

# Minutes

## Long Lake Association Annual Meeting

August 24, 2009

5:30 PM

Boone's Long Lake Inn

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### **Call to Order and Welcome – Vice President Mike Pifer**

- Conducting meeting in the absence of President Charlie Conville
- Appreciation to Boone's for use of facility
- Introduction of current board members
- Acknowledgement of absent board members, Charlie Conville and Brad Oleson
- Introduction of Tanya Berg, new board secretary
- Confirmed John Tobin will conduct official vote count for newly elected board
- Request for approval of minutes from prior annual meeting (August 25, 2008). Motion by Roger Watson and second by Ron Kennedy. Motion approved.

### **Water Safety – Chris Oossee, Grand Traverse Sherriff Department**

- Reminded members that personal watercraft can now be ridden until sunset.
- Confirmed that sea planes are regulated by the FAA. No marine regulations.
- Sherriff patrol logged 269 hours on Long Lake as of 8/24/09. Reviewed stats:
  - 22 violations
  - 93 warnings
  - 12 complaints
- Took questions from membership. RK asked about enforcement of the noise ordinance (90 decibels at idle.) A member asked what boater safety class or certification was required for personal water craft rentals. Sherriff Oossee indicated that a short tutorial at time of rental and a signed waiver are the only requirements.
- Member RW shared that a 22 foot pontoon boat had been secured and will be converted to a fire boat to protect the islands by next spring. Long Lake Foundation has been providing funding.

### **Treasurer's Report – Jo Marie Marks**

- Reported \$26,311 in LLA checking account. A detailed report is available to members.
- Membership is down from prior year. Currently 315 members. 44% of members make an additional contribution beyond annual dues.
- Appeal for broader participation from membership on the board. Currently need a Treasurer.

### **Audit Report – Ron Albers**

- Confirmed independent verification of LLA financial records.

### **Community Affairs – Pug Rundio**

- Asked membership if annual meeting reminder signs at area intersections were helpful to members. Consensus opinion was signs are helpful but could be larger.
- Traverse City Area Schools (TCAPS) will build new Long Lake School on North Long Lake Road.
- Long Lake Township (LLT) presented a proposed plan for a new Village Center on North Long Lake Rd at public hearing on 8/20/09. Currently seeking input from residents regarding the new Village Center. Steering Committee has been formed (area businesses, LLT, residents, TCAPS).
- RK asked if city water and sewage would be part of that plan. Rundio encouraged RK and others to submit their questions and input via the Long Lake Watershed Input form.
- KS asked if the Crown Golf Course was within the Long Lake watershed. KS expressed concern that the pond across from the Crown seems to be drying up and questioned whether the golf course's irrigation system may be draining the pond. Wiand suggested that members contact the Drain Commissioner if they have specific

concerns to report. KS also suggested that watershed signs be installed around Long Lake area to identify the watershed.

#### **Lake Management – Dennis Wiand and Ron Albers**

- Long Lake water levels only down three inches from when ice went out this spring.
- On July 23, 2009, Enviro-Science, MDEQ, and LLA lake management team members surveyed 35 of the 70 sites identified with milfoil. Those 35 sites represent 90% of the milfoil in the lake. Sites looked good. Weevils were present at 29 of 35 sites so conclusion is the combination of weevils and chemical control is working. MDEQ is impressed with LLA results and will be monitoring our progress further for learning purposes. Thanked Maureen Templeton and Karen Rosa at LLT for hosting a lunch for the survey team that day.
- Final report from Enviro-Science will be available by the end of the year.
- Ron Kennedy commented that \$91,000 had been spent so far to control milfoil in a cost-sharing effort by Long Lake Association, Long Lake Township, and Long Lake Foundation.

#### **Communications and Long Range Planning - Joy Tobin**

- Working to update website more often. Balancing timely updates with maintaining longer-term reference information on the site. Encouraged members to provide her with suggestions.
- In response to a question, Tobin indicated that the cost for the website is on the treasurer's report.
- Based on the 2006 member survey, which had a 74% response rate, the board continues to focus on the key areas that were of greatest importance to members:
  - Lake Management and Water Quality
  - Water Safety/Enforcement
  - Septic System Monitoring
  - Loon Protection
- The 2006 survey results are available on the LLA website.
- SG asked the status of septic system monitoring. Tobin indicated that septic inspections are now being conducted at time of sale. Albers stated that a shoreline survey was done in 2008 where hot spots were identified. If you have a specific concern, contact the Grand Traverse Health Department.

#### **Election of Officers – John Tobin**

- Confirmed votes were verified. All nominees were elected.
- President: Jo Marie Marks
- Vice President: Dennis Wiand
- Brad Oleson – one year term
- Dan Marks – one year term
- Joy Tobin – two year term
- Jake Kaberle – three year term
- Walter Kraimer – three year term
- Dean Templeton – three year term

#### **President's Closing Remarks – Jo Marks**

- Thanked Charlie Conville for his leadership, dedication, and service as president.
- Thanked immediate past board members Ron Albers, John Cartwright, and Mike Pifer for their hard work and dedicated service.
- The board's focus is to preserve our lakes, Long Lake, Mickey Lake, and Ruth Lake.
- The board is here to represent members and members are encouraged to contact Marks at any time with questions or concerns.

#### **Adjournment at 6:30 PM**

*Respectfully submitted by Tanya Berg, Board Secretary*