

**Published Agenda for June 16, 2007**

**Annual Meeting**

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**LITTLE PLATTE LAKE ASSOCIATION**

**MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING**

**JUNE 16, 2007 10 a. m.**

**Homestead Township Hall**

**Agenda**

**Call to Order 10:00AM - Ron Brown**

**Secretary's Report - Gretchen Staub - Minutes 8-19-06 Annual Meeting**

**Treasurer's Report - John Ester**

**Membership Committee - Lucy Swanson and Sandy Link**

**Water Level Committee - Lynn Walker - Water level, watershed and boat launch.**

**Loon Committee - John Ester**

**Water Quality Committee - Dave VanHammen and Lou Glatzer**

**Fishery Committee - Ron Troutman - Fishing reports - Fish count**

**MLSA Plant Mapping - Gretchen Staub - Three exotic species.**

**Website - Keith Farley**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Results of questionnaire in the winter newsletter.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Garlic Mustard**

**Northwest Michigan Onsite Wastewater Task Force - See LPLA website**

**Election of 5 Board of Directors for 2007-2008**

**6th LPLA Annual Membership Meeting**

**Saturday June 21, 2008 10:00 a.m. Homestead Twp. Hall**

# **LITTLE PLATTE LAKE ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**JUNE 16, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 by President Ronnie Brown. After introducing the Board members and passing out handouts the meeting began. The President began by informing everyone of the 100 ft. courtesy rule, that is, boats need to leave one hundred feet between them and docks on shore.

The minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting have been on the website so Mr. Brown entertained a motion to accept them. A motion came from the floor to accept the minutes from the 2006 annual meeting. It was seconded and accepted by the membership

Treasurer, John Ester had copies of the treasurer's report and the proposed budget available for the membership. He explained that spending was up from the previous year because the expense of the loon platform was greater than originally planned. Also, he renewed the web subscription for two years instead of one. Monte Del Monte made the motion to accept the report and the proposed budget. It was seconded by Phil Lavender and passed.

Ronnie Brown reported that there were approximately two hundred forty parcels on the lake and the membership committee was going to try to contact non members over the summer to encourage them to join the association.

Lynn Walker gave an in depth report on the water level at the dam, the watershed, and a history of the Saffron Road boat launch site. Monte Del Monte wondered who kept records of the work done at the boat launch site. Lynn said the DNR kept records of that site and to contact the DNR office in Grawn with any questions. The boards were put in at the Deadstream dam on Thursday, June 14th. The dry conditions we are currently experiencing are why the water level is a little low. When we receive adequate rain to refill the watershed the level should rise to the court appointed 586.7 feet above sea level. The dam had been surveyed last year and a piece of angle iron was notched to check the level at a glance. Lou Glatzer and Phil Lavender had several questions for Lynn about the responsibility of monitoring the water level at the dam. Terry Money, the county drain commissioner, is in charge of that task. Todd Morgan felt records should be kept and Lynn confirmed that the drain commissioner does do that.

John Ester gave a report of the birds on and around our lake. The loon platform which was installed in early May appears to have loons nesting on it. We will need a place to store it for the winter, so if you can, please contact John. He also told that the pelican that was rescued last year is living in the St. Louis Zoo. He explained that an unexpected bird die off occurred on the Lake Michigan beaches last fall.

Bea Lavender noticed that one of the old duck blinds had been removed. Thanks go to John Ester and Ronnie Brown for that job.

Dave Van Hammen gave a report on how we test for water quality. Jim Dodge, Lou Glatzer and Dave collect routine samples of the lake water. They then have it checked for clarity, phosphorus and chlorophyll. The samples are taken to the lab in Cadillac, analyzed, recorded and published through CLMP. Results will be available on line once we set up a password to access the MICORPS site.

**Ronnie Brown gave a fishery report and shared information that he learned from Todd Kalish from the DNR about our lake and fish count. We are on a list to have another fish survey done sometime in the future when the state has more money to spend. Until then, it appears that the fish quality and numbers seem to be holding their own and fishing is still good, although that depends on which fisherman you ask!**

**Gretchen Stub explained the plant mapping program we are conducting on the lake to monitor native water plants and watch for invasive species. It will be a two year project and she needs help to collect the plants.**

**Keith Farley maintains our website and is constantly updating it. A hand count showed that about eighteen people have visited the site. John explained an addition to the site will be to add an e-mail update page that members can fill out and send in. This page will include any new or updated information as well as the option to have their e-mail address be added to an e-mail mailing list of members who want to be notified by the LPLA when changes on the web page occur or other important LPLA related information becomes available. Interested members will sign a form allowing us to include their e-mail addresses in the list.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ronnie shared the results of last year's survey.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Dave Van Hammen explained how garlic mustard, an invasive plant is growing in our area can be eradicated with an herbicide such as Roundup. He also brought plants so those who were unaware could identify them.**

