

2011 LPLA Meeting

The meeting is scheduled to occur on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at the Lake Township Hall on M-22 at 10:00 AM

This is Amanda Brushaber, a biologist for the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. She spoke to the membership at the Annual Meeting regarding invasive species.



Here's the LPLA's 2011 Board!



L to R - David VanHammen, Ronnie Brown, Gretchen Staub, John Ester, Lynn Walker

Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2011

LITTLE PLATTE LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING Saturday, June 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Brown at 10:00 AM.

The first order of business was to accept the 2010 minutes from the annual meeting. Jane Christian made the move to accept, Char Ester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

John Ester provided the Treasurer's report which included a comparison with the 2010 numbers and a proposed 2011 budget. There have been few expenses the past few years so we are building a nice balance, currently it stands at \$7968.51. Sandra Franck proposed we accept the Treasurer's report, John Christian seconded the motion and it passed.

John also provided us with the membership report. The envelopes mailed out in the newsletters have worked well for collecting dues. Most of the comments returned on the envelopes have been about the low water level on the lake this spring. Last year we had about 60 households which joined out of the 220 addresses that John mailed out.

Lynn Walker provided us with his informative trivia and statistics on the water level. He felt the low water level was a result of low precipitation this past winter and spring and the fact that the boards were not placed in the dam when they should have been. The county drain commissioner is responsible for keeping the water level consistent but has failed to do so in spite of numerous phone calls from Ron Brown. As of today the top board is still not in place. The high water level right now is the result of the almost five inches of rain we received this past week. Lively discussion followed Lynn's report including the proposal of a gate which could make maintaining the level easier, to removing the bottom board to allow sediment to leave the lake, and the benefits of a fluctuating water level. The bottom line is that no one can dictate the weather and the level should be more carefully monitored by the person responsible. The LPLA board is not responsible for that but we can continue to try to have it taken care of by the county in a responsible manner.

Dave Van Hammen gave the water quality report. We continue to use data collected by the Platte Lake Improvement testing results. The information can be accessed by going to the website www.platte-lake.org. Click on the Data base outputs for information including comparisons between Platte Lake and Little Platte Lake. Lake-Data at the bottom of the page links you to the annual report. Many of the current figures are not available as it takes considerable time to compile all the tests that are done annually.

Ron Brown gave the Fishery Report. Many people have been concerned about the recent fish die off. Ron contacted the DNR and gave us a website to better understand what might be causing so many large fish to die recently. There could be a couple of

reasons so go to www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing to read about it. Ron also took some fish into the DNR office in Traverse for analysis.

Gretchen Staub reported that all aquatic plant sites are now on the map. To access it go to our website, www.littleplattelake.org and look at the 2009 Annual Meeting. She also reported that she attended the first Benzie Watershed Coalition on May 25. The Conservation District called together all of the local watershed and lake organizations for the purpose of creating one organization where ideas and resources could be shared. Many of the groups share the same concerns and larger groups are more likely to receive grants that the Conservation people would be willing to write for help with water issues. Then Gretchen introduced Amanda Brushaber, a biologist for Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. She works primarily with site restoration and has had years of experience dealing with the alien plants who threaten the lakeshore's unique habitat.

Amanda spoke on the topic of invasive species, how they are determined to be invasive and why it is necessary to control them. She did not focus on any one plant but explained that the National Lakeshore is dealing with about twenty different species. They try many different tactics to control unwanted species for the most effective method. Many questions followed and garlic mustard weed was discussed in depth. She encouraged everyone to do their homework, share treatments and results, and be persistent. Annual treatments are necessary to control this plant which threatens our forests. It is up to us to protect this area that we call home from new invasions or our beautiful habitats will be threatened or even worse changed forever. Amanda recommended an excellent book "Bringing Nature Home" along with some agencies that could help educate us, CWNA, Northwest Weed Cooperative, North America Weed Management Association, and Benzie Conservation District.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Staub, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011

