

2012 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the LPLA occurred on Saturday, June 23rd at 10:00 AM at the Lake Township Hall on M-22

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Proposed Bylaw Changes for the

Bylaw Amendments Subject to LPLA Approval

At its meeting of May 7, 2012, the LPLA Board of Directors agreed to amend the following Bylaw provisions (amendments in blue), subject to LPLA approval:

Article V - Board of Directors

1. The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The number of Directors on the first Board of Directors shall be five (5). The Directors shall be chosen from the members and shall consist of the Association's officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) and two Trustees. Each Director shall hold the office for the term for which he or she is elected or appointed and until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified or until his or her resignation or removal.

2. Beginning with the 2013 Annual Meeting Directors shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting for two-year terms. The President, Secretary and Trustee A shall be elected in odd years; the Treasurer and Trustee B shall be elected in even years. A vacancy occurring in any unexpired term shall be filled promptly by the Board of Directors. Appointment by the Board to such vacancy shall be subject to ratification by the members at the next Annual Meeting.

Article VI - Officers

1. The officers shall consist of the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors may also appoint such other officers or agents as they deem necessary for the transaction of business of the Association. Officers shall hold office for the term for which they are elected or appointed and until their resignation or removal. Two or more offices may be held by the same person, but an officer shall not execute, acknowledge or verify an instrument in more than one capacity if the instrument is required by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws to be executed and acknowledged or verified by two or more officers.

Article VIII - Administrative Provisions

1. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the fiscal year of the Association shall start June 1 and end May 31.

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Annual Financial Information for 2012

Little Platte Lake Association

Treasurer's Report June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012

Starting Balance 5/31/11		\$6,833.54
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Dues Received	\$2,145.00	
Reimbursement	<u>110.00</u>	
Total Receipts		2,255.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
MLSA Dues Paid	60.00	
Fees	46.00	
Postage	99.00	
Printing	178.20	
Reimbursable Expense	79.00	
Reward	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>-512.20</u>
Ending Balance 5/31/12		\$8,576.34

John W. Ester, Treasurer

Date

Little Platte Lake Association

LPLA Proposed Budget 6/1/12 - 5/31/13

	<u>6/1/11 - 5/31/12</u>		<u>6/1/12 - 5/31/13</u>
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Income			
Dues	\$1,800	\$2,145	\$2,000
Reimbursement	40	110	100
	\$1,840	\$2,255	\$2,100
Expenses			
Dues (MLSA)	60	60	60
Education (MLSA)	50	0	50
Fees	50	46	50
Hall Rental	35	0	0
Postage	90	99	100
Printing	100	178	180
Reimbursable Exp.	200	79	100
Miscellaneous	200	50	100
Cash Reserve	<u>1,055</u>	<u>1,743</u>	<u>1,460</u>
	\$1,840	\$2,225	\$2,100

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Income/Expense Comparison by Category

6/1/2010 through 5/31/2012

<u>Category</u>	<u>6/1/10-5/31/11</u>	<u>6/1/11-5/31/12</u>	<u>Difference</u>
INCOME			
Dues	1,965.00	2,145.00	180.00
Reimbursement	<u>260.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>	<u>-150.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	2,225.00	2,255.00	30.00
EXPENSES			
Dues Paid	60.00	60.00	0.00
Fees	79.00	46.00	33.00
Gift	22.79	0.00	22.79
Hall Rental	35.00	0.00	35.00
Materials	28.06	0.00	28.06
Postage	88.00	99.00	-11.00
Printing	82.00	178.20	-96.20
Reimbursable Expense	319.05	79.00	240.05
Reward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>-50.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	713.90	512.20	201.70
OVERALL TOTAL	1,511.10	1,742.80	231.70

Account Balance

<u>5/31/11</u>	<u>5/31/12</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$6,833.54	\$8,576.34	\$1,742.80

Here is an article about the June 2012 Annual Meeting.

Little Platte Lake Residents Meet

HONOR – The Little Platte Lake Association was formed in 2003, holding its first meeting at the Lake Township Hall with featured speaker Ron Harrison of the Benzie Conservation District. When LPLA members met this year, they did so at that same Township Hall, and their speaker was Mike Jones of the Benzie Conservation District.

