

2010 LPLA Meeting

The meeting is scheduled to occur on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 10:00 AM

Annual Meeting Agenda\*

Saturday June 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Homestead Township Hall in Honor

Call to Order: Ronnie Brown

Secretary's Report: Minutes of '09 Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Membership and Finances

Water Level Report: Lynn Walker

Water Quality Report: Dave Van Hammen

Fishery Report: Ronnie Brown

MLSA Plant Mapping: Gretchen Staub

Web Site: Keith Farley

New Business: Election of 5 directors for 2010-2011

Program: John Ester on The Birds of Little Platte Lake, featuring photos taken within the LPLA membership area.

\*Any member wishing to add an item to the Agenda should advise any Board member ASAP. Check our website at [www.littleplattelake.org](http://www.littleplattelake.org) for any last minute Agenda changes.

Little Platte Lake Association  
Income/Expense Comparison by Category  
6/1/2008 through 5/31/2010

Category	6/1/08- 5/31/09	6/1/09- 5/31/10	Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
Dues	1,235.00	1,035.00	-200.00
Reimbursement	110.00	236.00	126.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,345.00</b>	<b>1,271.00</b>	<b>-74.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Dues Paid	70.00	0.00	70.00
Fees	40.00	44.00	-4.00
Hall Rental	35.00	35.00	0.00
Materials	120.00	18.96	101.04
Postage	100.80	88.00	12.80
Printing	107.00	110.00	-3.00
Publications	0.00	18.50	-18.50
Reimbursable Expense	129.24	227.44	-98.20
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$602.04</b>	<b>\$541.90</b>	<b>\$60.14</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$742.96</b>	<b>\$729.10</b>	<b>-\$13.86</b>

Account Balance

<u>5/31/09</u>	<u>5/31/10</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$4,593.34	\$5,322.44	\$729.10

Little Platte Lake Association

LPLA Proposed Budget

6/1/10 - 5/31/11

	6/1/08 - 5/31/09	6/1/09 - 5/31/10	6/1/10 - 5/31/11	Proposed	
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	
<b>Income</b>					
Dues	\$1,600	\$1,235	\$1,600	\$1,035	\$1,100
Reimbursement	<u>0</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>320</u>
	\$1,600	\$1,345	\$1,600	\$1,271	\$1,420
<b>Expenses</b>					
Dues (MLSA)	70	70	70	0	70
Education (MLSA)	300	0	300	0	100
Fees	55	40	40	44	45
Hall Rental	35	35	35	35	35
Postage	100	100	110	88	100
Printing	140	110	140	110	110
Reimbursable Exp.	0	130	0	225	320
Miscellaneous	300	120	250	38	250
Cash Reserve	<u>600</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>655</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>390</u>
	\$1,600	\$1,345	\$1,600	\$1,271	\$1,420

