

**Ann Lake Property Owners' Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2025**

I. Call to Order: 10:06am

II. Guest Speaker:

1. Dr Nick Roster, Biologist, NMC spoke to the group about microplastics.
2. Currently doing research on Boardman-Ottaway Watershed, looking to expand scope and locations of data collections. Platte River Watershed may be a possible location.
3. Data is showing microplastics are in everything now.
4. They are considered “forever” chemicals.
5. Gave suggestions on what we can do to reduce our plastic usage.

III. Roll Call of Officers and Board:

President:	Jeff Dahlberg	Present
Vice-President:	Kathy Garmes-Taylor	Present
Treasurer:	Dave Maxson	Present
Secretary:	Val Dahlberg	Present
Member at Large:	Maggie Sowers	Present
Member at Large:	Aaron Jenkins	Absent
Member at Large:	Darryl Perry	Absent
Member at Large:	Randy Davis	Present
Member at Large:	Don Shires	Present

Total Present: 34 Voting Members, 2 Associate Members, 2 Guests

IV. Approval of the Annual Meeting Agenda: Kathy moved to approve agenda. Val seconded motion. Agenda approved unanimously by voting members.

V. Approval of Minutes from last Board meeting: Dave moved to approve minutes, Val seconds motion, unanimously approved by Board.

VI. Report of Officers:

President:

1. Welcome given and shared information on membership totals
2. Summarized ALPOA activities during the summer months (see details in minutes)
3. Recommended Heat index app for ALPOA members to use for the upcoming high heat days.

Vice-President: no report

Treasurer: see attached report of June 13, 2025

1. Beginning Balance on Jan 1, 2025: \$6,309.42
2. Income to date: \$3,753.51
3. Expenses to date: \$1,316.59
4. Operating Surplus: \$2,436.92
5. Current Balance Operating Fund: \$8,746.34

6. Invasive Remediation Reserve: \$11,806.34. These funds to be used only for immediate treatment of invasive species, if found.
7. Financial status of organization is stable and sustained at this point.

Secretary:

1. “Spot volunteer” sign-up on form at check- in table.
2. Trying to gather names of people interested in helping on specific projects for limited time periods during the summer months.

VII. Report of Standing Committees:

Communications:

Nominating: Jeff

1. Current proposed slate of nominees: Dave Maxson (President-1yr term), Randy Davis (Vice-Pres-1yr term), Aaron Jenkins (Treasurer 3-year term) Jeff Dahlberg (Member at Large 3-year term), Aaron Hazzard (Member at Large 3-year term) Terms effective Jan 1, 2026
2. No nominations from the floor. Board will function as 8-person vs full 9-person Board in 2026.
3. **Committee proposed motion to accept the Member at Large nominees to the 2026 ALPOA Board (Jeff, Aaron Hazzard). Dave moved. Scott seconded. Vote for nominees passed unanimously.**
4. **Committee proposed motion to accept the nominees for Board Officers to the 2026 ALPOA Board (Dave, Randy, Aaron Jenkins). Kathy moved. Aaron H seconded. Vote for nominees passed unanimously.**

Membership: Dave

1. ALPOA has 74 Voting members and 2 Associate Member as of June 22, 2025.
2. We gained 8 voting and 1 Associate memberships at the Annual Meeting.
3. **2024** had 87 members. Dave follows up through the summer with previous members who have paid yet. We hope to reach over 80 members by end of 2025.
4. Question on opening up memberships to Associates (non-riparian, non-voting). This allows for more potential and flexibility to write for grants if we change from current 501c4 to 501c3 status.

Events: Dave/Maggie/Val

1. . Greenbelt Award
 - a. 2025 Greenbelt of the Year Award given to Dr. John and Gerri Shook (not able to be present at meeting).
 - b. Greenbelt sign will be taken to their home, and with their permission posted on their property.
 - c. Members were encouraged to intentionally develop a greenbelt on their property.
2. Maggie asks for “spot” volunteers to help with breakdown of chairs/tables at end of meeting.
3. Boat Parade, July 4, 2025, 1pm, meet over the sandbar.
 - a. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes given at end of parade by judging boat.

- b. Prizes this year were donated by Red Door, Stone Oven, PapaJ's, Bread Lady, Corner Cone
 - c. Photos taken of the decorated boats and get posted at the LA Brewery.
 - d. Use "Americana" theme.
4. ALPOA Hats: being sold today for \$17.00 (2 left).
 5. We are investigating a different logo wear provider and will give info on that when we finalize details. Allows for individual orders and payment directly to company.
 6. Homecoming/Lake Ann Days will be July 12, 2025, 9am-2pm.
 - a. Good opportunity to meet Board members at ALPOA booth
 - b. Education to public about ALPOA and what we do.
 - c. Will raffle an ALPOA hat off. Do not need to join ALPOA to participate in raffle.

Newsletter: Val

1. Sending only one newsletter annually due to increasing printing costs. Trying to encourage members to receive electronic copy vs hard copy to help decrease printing costs.
2. Newsletters sent to all riparian and non-riparian property owners in our database of 200 physical addresses.
3. 96 hard copies and 144 Email copies sent May 15, 2025.
4. Extra copies handed out at Annual Meeting, Lake Ann Days, to local businesses who give gifts for Boat Parade, welcome packet to new property owners.

