

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

**September 9, 2022**

**I. Call to Order: 4:00 PM**

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

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	Absent
Member at Large	Jeff Dahlberg	Present
Member at Large	Val Dahlberg	Present

**III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Dave motioned the minutes be approved as corrected. Jeff seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**IV. Report of Officers:**

**President:** No report

**Vice President:** No report.

**Treasurer:** This report does not include the results of the membership drive. We will end the year with an operating balance of \$5269.85. With a total balance of all funds and reserves of over \$20,00.00. We are in the black for the year which includes her projections for the remainder of the year. Income was \$3300.0 plus \$90.00. Expenses were just under \$2900.00.

**Secretary:** No report

**V. Report of Standing Committees:**

**Communications:**

**Government:** No report

**Nominating and Membership:** Dave sent 12 "We miss you" email messages to members who had lapsed. We received 3 renewals from this effort. To date we have 76 members.

**Events:** Maggie will reserve the Townhall for the next Annual Meeting to take place June 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

**Newsletter:** Val will be gathering information for Newsletter articles over the winter. The next due date is April 15, 2023. Please have all committee reports etc. to her by that date. Dave is confident the church will be available for copying again. Val wondered if the library is another option.

**Website:** Kathy has digitized the majority of the ALPOA historical papers to the website. She is working with Scott Hedberg and she stated he will continue to work with her on the website. They seek a third person who is Wordpress savvy.

**Environmental:**

**Invasive Species:**

Kent reported the verbal report from PLM is that no invasive species were found in Ann Lake. A formal written report from PLM will follow. There were some Phragmites noted. Kent questioned PLM about location of the plant and if native vs. non-native.

Dave circulated an article from the Leelanau Ticker to Board members:

Discussion points regarding the article were:

- Large areas of Burlap used to cover EWM.
- Costly to have professional divers.
- What happens with burlap, does it get caught in fish hooks.
- Kent didn't want to comment on the article in an official capacity.
- Benzie Conservation Meeting often has attendance from Glen Lake and Lake Leelanau to report their activities.
- Eradication is almost impossible once EWM is established.

Value of sharing the article is to make Ann Lake Property owners aware of how expensive it is to treat EWM.

A large quantity of purple loosestrife was removed from the lakeshore earlier this month. It was noticed that a few plants were missed so volunteers returned to get them. There were no owners known to be in residence at the missed locations, so they went ahead and pulled those plants anyway, believing no one would miss invasive species. However, one neighbor posted photographs of them on Facebook and accused them of stealing. Most alarming is that they threatened to shoot if we ever returned to the property. We notified the police about the threat and the MSP spoke to the owner. The threatening post was removed. Responses to the post remain on line.

Kent remarked that we should not be working on anyone's property without permission. We have all done this in the past, but after this problem we should stop.

In the past we have bagged the blooms of the plant and left written information at the door. This identifies the problem for the owner.

The Invasive Species Committee would like to treat this as an opportunity to educate the public about purple loosestrife and our efforts.

We also sampled the lake for Starry Stonewort on Labor Day. Nothing was found.

**Health and Safety:** No report

**Loons:** There is one chick and Kathy believes the adults have left. The platform sank. We had a brief discussion about Loon behavior in the fall.

**Water Quality:** Dave reports the last and comprehensive sampling will be this weekend. So far all results have been stable.

#### **VI. Old Business:**

**Blasts.** Kathy has the email lists for ALPOA. She is the one who sends "email blasts" to the membership. She would like to have any requests for "blasts" approved by the affiliated committee, the president or another board member. Blasts should ideally be sent from a committee chair.

#### **The By-Laws Committee met once.**

- We looked at Articles 1-4
- There are Articles of Incorporation currently that do not agree with the By-Laws. They need to agree.
- Cost to refile AOI is only \$20.
- We are not done with our work.
- There are two tiers of membership proposed, voting and associate which is non voting. Non voting members will pay less. Dues must be approved by the voting membership at the annual meeting. Kathy suggests the dollar amount for the associate tier is approved by the board and not the voting members. We will take this under advisement.
- The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow and we hope to review the remaining By-Laws.
- We will work to identify perks for associate members.
- Articles of Incorporation are the founding concepts for the organization. They must be filed with the state and the state has certain requirements for them.

