

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

July 14, 2018

I. Call to Order: 9:09 AM

II. Roll Call of Officers and Board:

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

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Minutes were reviewed from the May and June meetings, and two changes were suggested. Kent Taylor motioned the minutes be approved with those changes. Motion seconded by Terry Dorgan. Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Report of Officers:

President: Dave Maxson motioned that Terry Sowers and Susan Sharp fill the two Member at Large vacancies until their own terms commence in January 2019. Motion seconded by Maggie Sowers. This motion was passed unanimously.

Vice President: Kent Taylor has no report.

Treasurer: Kathy Taylor states current membership is at 79. Terry Dorgan asked if we take any form of automatic payment for dues. Kathy stated do not take credit cards. We do take PayPal but stopped using the automatic renewal feature because there were too many duplications with dues payments. She also noted that donations decreased with automatic renewals. There are 6 or 7 members who have continued using the PayPal automatic renewal feature.

Secretary: Maggie Sowers has no report. Kathy states that she has always put meeting minutes in the protected ALPOA Board section of our web site. She asked about making minutes part of the public page instead. Kent agrees it should be on the public page. Dave has no opinion. Terry Sowers notes that other organizations, such as Almira Township, will be able to follow our activities and progress more closely. Kent moved to post the minutes in the public section of our website and Terry Sowers seconded. This motion was passed unanimously.

V. Report of Standing Committees:

Communications:

Government: This report is a part of the invasive species report.

Nominating and Membership: Terry Dorgan reports he has two new members for his committee. He is working on a membership drive with them. There are 12 new property owners. All board members agree our best approach to recruit them as members should be personal- similar to The Welcome Wagon. Dave will draft an introductory letter to send to new lake property which will welcome them and suggest setting a date for ALPOA representatives to visit the property owner in person. The purpose of the visit would be to explain ALPOA and our work and hopefully enlist them as members.

Events: Maggie reports there were 34 attendees at the annual meeting. Kathy would like to clarify when the annual meeting is to take place. Our By Laws state, “a Saturday in June”, in the past it has been written, “the 4th Saturday in June”, and most recently it was, “the last Saturday in June”. Following discussion about the benefits of each, it was decided that the last Saturday in June (being the closest to July 4th) will be the set date for future annual meetings. This is in keeping with the By Laws and should not require a motion to change them.

Dave will assume responsibility for securing a speaker for the next annual meeting. He will be asking for ideas.

Dave also says that Sven has several ideas for improving social events and wants to table this discussion until Sven is able to be present.

We have enough PPPR shirt orders (33) to meet the minimal requirement (24) for our printer. We have 20 people signed up for the Pizza Party after the PPPR. Maggie sent a summary of attendance for events over the last 4 years. (See attached). It seems there is diminishing interest in the Summer Swan Song Soiree and the Pub Crawl. PPPR

attendance decreases each year. Maggie is concerned that social events do not reflect the interests of the general membership. In discussion, several ideas were put forth to help regenerate interest. Dave suggests we form a sub-committee to work on this issue over the next few months. Maggie will work on this.

Newsletter: Kathy sent the summer newsletter out prior to the Annual Meeting.

Website: Kathy will add the two website links to our website regarding invasive species learning modules and swimmers itch (see Health and Safety).

Environmental:

Invasive Species: Kent reported the following via email prior to the meeting. He summarized this report at the meeting.

We participated in Lake Ann Homecoming again and enjoyed a successful day educating the public and recruiting members. I believe we got two additional members that day. People were generally receptive to our invasive plant messaging. Of interest, most people say they are aware of the issues and concerned which differs from our previous experience. Outreach and education are having an effect.

Our lake will be surveyed by PLM this Tuesday, July 17th which I only learned today. We will be asking for Invasive Committee volunteers to ride-along and learn their way of doing things.

We need to determine the negotiating position of our board with the township. What is our final goal? What do we want to see the township do; what resolutions do we wish them to pass? I should not be the sole source of these opinions. We need a means to flesh out ALPOA's positions, try to garner the support of Pearl Lake and present our ideas to the township. How should we go about determining our precise position? If we don't, others will (and have already) start presenting their ideas to Township Board members. In the absence of a united ALPOA position, others will have this influence, not us.

He suggests representatives from ALPOA and the Pearl Lake Association draft a request for a written statement from the township addressing plans for continued monitoring of both lakes and treatment if infestation should occur.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding ideas for ongoing monitoring and treatment. It was noted several times during this discussion that we must be sensitive to public concerns about increasing taxes.

Dave proposed that a subcommittee be formed to draft a formal position statement from ALPOA to take to the Pearl Lake Association. Working together we can then develop a joint statement from both associations to discuss with the township. Kent suggests Dave, Sven and himself form this subcommittee.

Health and Safety: Drew Peterson has sent two email links to board members. One is to a Michigan State University Extension web site that has multiple self learning modules designed to teach identification of invasive species. The second link is an information sheet with FAQs pertaining to swimmers itch. Kathy will post both links on our website for members to reference.

Water Quality: Dave reports we continue to monitor. CLMP (Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program) is a state wide organization to which we send our water samples for testing. It is in danger of losing funding from the state. We encourage members to communicate with their local (Michigan) representative to encourage continued funding. Kathy moved to have ALPOA send a letter to our state representative for same. Susan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Loons: We have received a donation to help with the reconstruction of the loon platform.

VI. Old Business: Dave notes we will need a new winter postcard. His son, a professional photographer, took a charming picture of an otter poking his head through the ice. He will donate the rights of this photo to ALPOA. Kent suggests we make this the new postcard picture replacing the deer. We will use up the old postcards first.

Kathy has been sending the winter postcards because she has the mailing list. She notes the purpose of the postcard is to notify members it is time to renew. This makes the message on the postcard the responsibility of the Membership Committee. She would like Terry Dorgan to think about what he would like to say on the new cards.