**The Northwest Michigan Onsite Wastewater Task Force information has a link on our website for interested parties.**

**Lou Glatzer ran the election for board members. First the membership had to approve John Ester's appointment as treasurer. John has been acting as treasurer since last September after Chuck Retallick left the Board leaving a vacancy. Char Ester made a motion to accept John as treasurer and Kris Del Monte seconded the motion, which carried. After reading selected portions of the bylaws, Lou Glatzer advised that the Board had nominated the present five members for another one year term. He then asked for new nominations from the floor. There being no nominations he asked for a motion to reelect the present five Board members by acclamation. Char Ester made the motion to renew all board members for another term and Kris Del Monte seconded that motion. All five board members were reelected for another term by the membership.**

**A motion was made and seconded from the floor that the meeting could be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:48am.**

**The next annual meeting will be at ten o'clock , Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> , 2008 at the Homestead Hall.**

**Respectfully submitted, Gretchen Staub, Secretary**

To: LPLA Members

From: John Ester, Treasurer

Re: Financial Statement and Proposed Budget

**In connection with this year's Annual Meeting on June 16, 2007, I have attached the following:**

- **Cash Flow Comparison showing Income and Expenses for the last 12 months as compared to the same period for the prior year**
- **Account Balance as of 5/21/07 and as of the same date in 2006**
- **LPLA Proposed Budget for 6/1/07 - 5/31/08**

**(The financial figures and Proposed Budget are based on the 12-month period beginning 6/1 and ending 5/31, since with our Annual Meeting in mid-June that seems like a more natural financial cycle than the calendar year.)**

**In accordance with the Bylaws, the Proposed Budget was approved by the LPLA Board at our meeting of 5/17/07 and will be presented to the general membership for approval at the Annual Meeting on 6/16/07. In that regard a word or two as to the Proposed Budget might be helpful.**

**The Budget assumes that dues and contributions will remain at about the same level as this past year at \$1,700. On the spending side the Budget estimates several major expenses (payments to Michigan Lakes & Streams Association, postage and printing) at roughly the same level as this past year. It further recognizes that some of our larger expenses over the past year (for the loon platform and the survey) were one-time expenses that will not be repeated this coming year. In addition, our web site expense was larger this past year because it covered two years (and hence there will be no web site expense in the upcoming year). The Budget estimates total expenses for the upcoming year at \$1,210, meaning that we anticipate taking in \$490 more than we will spend over the next twelve months.**

**Anyone with any questions as to the financial information or Proposed Budget is urged to contact me by telephone at 231-325-2445 or by email at [jester625@earthlink.net](mailto:jester625@earthlink.net). Needless to say, I also will be happy to address any questions from the floor at the Annual Meeting.**

Little Platte Lake Association

Cash Flow Comparison

5/22/2005 - 5/21/2007

Category Description	5/22/05- 5/21/06	5/22/06- 5/21/07	Amount Difference
<b>INFLOWS</b>			
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>265.00</b>	<b>265.00</b>
Dues			
<b>Prepaid</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>-30.00</b>	<b>-90.00</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>1,645.00</b>	<b>1,440.00</b>	<b>-205.00</b>
<b>Other Dues</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>TOTAL Dues</b>	<b>1,705.00</b>	<b>1,440.00</b>	<b>-265.00</b>
<b>Promotion Income</b>	<b>193.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-193.90</b>
<b>TOTAL IN</b>	<b>1,898.90</b>	<b>1,705.00</b>	<b>-193.90</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>			
<b>Dues Paid</b>	<b>148.00</b>	<b>119.00</b>	<b>29.00</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>242.50</b>	<b>482.50</b>	<b>-240.00</b>
Fees			
<b>Bank Maint.</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Speakers</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Fees</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>46.00</b>	<b>-26.00</b>
<b>TOTAL Fees</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>96.00</b>	<b>-21.00</b>
<b>Hall Rental</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Loon Platform</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>354.21</b>	<b>-354.21</b>
<b>Materials</b>	<b>37.13</b>	<b>33.34</b>	<b>3.79</b>

<b>Postage</b>	<b>106.30</b>	<b>180.95</b>	<b>-74.65</b>
<b>Printing</b>	<b>161.46</b>	<b>123.02</b>	<b>38.44</b>
<b>Promotion Exp. 69.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>69.60</b>	
<b>Rental</b>	<b>24.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>Survey</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>-300.00</b>
<b>Web Site</b>	<b>69.20</b>	<b>118.40</b>	<b>-49.20</b>
<b>TOTAL OUT</b>	<b>968.19</b>	<b>1,842.42</b>	<b>-874.23</b>