Trifold Brochures: Val

1. Presented new updated 2025 Trifold Brochure.
2. Boat launch container with Trifolds was damaged and has been replaced with a new one.

Website: Kathy

1. Looking for help with this committee.
2. Any interested members with website experience should contact Kathy to assist.
3. Scott H. is helping and shared his experience with other sites.
4. Using Blue Host for the website.
5. Investigating costs of different hosts as our contract terminates 2026.

Environmental:

Invasive Species-Jeff

1. Thank you given to Kent Taylor for his service on this committee while serving on the ALPOA Board.
2. Jeff is now head of this committee.
3. Monitoring for aquatic based invasives occurs 3 times/year: June, August, Sept.

4. Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) primary concern, passed by small segments of the plant. **No EWM found to date.**
5. Will work with John Ransom (BCD) to see why Lake Ann does not have EWM. pH levels might be a factor. Possible pH testing discussed.
6. Vigilance still very important as we are surrounded by infested lakes, increasing our risk for infestation in Ann Lake.
7. Discussed other invasives we look for during surveys.
 - a. Purple Loosestrife (PL) is increasing around Lake Ann. Education given on how to deal with removal of this land based invasive. Discussion of using beetles that eat PL only is being investigated. Mary's Lake (across from State campground) feeding into Lake Ann may be causing Lake Ann infestation.
 - b. Phragmites australis infestation found at Almira Township Park in Lake Ann Village. Almira Township has passed this to BCD. John Ransom (BCD) is working to treat this. DNR has link to information on how to control. Will share link with ALPOA database for education on eradication.

Loons: Kathy/Scott

1. 1 chick hatched in June and is feeding with the parents.
2. 1 egg rocked out the nest and was not viable. Has been rescued to have testing done on it.
3. Shared information about loon behavior and MI state Loon Preservation group. Several ALPOA members are part of this group.

Water Quality: Don

1. Monitoring has been ongoing since 1999
2. Clarity of lake decreases as summer progresses, but clarity still considered above average.
3. CLMP provides an annual report to ALPOA. ALPOA pays for this monitoring. CLMP monitors about 300 lakes in MI. Reports can be found on annlake.org website.
4. Demonstration of Secchi disc monitoring, measurement of dissolved oxygen (O2), temperature, chlorophyll, discussion of Phosphorus (PO4) testing. Increased PO4 testing being suggested by BCD to monitor septic field leakage into the lake.

VIII. Old Business: none

IX. New Business: none

X. Meeting Adjourned: 11:55am

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Dahlberg, Secretary

ANN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

June 13, 2025

	2024	2025	2025
	Actual	Actual	Budget
Beginning Balance January 1	5,515.86	6,309.42	6,309.42
INCOME			
membership dues paid	2,415.00	1,680.00	2,400.00
prepaid future membership dues	270.00	210.00	
donations	61.00	32.00	100.00
CD interest: (invasive remediation reserve)	299.31	512.57	300.00
MM Interest	281.52	164.94	375.00
Lake Preservation Fund (monitoring)	1,102.00	996.00	894.00
Riparian subscriptions	266.00	158.00	266.00
Hats sold	206.25		
Total Income	4,901.08	3,753.51	4,335.00
EXPENSES			
Michigan Lakes & Streams Association; dues	140.00	140.00	140.00
Subscriptions to Michigan Riparian	322.00	322.00	322.00
Liability insurance premium	437.66		437.71
State filing fee	20.00		20.00
PO box rent and misc postage	58.00	112.00	42.00
PayPal Fees	4.01	4.94	20.00
Water Quality:			
CLMP Enrollment	230.00	230.00	230.00
Equipment			
Newsletters/Communication:			
Summer newsletter	284.25	73.00	300.00
Tri-fold brochures	312.41		
Supplies		9.41	
Website	91.17	35.00	70.00
Loon Committee			100.00
Invasive Species:			200.00
PLM monitoring	625.00		625.00
Special Events:			
Annual meeting	139.75	50.00	150.00
Lake Ann Homecoming	25.00		25.00
Boat Parade			150.00
Hats for Resale			0.00
Membership:			
Winter postcard	102.00		105.00
New members packets			0.00
Unbudgeted expenses	20.31	4.00	0.00
Allocations to reserves			
Website hosting fees			131.88
Invasive Remediation Reserve	193.96	336.24	300.00
Lake Monitoring Reserve	1,102.00		894.00
Legal Reserve			0.00
Loon Reserve			0.00
Total Expenses	4,107.52	1,316.59	4,262.59
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for year	793.56	2,436.92	72.41
Ending Balance Operating Fund	6,309.42	8,746.34	6,381.83
Reserve balances			
Website hosting fees	263.76	263.76	131.88
Invasive Remediation Reserve	11,470.10	11,806.34	12,500.00
Lake Monitoring Reserve	3,118.00	3,118.00	4,012.00
Legal Reserve	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Resources (including reserves)	23,661.28	26,434.44	25,525.71

DEPOSIT BALANCES

PayPal	326.65
Checking	956.56
CD	11,982.67
MM	13,168.56

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