VII. New Business: Dave received an email from a member expressing concern about wake boats on Ann Lake and the damage they do to the shore line. This was discussed and the board notes there is no legal recourse to prevent these boats. Our position would be to promote ecologically sound practices such as a good greenbelt to prevent soil erosion. Dave will forward the email to all board members so we can review in more detail.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned 10:26 AM. Next Meeting Saturday August 11, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maggie Sowers, Secretary

Table 1

	2018	2017	2016	2015
PPPR				
T-Shirts purchased	33	36	35	43
Supporters who bought T-Shirts but did not paddle	11-13	9	14	11
PPPR Participants who bought T Shirts and Paddled	22	27	21	32
No T-Shirt, signed up to paddle	6	1	11	12
Total Paddlers	28	29	32	44
Pizza Not final for 2018	20	39	42	49
Membership Households volunteering in PPPR and not paddling	4	6	5	7
Non volunteer households participating in PPPR	10	8	12	14
Total Membership Households participating in PPPR	14	14	17	21
Total Memberships as of August 1		82	76	67
Percent of Membership Participating (non volunteer)		9.8%	15.8%	21%
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SUMMER SWAN SONG SOIREE				
Participant Member Households		3	4	2/?
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
PUB CRAWL				
Participant Member Households	?		2-3	>5

Ann Lake Property Owners Association
Status June 30, 2018

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018		
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proposed		
Beginning Balance January 1	4,282.79	5,277.48	2,265.25	3,405.01	3,405.01		Elie 22 Krus 32 Mincourt 12 Peterson 34 Elie 55 Anderson 129 Macomber 17 Nee 44 Brown 44 Bluhm 10
INCOME							
membership dues paid	2,430.00	2,190.00	2,520.00	2,280.00	2,520.00	Budget based on 84 members	
prepaid next year membership dues	150.00	60.00		42.00			
donations	411.00	579.45	608.45	228.25	15.00	Assume coverage of PP fees	
invasive donation fund			4,434.81	1,081.00	0.00		
lake management fund				9.00			
Riparian income			168.00	162.00	168.00	Based on 2017	
PPPR income	916.00	726.00	849.00	399.00	850.00	2017 cost, same in expenses	
Hat income		210.00	102.00		0.00		
Other income		60.00	45.00				
Total Income	3,907.00	3,825.45	8,727.26	4,201.25	3,583.00		
EXPENSES							
Michigan Lakes & Streams Association, annual due	90.00	140.00	130.00	140.00	140.00	#1389	
Subscriptions to Michigan Riparian (for 2018)	70.00	304.00	304.00	312.00	304.00	#1387, #1388	
Liability insurance premium (annual)	412.13	438.00	411.63	437.89	415.00	No longer eligible for discount	
State filing fee	20.00	20.00	30.00		20.00	Last year included filing of articles	
PO box rent and misc postage	53.60	32	54.20	9.80	54.00	#1395	
PayPal Fees	11.96	13.39	14.47	11.33	15.00		
Water level gauge							
Water Quality		320.58	270.50	197.00	327.00		
CLMP Enrollment	217.00	217.86	217.00	187.00	217.00	#1386 CLMP Raffle reduced costs	
Travel		102.68	53.50		110.00	Travel 2x summer	
Newsletters/Communication	605.85	322.10	633.82	480.61	380.00		
Winter newsletter	0		348.51	87.50	80.00	#1394, Small winter mailing	
Summer newsletter	254.42	322.10	287.31	362.24	300.00	#1392, #1393 (added a 4th sheet), #1395	
By-laws communication	55.01						
Supplies	20.94			30.87		#1395 Labels	
Brochures	275.48						
Website maintenance			0.00	0.00	0.00		
Invasive Species	25.00	76.10	50.00	625.00	1,050.00		
Education material			50.00		50.00		
Plant mapping				625.00	1000.00	#1391, 1/2 PLM plant sampling	
Special Events							
Annual meeting	112.87	84.49	77.71	25.00	100.00	Townhall plus food, #1396	
Lake Ann Homecoming			55.00	20.00	20.00	1 booth, owed MS	
PPPR expenses (offset by income above)	792.30	794.17	774.86	399.00	850.00	Assume same as income	
Membership	131.08	114.25	113.90	109.30	225.00		
Winter postcard	52.36	71.75	68.00	68.00	75.00	#1395	
Spring postcard	78.72	42.50	45.86	41.30	50.00	#1396	
New members packets	0.00	0			10.00		
Mid-summer membership drive	0.00	0			10.00		
Health and Safety							
Unbudgeted expenses		291.40	90.00	0.00	0.00		
Allocations to reserves (unbudgeted, from unde)							
Website hosting fees	122.00	122.00	122.00	122.00	122.00	paid every 3 years	
Invasive Species Reserve		4000.00	4434.81	1081.00	0.00		
Lake Management Reserve				9.00			
Legal Reserve		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Loon Reserve		-179.93	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Sign Maintenance (@ boat landing)		-75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total Expenses	2,912.31	6,837.68	7,587.96	3,878.95	5,092.00		
Ending Balance Operating Fund	5,277.48	2,265.25	3,405.01	3,627.33	1,866.01		
Reserve balances (unbudgeted, from undesignated O)							
Website hosting fees	119.36	241.36	3.72	125.72	125.72		
Invasive Species Reserve	1,000.00	5,000.00	9,434.81	10,515.81	9,434.81		
Lake Management Reserve			0.00	9.00			
Legal Reserve	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00		
Loon Reserve	179.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Sign Maintenance (@ boat landing)	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Ending Balance (including reserves)	7,251.77	8,106.61	13,443.54	14,877.86	12,026.54		

