

2014 Annual Meeting Information

The Annual Meeting is Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 10:00 AM

at the Lake Township Hall on M-22

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Annual Meeting Agenda* **Saturday June 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** **Lake Township Hall on M-22**

Call to Order	Dave Van Hammen
Program	Katie Keen, DNR Wildlife Outreach Technician
Secretary's Report	Gretchen Staub, Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting
Treasurer's Report	John Ester, Membership and Finances
Water Level/Dam Report	Lynn Walker
Water Quality/Fish Die-Off	Dave Van Hammen
Watersheds Association	Gretchen Staub
Wildlife Report	John Ester

Old Business

- Dead Stream Dam

New Business

- Election of Board Members 2014-15
- 2015 LPLA Annual Membership Meeting

(Tentative Date: Saturday, June 20, 2015, 10:00 a.m. Lake Township Hall M-22)

***Any member wishing to add an Agenda item should advise any Board member.**

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Little Platte Lake Association

LPLA Proposed Budget 6/1/14 - 5/31/15

	<u>6/1/13 - 5/31/14</u>		<u>6/1/14 - 5/31/15</u>
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Income			
Dues	\$2,000	\$1,690	\$2,000
Expenses			
Dam removal	500	50	50
Dues (MLSA)	60	70	70
Fees	50	48	50
Postage	100	108	110
Printing	180	175	180
Miscellaneous	100	85	100
Cash Reserve	<u>1,460</u>	<u>1,157</u>	<u>1,440</u>
	\$2,100	\$1,690	\$2,000

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Little Platte Lake Association

Treasurer's Report June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014

Starting Balance 5/31/13		\$10,225.32
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Dues Received	<u>1,690.00</u>	
Total Receipts		1,690.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Dam Removal	50.00	
MLSA Dues Paid	70.00	
Fees	20.00	
Materials	24.88	
Post Office Box	28.00	
Postage	107.80	
Printing	175.00	
Web Site	<u>60.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>535.68</u>
Ending Balance 5/31/14		\$11,379.64

John W. Ester, Treasurer

Date

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Submitted by Gretchen Staub, Secretary

**LITTLE PLATTE LAKE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Dave Van Hammen at 10:04 and immediately turned over to John Ester who introduced the Katy Keen, the guest speaker. Katy is an Outreach Technician from the DNR office in Cadillac. She spoke about balancing bear and human activity. It was very informative for those of us because bears are here although we may never see them. Her presentation included a power point presentation, after she answered questions from the audience. She left two helpful booklets from the DNR and gave us an address if we want to get the DNR's updates. To access the email address, click the LIKE icon on [facebook.com/minder](https://www.facebook.com/minder).

After her presentation we took a brief adjournment. After the board thanked Ronnie Brown for his leadership and hard work for the past nine years as he stepped down as president but will continue serving as a trustee.

The business part of the meeting resumed at 10:45 with Lynn Walker making the motion that Dave Van Hammen, who has been acting as president, continue to preside over the meeting. The motion was seconded by Char Ester and carried unanimously.

John Ester gave the treasurer's report which is attached. We have had very few expenses so our balance on May 31, 2014 stood at \$11,379.64. Our membership is approximately sixty people. Two hundred applications are included in the annual newsletter which John sends out in May. Our main concern is maintaining the proper water level. Glen Lake Association installed an expensive automatic system to regulate their water level but the cost of it is more than we could undertake so the manual regulation will continue. Christy Anderson, the Benzie County Drain Commissioner who spoke to our group last year has done an excellent job maintaining the water level.

Lynn Walker gave his informative Water Level Report which is attached. With all the snow and rain we have had high to normal levels this spring. The beavers have once again built a dam across the Deadstream River just south of where the North Branch enters the river. Anyone who is in the area can help by removing some of their handiwork and perhaps we will not

nave to hire the whole dam removed. If we can discourage the beavers from staying then we will not have to hire a trapper. One member questioned the employment of a trapper if necessary, that he be able to selectively trap the targeted species.

Dave gave the Water Quality Report. The main concern was the heavy fish die off that we experienced after the harsh winter. He checked in with the DNR on their advice and found that shallow lakes with heavy water plants sustained the most damage. Larger fish die first because they need more oxygen to survive. The pan fish population should return to normal in two to three years. Many of the local water fowl including eagles fed on these fish. Gar pike are on the increase so hunting these fish was encouraged. Heather Hettinger replaced Todd Kalish as our DNR contact and has been very willing to answer questions and work with us. Water lost through fish ladder in dry seasons was discussed. Originally installed for pike and other game fish to use when spawning, could be blocked without hurting fish movement if necessary with the correct approval. Dave stated again that Christie Anderson, Drain Commissioner has been easy to reach and is doing an excellent job of checking the water level at the dam.

Don Franck shared his experience with a licensed local exterminator and had contact information for people who might want to use sprays to control mosquitoes.

Gretchen was unable to attend the spring Benzie Watershed Coalition meeting so had nothing to report. There will be another meeting in the fall that she will try to attend.

John gave the Wildlife report with some beautiful photos that he had taken. Some details of the report are:

Fifteen eagles were seen on the ice this spring from his house on the west end of the lake.

May first is when grosbeaks and hummingbirds usually can be seen. Their migration is based on daylight rather than weather temperatures. Two healthy pelicans have been enjoying our lake this spring.

The loons successfully hatched a chick this year using John's loon platform. For many years some board members and friends have put the platform on the south end of the lake using Miller's Hideaway access. The nest has been home primarily to water snakes but this year the loons used

it and now we have a chick to watch and worry over. Thank you Dave Packer for allowing us to yes your place and a boat to do this every year.

Under Old business Lynn made a motion that we appoint Dave Van Hammon as president for the remaining one year term. Lou Glatzer seconded the motion and it carried.

Lou then presided over the election of officers whose term expired this year. That position, Trustee, previously held by Dave Van Hammon was replaced by Ronnie Brown. Lynn Walker made the motion, Judy Retallick seconded the motion and it passed so Ronnie Brown is now serving for a two year term as Trustee.

Ronnie thanked everyone for being able to serve on the board as President and now Trustee.

Lynn moved the meeting be adjourned at 11:45, Gretchen seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Next year the annual meeting will be held the third Saturday in June, June 20th at ten o'clock in the Lake Township Hall.

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2014 Watershed Report

Walker's Watershed Report 2014

October 26, 2013 all boards out at the dam
October 31 water level at the dam was 1.9

May 10, 2014 boards put back in
May 16 two boards removed: water level 2.2
June 9 all boards in: water level 1.7
June 19 water level: water level 1.9

At this time all streams feeding into the lake are flowing and high.

Beaver Dam is a problem.

Snow levels:

November and December total: 76 3/4 inches
January: 90 inches
February: 40 1/2 inches
March: 18 1/4 inches
Total for the winter 225 1/2 inches
North of us received 240 inches

Temperatures:

March 3 23 degrees
March 5 10 degrees
January 25 0 degrees
February 28 -7 degrees

Rain this spring:

April 4 1/2 inches
May 2 1/4 inches
June (to date) 4 inches
Total 10 3/4 inches