		5/31/10	5/31/09
Starting Balance		\$5,322.44	\$4,593.34
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Dues Received	\$1,965.00		
Reimbursement	<u>260.00</u>		
Total Receipts		2,225.00	1,271.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>			
MLSA Dues Paid	60.00		
Bank fees	35.00		
P.O. Box Rental	24.00		
State of Michigan	20.00		
Gift (Keith Farley)	22.79		
Hall Rental	35.00		
Materials	28.06		
Postage	88.00		
Printing	82.00		
Reimbursable Expense	<u>319.05</u>		
Total Disbursements		<u>- 713.90</u>	<u>-541.90</u>
Ending Balance		\$6,833.54	\$5,322.44

John W. Ester, Treasurer

Date

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Income/Expense Comparison by Category

6/1/2009 through 5/31/2011

<u>Category</u>	<u>6/1/09 - 5/31/10</u>	<u>6/1/10 - 5/31/11</u>	<u>Difference</u>
INCOME			
Dues	1,035.00	1,965.00	930.00
Reimbursement	<u>236.00</u>	<u>260.00</u>	<u>24.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	1,271.00	2,225.00	954.00
EXPENSES			
Dues Paid	0.00	60.00	-60.00
Fees	44.00	79.00	-35.00
Gift	0.00	22.79	-22.79
Hall Rental	35.00	35.00	0.00
Materials	18.96	28.06	-9.10
Postage	88.00	88.00	0.00
Printing	110.00	82.00	28.00
Publications	18.50	0.00	18.50
Reimbursable Expense	<u>227.44</u>	<u>319.05</u>	<u>-91.61</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$541.90	\$713.90	\$172.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$729.10	\$1,511.10	\$782.00

Account Balance

<u>5/31/09</u>	<u>5/31/10</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$5,322.44	\$6,833.54	\$1,511.10

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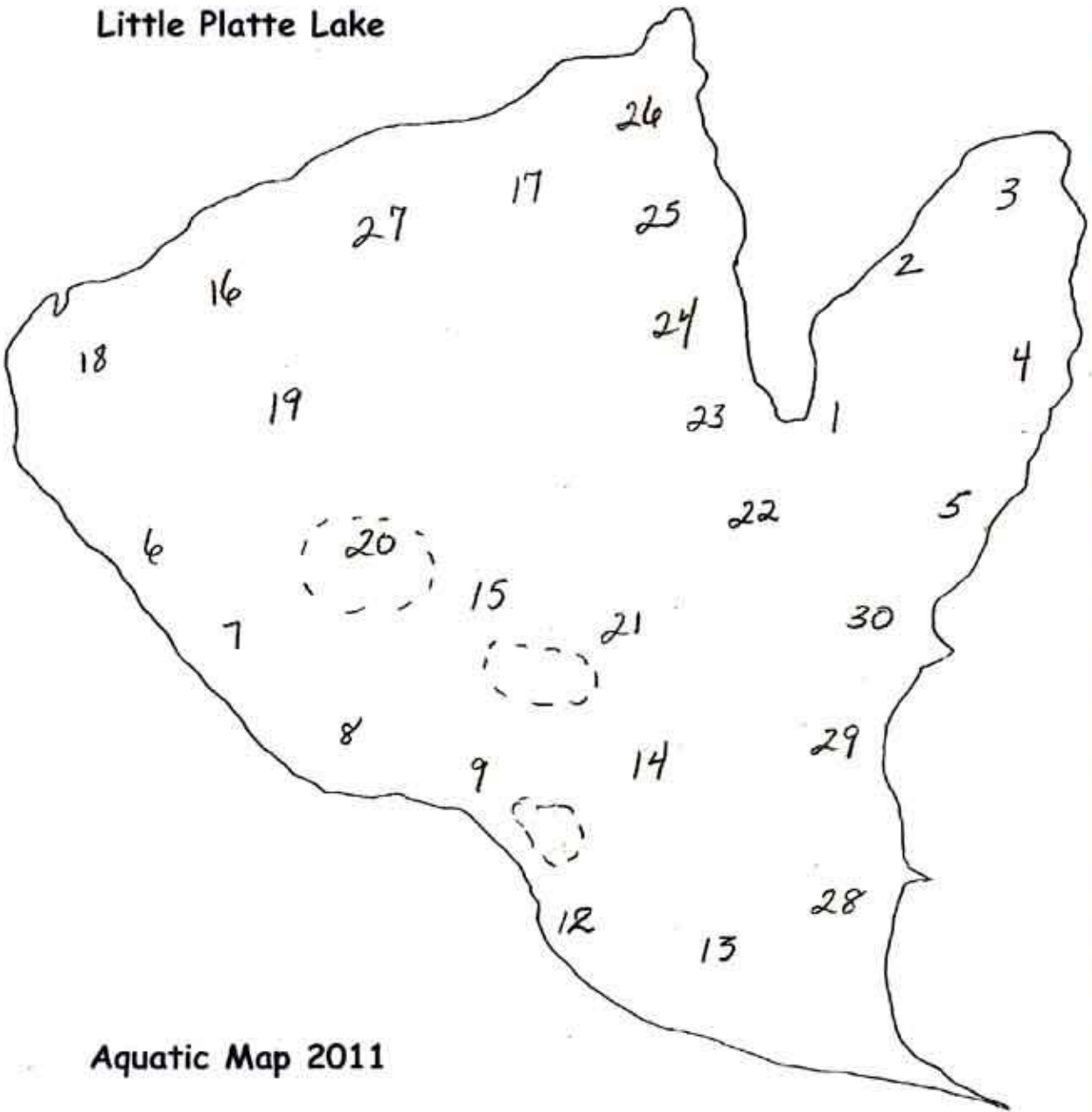
LPLA Proposed Budget 6/1/11 - 5/31/12

