

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

June 25, 2022

I. Call to Order: 10:00 AM

II. Guest Speaker: Nathan Walton, PhD. Invasive Insects.

III. Roll Call of Officers and Board: Introduction of Officers

President	Terry Sowers	Present
Vice President	Kent Taylor	Present
Treasurer	Kathy Garmes-Taylor	Present
Secretary	Maggie Sowers	Present
Member at Large	Dave Maxson	Present
Member at Large	Sven Anderson	Present
Member at Large	Craig Timm	Present
Member at Large	Jeff Dahlberg	Present
Member at Large	Val Dahlberg	Absent
Total Present	Guests and Members	26

IV. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

**Motion to approve minutes from June 1, 2022 meeting by Terry Sowers.
Seconded by Jeff Dahlberg. Unanimously approved**

V. Report of Officers:

President: Terry no report

Vice President: Kent The website needs to be our go to site for information.

Treasurer: Kathy gave a summary of our finances:

There are three basic funds.

1. Invasive Fund used to treat invasive species should they occur. Held in a CD, matures annually in May. It is just under \$11,000.00.
2. Lake Management Fund is primarily used to pay for other lake related expenses, including our half of the fee paid to PLM which is \$625.00 annually to monitor the lake. Started the year with \$1787 and will end year with \$1778.
3. General Fund started the year with just under \$5000.00. Income is around \$2800.00 and expenses just about \$2800.00. We expect to end the year just under \$5000.00.

Kathy is not sure what information folks want on the website regarding finances and is open to any suggestions.

Secretary: No report.

V. Report of Standing Committees:

Communications:

Government: Craig Timm is now President of the Village of Lake Ann. No report but extends greetings from the Village Council.

Nominating and Membership: Dave Maxson introduced the slate of board nominees to be elected for 2023. After some discussion about our by-laws regarding the number of board members allowed, there were no nominations from the floor. **Dave made a motion to elect Kathy Garmes-Taylor as President, Kent Taylor as Vice-President, Dave Maxson as Treasurer, and Sven Anderson as Member at Large. Motion seconded by Lisa Meneau (member). Unanimously elected.**

Jeff reports there are approximately 191 homesites around the lake and proximal river. As of today there are about 70 members. Dave commented that historically we average about 82 members. Jeff proposes a door to door campaign to improve membership. We may need volunteers.

From the floor “What are the reasons I should be a member of ALPOA?” Some responses were:

- Find out what’s going on on the lake. We spread information.
- Website information
- We do a lot of quality work on the lake, we are one of the cleaner lakes in the state.
- We are not an enforcement agency
- Property values are dependent on quality of the lake
- We work to prevent invasive species.
- We try to inform others about good lake stewardship.
- We stay in touch with local government regarding legislation that affects the lake.

Floor suggests we write out reasons riparians should join ALPOA. Jeff agrees and suggests the board work to make a list of reasons we can present on our website. We do plan to review our flyer with these ideas in mind. Its a continuous process. Another way to reach all riparians is through our newsletter as it goes to all property owners. One idea is to inform realtors and those who rent about our work and lake rules and regulations.

Events: The events committee is responsible for organizing the Annual Meeting and the Boat Parade. Other events have occurred in the past but were poorly attended in recent years. Those events like the PPPR, were retired. There continues to be good participation for the Boat Parade. Two years ago Sven thought we should encourage this participation and have a boat decorating contest during the parade. Last year the theme was “Christmas in July” and this year, the original theme was “Anything Disney”. This idea came from last years participants. There were a few objections to this year’s theme related to current politics. The board changed it to “Favorite Cartoons”. Comments from the floor approved our current efforts. Kent reminded all that ALPOA needs to be totally without political discrimination in order to keep our IRS tax free status.

Kathy asks for ideas for speakers for our annual meeting. We plan to put a suggestion box on our website. Lisa Meneau suggests we ZOOM the meeting so those who cannot attend in person can participate.

Newsletter: Val Dahlberg edited this years Newsletter. She did a great job. She is not able to be here today. Jeff Dahlberg encourages attendants to take some of the give away items he has on display in the front of the room.

Website: Kathy seeks volunteers to help with the Website who are Wordpress knowledgeable. She is willing to train people.

Environmental:

Invasive Species: As of the PLM survey last summer we have no aquatic invasive species in Ann Lake. Once a year ALPOA and Almira Township jointly share the expense of having our lake surveyed for aquatic invasives. We used to do this as volunteers, but years ago the township proposed we share in professional surveys. The committee also surveys for specific plants like Curly Leaf Pondweed , Starry Stonewort and Purple Loosestrife. The best preventative against contaminating our lake is to clean your boat if it leaves Ann Lake. Question from the floor about having a boat wash. Our experience tells us we do not have enough boats entering Ann Lake to support the cost of a boat wash. There is no electric power or drainage away from the lake either. A boat wash is very expensive to purchase and maintain. Thus terrain, expense and utilization are prohibitive for us. Grants to fund the above are hard to obtain as preventative measures.

He asks for more committee volunteers. Invasives meeting is the third week July. Please contact Kent if you are interested.

Loons: The platform went up in April. The loons laid two eggs then abandoned the nest. They returned three weeks later, laid more eggs and now we

have one chick. Kathy encourages everyone to caution friends and family to stay away from the chick and the loons. If the loons call out, you are too close. Wake boats upset the nest if they are too close. We are now members of the Michigan Loon Association. Adult loons leave the area before the chicks.

Water Quality: Dave reports there has been no change in the water quality. Since 1994 we have sampled our water for clarity, phosphorus, chlorophyll and dissolved oxygen throughout the summer season. Longer trends have not changed in these measurements. Our water quality is considerably above average from all the other lakes that do this type of testing across the state. In part credit belongs to responsible lake owners who avoid using nitrogen based fertilizer. Also the septic systems must be checked whenever property changes hands.

From the floor is concern about foam on the shore line. Phosphates break down create protein which creates foam. PFAS is a concern for many. At this time we do not think PFAS has been found in our county and is an unlikely problem for Ann Lake. We will look into this.

VI. Old Business: We encourage people to let vegetation grow at the waters edge. Vegetation helps protect the lake from unwanted run off and erosion. We award an annual Greenbelt award. This year we chose Rich and Dianne Legeret.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 11:41 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie Sowers, Secretary