Noting that water is Benzie County's most important asset, Mike discussed his list of the "Top Ten Things You Can Do to Protect Benzie's Watershed." In fielding questions he also talked about the challenges to be faced with invasives and the like in Lake Michigan. He concluded with a summary of the District's 2012 Events Calendar.

Members also learned of the Association's efforts to monitor lake levels and to remove boating hazards. Loons are back on the lake and the eagles are on a new nest with a chick. Members observing a sea plane stressing the loons and eagles with repeated touchdowns and takeoffs were urged to take down the plane's identifying numbers and to call the DNR hotline at 800-292-7800.

The meeting concluded with the election of directors to serve for the next year. Minutes of the meeting and further information about LPLA can be found at www.littleplattelake.org.

[Click here to see the minutes of the 2012 meeting...](#)

Minutes of the 2012 Meeting

posted 7/14/12

These minutes were submitted by Secretary, Gretchen Staub

LITTLE PLATTE LAKE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
10AM Saturday, June 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Brown at 10:05 AM.

The president immediately adjourned the business part of the meeting so that Mike Jones, the Environmental Outreach Coordinator for Benzie County Conservation District could present his program first. Mike spoke about his handout entitled "Ten Things You Can Do To Protect Benzie's Watersheds." He was instrumental in starting the Benzie Watershed Coalition and has also created numerous workshops to educate and improve our water here in the county. He left other informative handouts and answered questions before leaving to speak to another Lake Association.

The business part of the meeting resumed at 10:52 AM.

Lou Marshall made the motion to accept the 2011 minutes from the Annual Meeting, Lou Glatzer seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer John Ester presented his report (see attached Income/Expense report) as well as the membership report. With low expenses our treasury continues to grow each year. Currently we have about \$9400 in our account. The membership has remained fairly consistent around 60 members. He sends 220 newsletters with applications to join to qualifying property owners. John Stout made the motion to accept the report, and Gretchen Staub seconded the motion which carried. John also explained the \$50 reward was given to new members in Dunes Edge who helped remove dangerous debris from the lake. Later it was learned the Scott Adams on Ash Rd. Took out a submerged dock section that had already caused damage to one boat. He declined the monetary reward but accepted a membership to the LPLA.

Lynn Walker discussed his enlightening Water Level Report also known as Walker's Trivia. The snowfall was the lowest in seven years and the spring rainfall has been one of the lowest this century. Discussion followed about the dam's less than ideal monitoring by the County Drain Commissioner.

Dave Van Hammen informed us that the Platte Lake Improvement Association who does water testing on Little Platte Lake does not have current numbers on their website yet.

John Ester explained in his Wildlife Report that the old eagle nest came down in the big storm so a new one was constructed in the same general area. There is one chick that can be seen in the nest. It appears that a new female is occupying the nest. The loons on the other hand have not produced any young nor attempted to use the platform we provide them every year.

Ron Brown's Fisheries Report explained the fish die off last spring was natural occurrence according to the DNR's evaluation of specimens he supplied. On a brighter note he recently saw a 24 inch Northern Pike that was caught on the lake.

Old Business: We need help identifying the numbers of the seaplane that uses the lake for practice touching down hours on end. It is annoying to residents and probably stresses the wildlife immensely. The plane is blue and white so anyone with a scope or binoculars that could observe it and record the number on the tail would be a great help in identifying and hopefully helping putting an end to the practice. May 25th it made eleven stops on a period of three hours.

New Business: John Ester explained a preferable way of electing officers that would make it easier for anyone to run for a specific office. Starting next year two officers will be elected for two years. Then, the following year the other three would run so the entire board would not run all in one year and voting will be for specific offices. Jane Christian made the move to change the voting procedure, John Stout seconded the motion and it carried.

Lou Glatzer ran the election of officers again and all people on the board will retain their current positions for another year.

Gretchen Staub reported that she contacted the DNR last spring because of excessive speeding boats during duck season. An officer did go to the boat launch and talk with the hunters.

Next years membership meeting date will be determined by the weekend the township has its annual clean up day. Tentatively it will be June 22nd.

Lynn Walker made the motion to adjourn, Judy Retallick seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.