- Jeff has reviewed many AOI for local lake associations and he notes most are not as complex as ours. It is important to have Articles of Incorporation that satisfy the requirements set by the state but are not so detailed that we cannot adhere to them.
- Kathy recommended talking to Sarah Thompson if there are any questions. Val has been using the historical documents Kathy has digitized to our website.
- The main focus of the first meeting was opening up our membership to non-waterfront owners. The next meeting is to review officer responsibilities and terms.

Terry asked if we need another board meeting before the end of the year. Jeff recommended we work through email. Any additional discussion can be held at the first meeting in the spring.

## **VII. New Business:**

1. Kathy reported there is a Facebook page “Friends of Lake Ann” she wonders if ALPOA should join this instead of developing our own.

It is noted that most of the people on this public site are not likely to be riparians and will not have the specific interests/concerns ALPOA does. Administration of the facebook page is also a concern, we want to have control over what we have on facebook and not leave it to a stranger.

2. Kathy wants to identify the best time for our next meeting. We discussed
  - bylaw deadline to be ready for the annual meeting
  - newsletter deadline
  - Val wants to be sure the board is all on the same page before we finalize proposed by-laws. She suggests either a zoom page, or a meeting in late april or early may.
3. Val was approached by some neighbors about a home that was being sprayed by people in Hazmat suits. Who should this be reported to? This is not a ALPOA issue. Terry recommends the Township.
4. We tossed around some ideas for the boat parade decorating contest.

## **VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 5:00PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie Sowers

## Addendum

The following should be required reading for board members, perhaps even all Ann Lake riparians. I'm forwarding in case you're not a regular subscriber to the Ticker.

Dave

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# How it Started...How It's Going: An Invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil Update From Lake Leelanau

By Emily Tyra



A team of divers and biologists from the Lake Leelanau Lake Association (LLLA) and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians (GTB) have been working tirelessly this summer controlling the potentially devastating invasive aquatic plant Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) [first discovered in 2020](#) in Lake Leelanau.

Guess what? It's working. They are making some pretty encouraging progress, shares [Annalise Povolo](#), a Lake Leelanau native and new director of administration and programs for LLLA, who has been out in the field — or more accurately, the lake — deploying burlap barriers and monitoring for any new infestations:

**Leelanau Ticker: It's been an intense summer for you. Are you still diving?**

**Povolo:** We plan to work through September...or until the water gets too cold. With the school year here, we lost a couple of our contracted divers, Catherine Dunn who is a high school teacher in DC and Austin O'Connor, who goes to a local high school. After learning about the threat of EWM last year, they both got SCUBA certified so they could help us out this summer! We are seeking new helpers this fall...any certified and experienced SCUBA diver who might be interested in volunteering, please [contact me](#).

**Leelanau Ticker: Where are the biggest infestations of invasive EWM on Lake Leelanau?**

**Povolo:** At the bay where Otto Road comes out and at the two land outcrops south of Otto Road. That's where we're concentrating most of our effort this summer.

**Leelanau Ticker: Who is out there fighting the weed?**

**Povolo:** We have a crew of about 10 that includes me, EWM Project Manager Ron Reimink, and LLLA Biologist Brian Price (who was the first to discover EWM on the lake in 2020). Catherine and Austin were underwater almost every day the weather permitted, and they handled the difficulty of this work like champions. There are also biologists from the Tribe, who help us out when we deploy the burlap barriers. And we are partnering with Grand Valley State University (GVSU) and have a grad student whose research for her thesis is studying the efficacy of these barriers.

**Leelanau Ticker: And the barriers are there to choke out EWM?**

**Povolo:** Yes. There are now 10 areas where we have placed barriers since 2020...most are on the southeast side of South Lake Leelanau plus a couple of small ones on the west side of the lake. There is one barrier just south of The Narrows.

