

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

**June 26, 2021**

**I. Call to Order: 11:04 AM**

**II. Roll Call of Officers and Board:**

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

**III. Report of Officers:**

**President:** No Report

**Vice President:** No Report

**Treasurer:** Kathy summarized the financial report as it stands to date. We started the year with \$5350.00. Our current income is \$2800.00. Current expenses are \$2036.00. Cash flow \$768. This does not include any money received today. Reserve funds are: Legal \$600 which we have not used, Lake Management Reserve \$1453 which is used for yearly expenses to pay for lake management (PLM) which has already been paid this year, Invasive Species \$10,905 held in a CD which is reviewed each year upon expiration. We want to have this money available in the fall to use if we discover EWM.

**Secretary:** Maggie has no report

**IV. Report of Standing Committees:**

**Communications:**

**Nominating and Membership:** Dave distributed a sheet naming those persons who are up for election today. Jeff and Val Dahlberg have volunteered to join the board. **Dave asks the following names be put forth in nomination and asks for approval. Terry Sowers for President, Kent Taylor for Vice President, Sven Anderson for Member at Large, Jeff and Val Dahlberg for Members at Large. He added Craig Timm who volunteered**

**during the meeting. These terms begin January 1, 2022. Approved unanimously.**

**Events:** Maggie reported the next big event is the Boat Parade. We are offering prizes for the best decoration.

*1st prize - Growler of beer from Lake Ann Brewery, \$25 gift card from Stone Oven, \$10 gift card from Corner Cone*

*2nd prize - \$25 gift card from Stone Oven, \$5 gift card from Corner Cone*

*3rd prize - \$20 gift card from Papa J's Pizza, \$5 gift card Corner Cone*

The theme this year is Christmas in July. The boats will be judged on creativity and enthusiasm.

Lastly we are again ordering ALPOA Hats and if folks are interested they should contact me.

**Website:** Kathy reported all is going well with the web site.

**Environmental:**

**Invasive Species:** Kent reported PLM did not find Eurasian Water Milfoil last year. The next survey will be done in August. We conducted a volunteer survey in June for Curly Leaf Pondweed which was negative. We plan another volunteer survey in fall for Starry Stonewort in the fall.

**Loons:** Kathy reported we now have 2 chicks. Noe's and Hedbergs' put out the loon platform this year. Because they were able to do this in April (which is earlier than recent years) the chicks were hatched early and are now able to protect themselves against lake traffic better.

**Water Quality:** Dave reported we have been testing for Chlorophyll, Phosphorus, Dissolved Oxygen, Water Clarity for 15-20 years. Over this time frame our lake remains very stable and in good quality. We are above average when compared to other lakes in Michigan. The details were printed in our most recent Newsletter.

**V. New Business:**

1. Dave Maxon announced the Greenbelt of the Year for 2021 is being awarded to David DeVries.

2. Aaron Hazzard asked what we can do to better enforce lake rules. He has noticed multiple moving violations and he wants to know what we can do as property owners. A discussion followed. Chrisann Timm , who serves on the Lake Ann Planning Commission, announced the Village has recently developed a “Good Neighbor Brochure” and it will be sent out with tax bills. It lays out the rules of the lake. The Village is hoping this will be made available to short term renters. Mr. Hazzard notes tax bills come too late to be useful for this season. Ms. Timm notes part of the issue is lack of enforcement from authorities. The Village has no funds for lake rule enforcement. Mr. Hazzard want to know what we can do. Kent Taylor reminds the group that ALPOA has the reputation of being the “cops of the lake.” He states we do not have the authority for this job. Additionally this reputation has put off potential new members and is counterproductive to the other goals we are trying to achieve. However, as a board we can educate our members as to what they can do to report the offenders. He states we should be taking boat numbers and calling in our complaints to the sheriff office. Kathy recalled that ALPOA developed a rules of the lake sheet several years ago for landlords to place in their rental units. It was suggested we use our website and “blasts” to introduce a PDF file of the “Good Neighbor” Brochure.

Sven concluded with a reminder that ALPOA membership is only about 40% of the folks who own property on the lake. It is very difficult for us to perform our stated duties given the limited membership. We need a larger membership and greater involvement from our current members.

**VI. Meeting Adjourned: 11:40 AM**