

2008 Annual Meeting Agenda

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Saturday June 21, 2008

Homestead Township Hall in Honor

Call to Order: Ronnie Brown

Secretary's Report - Minutes of 6/16/07 Annual Meeting: Gretchen Staub

Treasurer's Report - Membership Report, Financial Report, Proposed Budget: John Ester

Water Level Committee Report: Lynn Walker

Water Quality Committee Report: Dave Van Hammen

Fishery Committee Report: Ronnie Brown

MLSA Plant Mapping: Gretchen Staub

Bird Committee Report: John Ester

Website: Keith Farley

Old Business

New Business

Election of 5 directors for 2008 - 2009

Brief presentation and Q & A by DNR Enforcement Officer (tentative)

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Adjournment

*This Agenda is subject to amendment. Any member wishing to add an item to the Agenda should advise any Board member as soon as possible. Check our website at www.littleplattlake.org for any last minute Agenda changes.

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Little Platte Lake Association

Notice of Meeting

When? Saturday, June 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Where? Homestead Township Hall

Why? LPLA Annual Meeting

Join us for our Annual Meeting at the Homestead Township Hall on US-31 in Honor. Learn about water issues and the state of our fish and birds. In addition to electing directors, we anticipate a Q & A session on boating issues with someone from the Marine Patrol. Check the LPLA website for a tentative Agenda, as well as a financial report and proposed budget. Questions? Call Ronnie Brown at 231-325-2401 or [reply here](#).

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Cash Flow Comparison 6/1/06 through 5/31/08

<u>Category</u> <u>Description</u>	<u>6/1/06-</u> <u>5/31/07</u>	<u>6/1/07-</u> <u>5/31/08</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Difference</u>
INFLOWS			
Contributions	265.00	160.00	-105.00
Dues			
Prepaid	-30.00	0.00	30.00
Received	1,470.00	2,515.00*	1,045.00
Other Dues	30.00	30.00	0.00
TOTAL Dues	1,470.00	2,545.00	1,075.00
TOTAL IN	1,735.00	2,705.00*	970.00
OUTFLOWS			
Dues Paid	119.00	170.00	-51.00
Education	482.50	0.00	482.50
Fees			
Bank Process	0.00	14.55	-
Speakers	50.00	0.00	50.00
Other Fees	46.00	40.00	6.00
TOTAL Fees	96.00	54.55	41.45
Hall Rental	35.00	35.00	0.00
Loon Platform	354.21	0.00	354.21
Materials	33.34	29.38	3.96
Postage	180.95	90.20	90.75
Printing	141.02	118.00	23.02
Survey	300.00	0.00	300.00
Water Testing	0.00	169.50	-169.50
Web Site	118.40	0.00	118.40
TOTAL OUT	1,860.42	666.63	1,193.79
OVERALL TOTAL	-125.42	2,038.37*	2,163.79

*Inflow includes \$1,140 in dues and contributions received prior to 5/31/08 for the fiscal year of 6/1/08 - 5/31/09.

Account Balance

<u>5/31/07</u>	<u>5/31/08</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$1,812.01	\$3,880.38	\$2,068.37

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LPLA Proposed Budget 6/1/08 - 5/31/09

	<u>6/1/07 - 5/31/08</u>		<u>6/1/08 - 5/31/09</u>
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Income			
Contributions	200	160*	
Dues	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,215*</u>	<u>1,600</u>
	\$1,600	\$1,375*	\$1,600
Expenses			
Dues (MLSA)	125	170	70
Education (MLSA) 500		0	300
Fees	50	55	55
Hall Rental	35	35	35
Postage	180	90	100
Printing	120	120	140
Miscellaneous	200	200	300
Cash Reserve	<u>390</u>	<u>705</u>	<u>600</u>
	\$1,600	\$1,375	\$1,600

*Excludes contributions and dues received prior to 5/31/08 for the upcoming fiscal year (6/1/08 - 5/31/09).

Anyone with questions can contact me by phone at 231-325-2445 or by email at jester625@earthlink.net.

Of course I will also be available for questions at the Annual Meeting.

Thanks!

John

Press Release from 2008 *Meeting*

Little Platte Lake Association Meets

HONOR - The Little Platte Lake Association held its annual meeting on June 21 at the Homestead Township Hall in Honor. Members learned what the Association has accomplished since last year's meeting. LPLA continues to monitor the water level of the lake in relation to that ordered by the Benzie County Circuit Court. The loon platform placed on the lake by LPLA with DNR approval turned out to be a mallard platform this year. After efforts to obtain a fish count from the DNR fizzled, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians stepped up and conducted a survey last July, the results of which were discussed. Water testing and plant mapping efforts are continuing at the lake.