OVERALL TOTAL      930.71      -137.42 -1,068.13

Account Balance

As of 5/22/06: \$1,937.43

As of 5/22/07: \$1,800.01

LPLA Proposed Budget

6/1/07 - 5/31/08

Income

**Contributions**                      **200**

**Dues**                                      **1,400**

**\$1,600**

Expenses

**Dues (MLSA)**                      **125**

**Education (MLSA)**                **500**

**Fees**                                      **50**

**Hall Rental**                          **35**

**Postage**                                **180**

**Printing**                                **120**

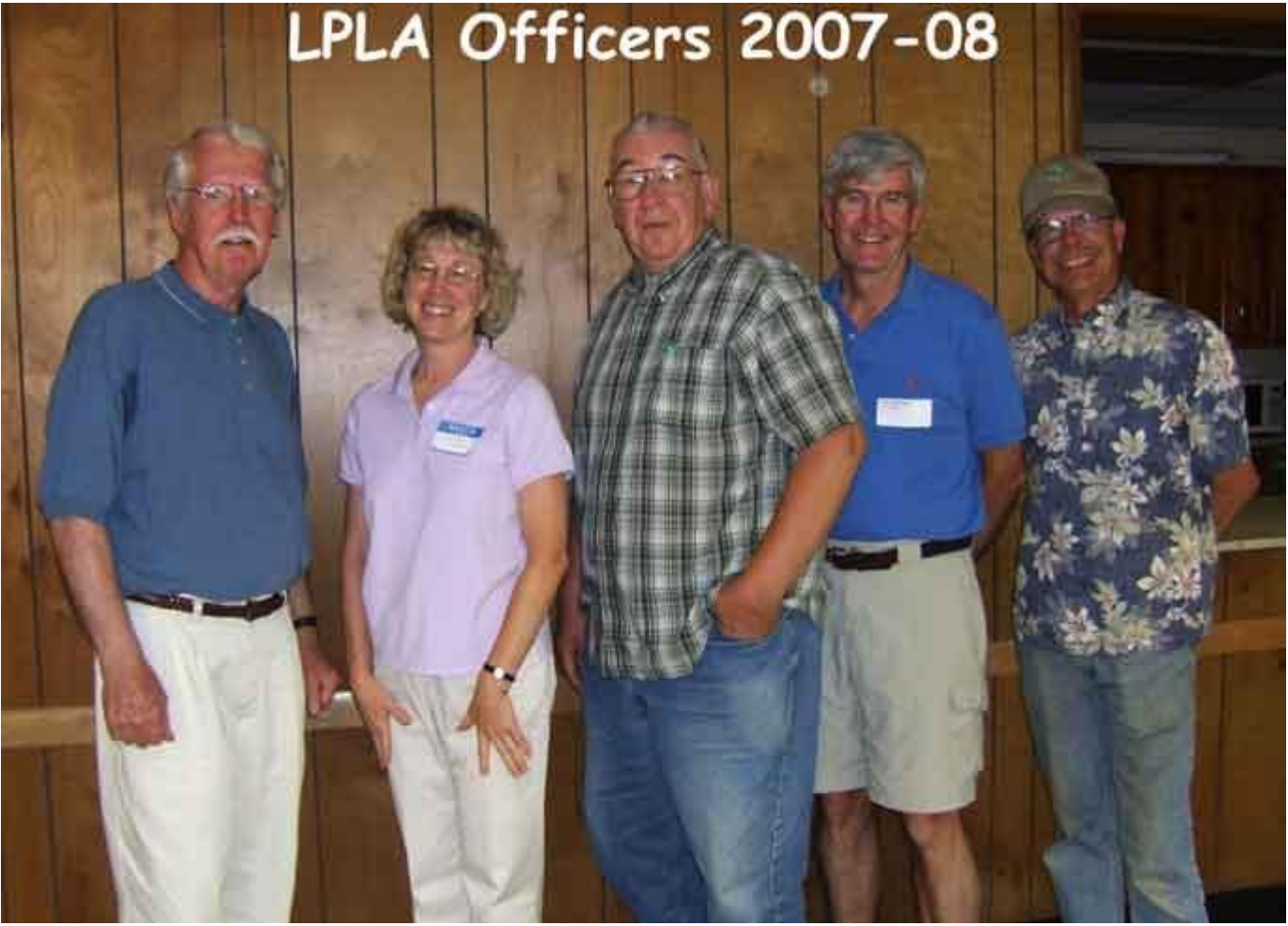
**Miscellaneous**                      **200**

**Cash Reserve**                      **390**

**\$1,600**



## LPLA Officers 2007-08



L-R Ronnie Brown, President; Gretchen Staub, Secretary; Lynn Walker, Trustee; John Ester, Treasurer; David Van Hammen, Trustee