income	761.00	683.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	Hat income		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	Other income									
	Total Income	5,174.25	4,920.77	4,423.25	2,710.00	2,190.00				
EXPENSES										
	Michigan Lakes & Streams Association; annual dues	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	#1433			
	Subscriptions to Michigan Riparian (for 2016)	312.00	322.00	238.00	252.00	322.00	#1432 18 total for 2021			
	Liability insurance premium (annual)	437.89	437.69	437.71	437.69	437.69				
	State filing fee	50.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00				
	PO box rent and misc postage	47.80	40.00	42.00	42.00	42.00				
	PayPal Fees	12.89	8.54	7.34	4.68	7.34	Assume same 2020			
	Water level gauge									
	Water Quality:	197.00	227.00	25.00	0.00	227.00				
	CLMP Enrollment	197.00	227.00	25.00	0.00	227.00	Assume back to 2019 charges			
	Travel									
	Newsletters/Communication	480.81	304.45	288.80	0.00	319.00				
	Winter newsletter	87.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Email only			
	Summer newsletter	362.44	304.45	288.80	0.00	319.00	202+10%			
	By-laws communication									
	Supplies	30.87								
	Brochures									
	Website maintenance	0.00	0.00	131.00	0.00	50.00	Space costs			
	Invasive Species:	625.00	625.00	625.00	0.00	625.00				
	Education material		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	Plant mapping	625.00	625.00	625.00	0.00	625.00	1/2 PLM plant sampling			
	Special Events:									
	Annual meeting	101.13	88.77	0.00	0.00	100.00				
	Lake Ann Homecoming	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	PPPR expenses (offset by income above)	710.11	642.04	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	Membership:	123.80	160.88	70.35	68.25	140.00				
	Winter postcard	68.00	153.18	70.35	68.25	70.00	#1430 (Dave Maxson)			
	Spring postcard	41.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00				
	New members packets		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	Mid-summer membership drive	14.50	7.70	0.00	0.00	20.00				
	Health and Safety									
	Unbudgeted expenses	374.29	34.10	26.71	2.90	0.00	#1431 mailing Riparian			
	Allocations to reserves (unbudgeted, from undesignated O									
	Website hosting fees	122.00	122.00	147.92	147.92	122.00	paid every 3 years			
	Invasive Species Reserve	1164.00	0.00	306.25	0.00	0.00				
	Lake Management Reserve	0.00	50.00	1468.00	550.00	0.00	donations plus \$650 allocation			
	Legal Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	Loon Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	Sign Maintenance (@ boat landing)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	Total Expenses	4,918.72	3,222.47	3,974.08	1,665.44	2,552.03				
	Ending Balance Operating Fund	3,660.54	5,358.84	5,808.01	6,403.40	4,996.81				
	Reserve balances (unbudgeted, from undesignated O									
	Website hosting fees	#REF!	#REF!	0.00	#REF!	#REF!	Start 3 year clock			
	Balance			395.64	#REF!	#REF!				
	hosting fees paid every 3 years			-395.64	-395.64					
	Invasive Species Reserve	10,598.81	10,598.81	10,905.06	10,598.81	10,598.81				
	Lake Management Reserve	0.00	50.00	1,518.00	600.00	0.00				
	Legal Reserve	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00				
	Loon Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	Sign Maintenance (@ boat landing)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
	Ending Balance (including reserves)	#REF!	#REF!	18,831.07	#REF!	#REF!				
	Yearly Budget Surplus/Shortfall	255.53	1,698.30	449.17	1,044.56	-362.03	Need 13 more memberships			