The business portion of the meeting was recessed for a brief presentation on boat safety by Deputies Ted Schendel and Rick Robbins from the Marine Patrol Division of the Benzie County Sheriff's Office. After their talk on boat safety the deputies answered questions from the members as to such things as registration requirements and reporting offending boaters.

The members then elected directors to serve on the Board until next year's meeting: President Ronnie Brown, Secretary Gretchen Staub, Treasurer John Ester, and Trustees Lynn Walker and Dave Van Hammen. Minutes of the meeting and further information about LPLA can be found at www.littleplattelake.org.

Minutes Of 2008 Meeting

LITTLE PLATTE LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 21, 2008

The LPLA Annual Meeting was called to order by President Ronnie Brown at 10:10.

The minutes of the 2007 LPLA Annual Meeting have been available on line at our web site. Chuck Retallick made the motion to accept the 2007 minutes, Char Ester seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer John Ester presented the proposed budget as well as explained a cash flow comparison from 2006 through 2008. The state of the budget looks good with many people renewing their memberships at enhanced levels. Most of the members paid dues with the return envelopes provided earlier by mail. This system is not only easier for the treasurer but also allowed the meeting to begin more quickly because prepaid members did not have to take the time to pay upon entering. Our account balance is up also because we had reduced expenses this past year. Gretchen Staub made a motion to accept the report, Lou Glatzer seconded it, and the motion passed.

John Ester also gave a membership report stating that 220 membership applications/renewals had been mailed out this spring with 57 households responding. According to county records Little Platte Lake is surrounded by 337 parcels of land with 220 parcels assigned local addresses and privately owned. The association will try to do the bulk of its communication by email to save postage and the work of organizing and printing mailings.

Lynn Walker gave a very informative presentation on the state of the watershed. There was much discussion of the dam at Deadstream and how it is maintained to attempt to keep the water level as constant as possible. With the drought last year and the heavy rains this spring it has fluctuated upsetting peoples' shore lines.

Dave Van Hammen reported that the DNR has also been testing Little Platte Lake's water since 2004 along with sampling Platte Lake's water. The data can be found on the Platte Lake Improvement Association's web page: www.platte-lake.org. There will be a presentation of data at the Platte River Fish Hatchery June 30th at 10:00AM that we are invited to attend. We have purchased collection equipment for this year but may decide to stop doing our own sampling if it is being covered and paid for by the DNR.

Ronnie Brown went over the fish survey that was conducted on Little Platte last year by the Chippewa and Ottawa Tribe last summer. Not all results are in yet but the lake looks to be producing great pan fish and bass. Providing cover will continue to help these species flourish.

y Retallick made a motion to briefly recess the meeting when the officers of the Benzie Marine Patrol arrived at 10:45. Pete Preston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Officers Rick Robbins and Ted Schendel spoke and answered many questions about water safety. The bottom line is use common sense on and around the water. They also left the Handbook of Michigan Laws and Responsibilities for everyone.

The meeting resumed at 11:05 with a brief explanation of the aquatic plant mapping project that Gretchen Staub started last year and hopes to finish this year. The final map will be found on the web site when completed.

Ronnie Brown brought in several hats and a t-shirt printed with the LPLA logo. Most of the hats sold before the meeting and there was interest to pursue sweatshirts, t-shirts, and more hats. The Board will look into this matter and make information available on the web.

Char Ester made a motion to have signs made reminding boaters of the shallow depth of the lake for the two public access sites. These will replace signs which had been taken several years ago. Lou Glatzer seconded the motion and it carried.

A developer has purchased land above Deadstream Road with the plan of selling hilltop home sites overlooking Platte Lake. The plans will have to be approved by the township planning commission before any action can be taken.

Lou Glatzer ran the election of the Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the floor and the board members were unanimously elected for the upcoming year.

Gretchen Staub made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22.

2008 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER LEVEL – Lynn Walker

Last summer, our watershed dropped 8-12" below normal due to the lack of snow in the winter and rain in the spring of 2007. From April to the end of July 2007, we received only 3" of rain. The last time this occurred was the drought years (1954-1956) summers), which got residents of Little Platte Lake to start a petition for the Dam.

This spring, (2008) we were back to normal due to winter snows of 151" and 8" of rain as of June 4, 2008.