Press Release

This is from the Annual Meeting on June 26, 2010

posted 7/3/10

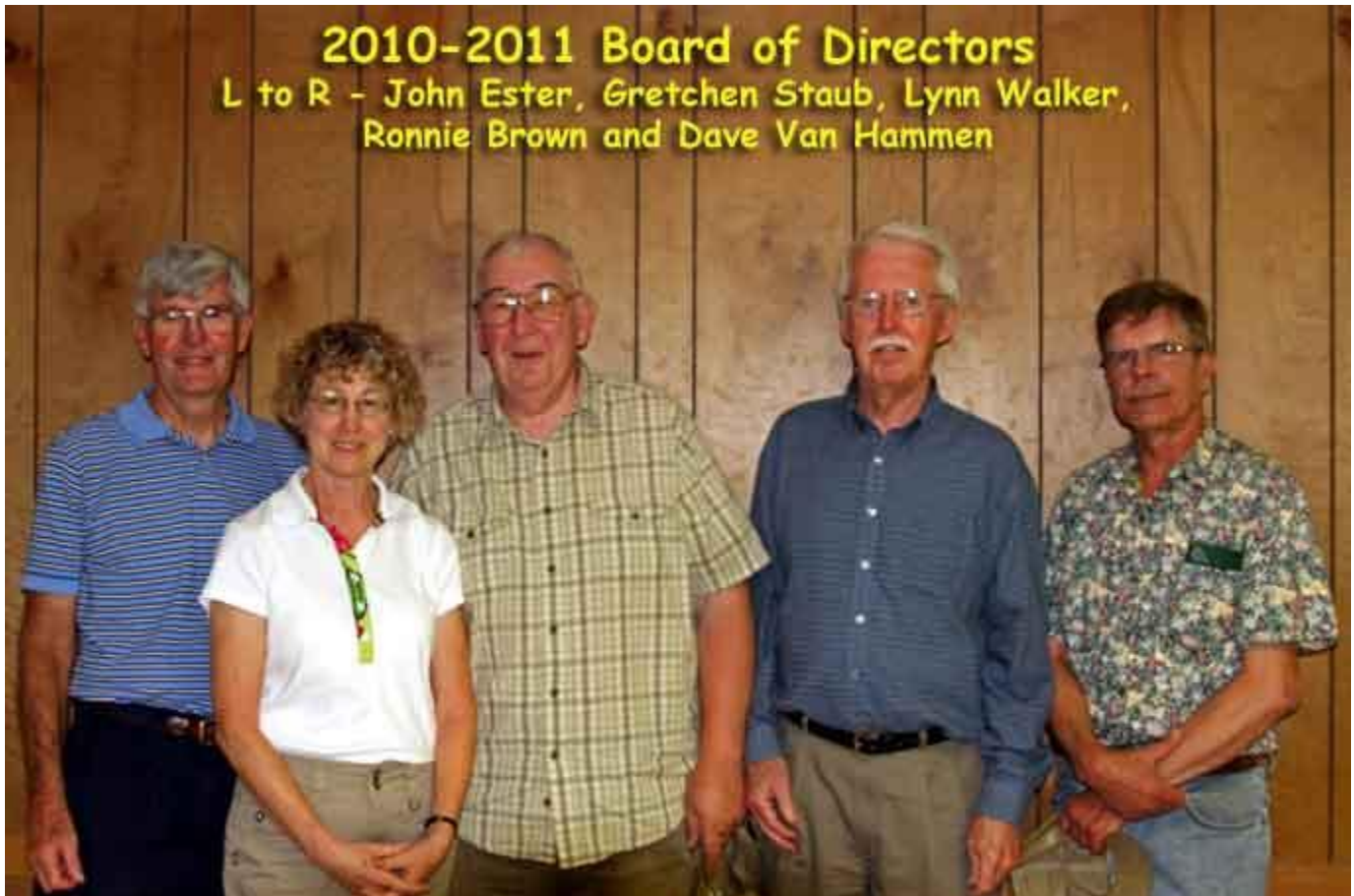
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Little Platte Lake Residents Hear About Birds and Bears

HONOR – Members of the Little Platte Lake Association met on June 26 at the Homestead Township Hall in Honor to hear about the state of the lake and to elect directors. Since last year’s meeting the Association has operated in the black. LPLA continues to monitor the lake’s water level in relation to that ordered by the Benzie County Circuit Court, and plant mapping continues. LPLA is observing the water testing done by the Platte Lake Improvement Association at three locations in Little Platte Lake. The fishing reports were positive, both with regard to bass and as to the northern pike whose size seemed to increase as the discussion went on.

Following the election of directors John Ester of Benzie Audubon gave a PowerPoint program on the birds of Little Platte Lake. Members learned of the fate of the loons (back on the lake but with no offspring) and the eagles (still here with a recently-fledged chick). Animals were not ignored in the presentation, which included raccoon, bobcat and red fox photos, as well as Don Franck’s photo below of the black bear that was a regular visitor at Dunes Edge and Sylvan Point in May and June. Members added their own bear observations.

Minutes of the meeting and further information about LPLA can be found at [www.littleplattelake.org](http://www.littleplattelake.org).





Secretary Report from 2010 Meeting

posted 9/02/10

LITTLE PLATTE LAKE ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING  
HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP HALL  
JUNE 26, 2010

The annual meeting was called to order by President Ronnie Brown at 10:10 in the Homestead Township Hall.

The first order of business was to accept the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting. Jane Christian made the motion to accept the minutes and Char Ester seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

John Ester gave the Treasurer's Report and the proposed 2010 budget. Dues are down from the previous year but so are expenses so the balance is up by \$729.10 to give us an account balance of \$5322.44. Lou Glatzer made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and proposed budget. Jane Christian seconded the motion and it passed.

John reported that the membership renewal envelopes sent out inside the annual newsletter work well and about forty people have returned them so far. More members paid today so the exact membership total is not known at this time. He appreciated the comments although many are out of our control as directors. One question from the floor was an inquiry as to how many lots, or households are on the lake or property surrounding the lake. He answered approximately 220 so a quarter of property owners choose to be members of this association.

Dave VanHammen reported that we are still using data collected by the Platte Lake Improvement testing program. The data collected last year has not been posted on their web site yet. To view their information go to [www.platte-lake.org](http://www.platte-lake.org). Dave also encouraged members to go to the website [www.littleplattelake.org](http://www.littleplattelake.org) and view Remember When.