	<u>6/1/10 - 5/31/11</u>		<u>6/1/11 - 5/31/12</u>
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Income			
Dues	\$1,100	\$1,965	\$1,800
Reimbursement	<u>320</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>40</u>
	\$1,420	\$2,225	\$1,840
Expenses			
Dues (MLSA)	70	60	60
Education (MLSA)	100	0	50
Fees	45	79	50
Hall Rental	35	35	35
Postage	100	88	90
Printing	110	82	100
Reimbursable Exp.	320	319	200
Miscellaneous	250	51	200
Cash Reserve	<u>390</u>	<u>1,511</u>	<u>1,055</u>
	\$1,420	\$2,225	\$1,840

2011 Aquatic Survey

The information provided below was provided by Gretchen Staub

Little Platte Lake



Little Platte Lake Aquatic Plant Survey

Location of plants (see Aquatic Map 2011 to correlate location number on the lake)

Location 1.

bushy pondweed
smartweed
native milfoil

Location 2.

bushy pondweed
smartweed

Location 3.

wild celery
water lilies
milfoil
slago pondweed
fern pondweed
augustifolius
slago pondweed

Location 4.

variable pondweed
fern pondweed
smartweed
native milfoil
bushy pondweed
chara

Location 5.

wild celery
fern
smartweed
augustifolius
variable pondweed
thin leaved pondweed
coontail
chara

Locations 6.through 9.

chara
Eurasian milfoil
smartweed
bushy pondweed
cattails near shore

Location 12.

smartweed
bushy pondweed
variable pondweed
water lilies

Location 13.

fern
milfoil
bushy
celery
thin leaf
variable

Location 14.

same as plants in 13. but less dense
chara

Location 15.

Very sparse chara, bushy, and
smartweed

Location 16.

Same as location 15

Location 17.

fern
smartweed
American pondweed

Location 18.

milfoil
water lilies
bushy pondweed
variable or clasping leaf
thin leaf

Location 19. N44 42.123 W86 04.424

Eurasian milfoil
bushy pondweed
chara

Location 20. N44 41.966 W86 04.024

bushy pondweed
celery
clasping leaf
native milfoil
chara

Location 21. N44 41.955 W086 0.837

fern
native milfoil
wild celery
bushy
variable
chara

Location 22. N44 42.130 W 086 03.633

chara

Location 23.

chara

Locations 25. through 27.

chara
smartweed

Locations 28. through 30.

agustofolius pondweed
floating leaf pondweed
clasping leaf pondweed
bladderwort
elodea
fern pondweed
bushy pondweed
wild celery
chara