The lake level had dropped at the Dam to a 1.5 reading from the 1.8 legal limit. Boards were put in as of May 30, slowly bringing up the lake level to our legal limit of a 1.8 reading.

BIRD REPORT – John Ester

Loon / Eagles, etal.
Loons did not use platforms.
Eagle Chick gone?

WATER QUALITY REPORT – Dave Van Hammen

LPLA has again signed up for the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP), focusing on water sample tests and Secchi Disc readings.

FISH REPORT – Ronnie Brown

Fish Survey by Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

MLSA PLANT MAPPING – Gretchen Staub

When I surveyed Little Platte Lake last summer, I found eight to ten different species of aquatic plants growing.

This summer I plan to record where the plants are found on a map of the lake. I will need a boat (preferably a pontoon) and assistance to complete the job.

Several people offered their help last year and I assume they are still interested. July is when we need to get out and collect the plants.

Catch Summary for Little Platte Lake, Benzie County by Brett Fessell, Leland Inland Fish and Wildlife Biologist,
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Species	Large Mesh Fyke				Small Mesh Fyke				Total Catch			
	Number	Ave Length (inches)	% Acceptable Length	% Greater than 8 inches	Number	Ave Length (inches)	% Acceptable Length	% Greater than 8 inches	Number	Ave Length (inches)	% Acceptable Length	% Greater than 8 inches
Bluegill	231	7.2	84%	48%	954	2.9	3%	1%	1185	3.7	19%	10%
Pumpkinseed	131	6.5	73%	10%	242	3.9	6%	0%	373	4.8	30%	3.5
Rock Bass	14	7.8	86%		120	3.3	10%		134	3.8	18%	
Largemouth Bass	46	14.4	67%		27	3	0%		73	10.2	43%	
Smallmouth Bass	7	13.9	71%		12	2.9	0%		19	6.9	26%	
Yellow Perch	2	7.7	100%		71	3.5	0%		73	3.6	3%	
Brown Bullhead	13	10.6	92%		12	11.3	92%		25	10.9	92%	
Yellow Bullhead	1	12.2	100%		3	11	100%		4	11.3	100%	
Longnose Gar	33	29.6	100%		9	28.9	89%		42	29.4	98%	
Bowfin	5	23.1	100%		0	0	0%		5	23.1	100%	
White Sucker	20	17.5			1	10.2			21	17.1		
Total Number of Fish	503				1451				1954			
Effort Net Nights	18				7				25			

Lake Community Indices	Statistic	Interpretation
Number of Species Observed	13	Diverse Species Composition
Bluegill Size Score*	6	Excellent
Bluegill Growth Index	Data Pending	Data Pending
Percent Bluegill/Pumpkinseed**	71.90%	Acceptable
Presence of 8" (203 mm) Bluegill	10%	Excellent
Largemouth Bass Growth Index	Data Pending	Data Pending

*Metric calculated using largemesh fyke net catches only.

**Metric calculated by numerical abundance rather than weight; largemesh fyke net only.

"This is a summary of our catch, cursory evaluation, and map of net locations. We collected over 300 scale samples from bluegill, pumpkinseed, largemouth bass, rock bass and smallmouth bass. Those data will take some time to compile. These are the data we use to calculate growth indices. I expect to find in most cases species are growing near State average as observed by the MDNR, but I can't say for sure until the scales are read. I also included an excerpt from our Sleeping Bear Dunes Fishery Report that summarizes the MDNR survey in 1981, along with their net locations. It appears that not much has changed except that your esocids (pike and musky) have all but disappeared.

In general, you have a productive and high quality panfish fishery with
Keep up the good work. Nearshore habitat structure is key." Brett F

Other Species Observed:

Bluntnose Minnow	1
Golden Shiner	1
Snapping Turtle	11
Painted turtle	33
Map turtle	1

L.A = Legal or Acceptable size gagefish:

Species	Inches
Bluegill / Pumpkinseed / Rock Bass	>6
Yellow Perch	>7
Bullhead	>7
Bass	>14
Bowfin	>20
Longnose Gar	>20



Above - Deputy Rick Robbins (seated) and Deputy Ted Schendel from the Benzie County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Division

Newly Elected Officers for 2008-09



Newly elected LPLA officers for the 2008-09 year (from the left): Trustee Lynn Walker, Secretary Gretchen Staub, Treasurer John Ester, President Ronnie Brown, and Trustee Dave Van Hammen

Here are some candid shots taken from the meeting