Lynn Walker spoke about his handout with statistics on how the precipitation and dam maintenance affects the lake water level. Currently the level is up three inches because of recent rain. Spring and winter are when the levels vary the most. The county does not attend to the job of keeping a close check on the water level so there have been fluctuating levels which damage shoreline. He offered to take anyone on a watershed field trip to better understand where the water feeds the lake. His report

is always full of interesting trivia. Jim Beukema made the motion to accept, Char Ester seconded, and the motion passed.

Ronnie Brown gave the Fishery report and stated the bluegill and bass were plentiful and the fishing was good but no one had seen a northern pike in some time. Someone reported seeing a very large pike so at least one is out there.

The Lake Watch Committee is still actively watching for accidents or people in trouble on the lake. Luckily last summer there was only one incident where a woman tipped in a fairly weedy area but was aided by people close to her location. A discussion followed about the two duck hunters who drowned in the lake back in the 1930's. An old newspaper article is in the Remember When section of our website.

Gretchen Staub reported on the state of the aquatic vegetation; the south end of the lake has been surveyed and will be added to the map. The location of the water plant map will be moved on the website so it is easier to find. President Ronnie Brown was approached by EnviroScience, a private environmental company after they saw the Eurasian milfoil reported on the website plant map. Their proposal to rid the lake of this invasive plant was very costly so we could not seriously consider hiring them. From them we did learn that there are native beetles that do feed on the milfoil and hopefully some are out there in Little Platte Lake right now. If the weeds become a problem in an area it is best to try to remove the entire weed and not let small sections plant themselves. Also it is advisable not to burn close to the lake because ash contains phosphate which feeds water plants and can cause excessive algae.

Webmaster Keith Farley was recognized for his good work.

Lou Glatzer was concerned that oil was being used on some area roads for dust control and might be contaminating water. No one knew much to add to the topic but calcium chloride if carefully applied is better for the environment than layers of dust choking out vegetation beside the road.

Lou then conducted the election of the Board of Directors. Everyone on the board was reelected for another year.

John Ester presented the Birds of Little Platte Lake. John is an avid birder and an accomplished photographer so his powerpoint presentation was as beautiful as enlightening. His lighthearted

commentary had everyone chuckling for the remainder of the morning.

Sandy Franck made the motion to adjourn at 11:50. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

The 2011 Annual Membership meeting will be held at the Lake Township Hall June 18 at 10:00A.M.

This report was submitted by Gretchen Staub, Secretary of the LPLA



Water Level Report

posted 11/24/10

**WATER LEVEL REPORT**  
June 1, 2009 thru May 31, 2010

Environmental problems, specifically land erosion, occur when water levels in the lake are higher than the legal level. At Little Platte Lake, our water level at the court elevation of 586.7, is equal to a reading of 1.8 on the water level gauge at the dam on Deadstream Road.

During any high water period, primarily in late Fall and early Spring, erosion can occur. This year we had two complaints about the low water level in March. That's really too early to judge the lake level. Because of the complaints; however, (and in my absence), they put three (3) boards in on March 25. The winter run off from the watershed was not complete, we received additional rain and the lake ended up 5 to 6 inches over the legal level.

As of May 1, we finally had one board removed and on May 13, the level was still high at 2.10 ----- 5 to 6 inches over. Just before the 13<sup>th</sup>, we had high winds which caused water to pound the lake shore (May 10, 11 and 12).

Finally, on May 28, the lake receded to 1.8 and on May 31, 2010, the lake was at 1.7 (2 inches low).

**WALKER'S TRIVIA**

Boards in on April 28, 2009-----Boards out Oct. 2009  
Boards in on March 25, 2010----- (1) board out May 1, 2010

Coldest days-----Dec. 18, 2009 ----- 4 degrees  
Jan. 28, 2010 ----- 9 degrees  
Warmest days-----April 1, 2010 -----80 degrees (and nine days later it was 32 degrees---no April fools)  
May 24, 2010 -----90 degrees

Snow -- 2006 - 2007 ----- 144 inches	Rain -- March .9
2007 - 2008 ----- 147 inches	April 3.70
2008 - 2009 ----- 187 inches	May 3.05
2009 - 2010 ----- 75 inches	7.65 for 2010

Did you know that you could go to 10 lakes within Lake Township? Did you know that Benzie County is the smallest county in Michigan? It's 83<sup>rd</sup> out of 83.  
Coolest summers ---- #1) 1963 #2) 1940 #3) 2009