

LITTLE PLATTE LAKE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2016  
LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Dave Van Hammen at 10:00. After an introduction of board members and general membership the guest speaker, Heather Hettinger, DNR Fisheries Biologist, was introduced. Heather began her presentation with the news that Little Platte Lake will have a comprehensive fish survey done in 2017. The last survey was done in 1981. She explained that it will take four days to collect and sample fish; the analysis of information will be conducted over the winter, so in 2018 the statistics will be ready. The survey conducted by the Tribe several years ago was not done with the same equipment as the DNR uses, so their data would not be the same as the study done by the state. Heather answered many questions about the process as well as other questions about the fish population and related issues in Little Platte Lake. One ongoing concern for many has been the sediment caused by the bridge at the bottom of Saffron Hill. She recommended we take our concerns to the CRA, Conservation Resource Alliance in Traverse City. They work closely with the DNR on acquiring funding for environmental projects like old culverts and bridges. A copy of the handout that she brought can be seen on the website.

John Ester gave the Treasurer's Report and the proposed 2016-17 Budget. Due to the expense of proposed insurance for the Board of Directors they decided to drop the idea of buying it. LPLA's ending balance as of 5/31/16 was \$16,015.72. John thanked everyone for their generous contributions. A copy of both reports can be found on the website as well. Char Ester made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Lou Glatzer seconded the motion and it carried.

John then gave the Wildlife report. Sadly, for unknown reasons, the loons abandoned their two eggs on the platform this year. On a brighter note, the eagles are raising two chicks again at their old location after not using it last year. A bear has been visiting the Ester's bird feeders again this year and for the first time ever, Sandhill Cranes have been visiting the Dunes Edge Ponds. There has been beaver activity on the lake and the usual dam attempt is ongoing on the river. When anyone wants to help keep the river flowing, you are welcome to pull branches out where the beavers continually rebuild.

Lynn Walker gave the Watershed report. First, we received one hundred eight inches of snow last winter. The boards are removed in October every year. Three boards went in on April seventh this spring. By April thirteenth the level had risen to 2.3 so the top board was removed. By May tenth all the boards were back in and the level was 1.8, at the appropriate level. The bottom of the lake is slowly filling up with silt so we need to monitor the both dams (beaver and human) to keep water moving. Some other facts: ten inches of snow fell in April. From April 21-26th we had 3.8 inches of rain. Only one

half inch of rain fell in May. Today the reading was 2.1 after the rain that fell in last night's storm.

Lou Glatzer attended the Benzie Watershed Coalition and suggested we have a one time water sample collected so we can have a base for reference. The cost would be about a hundred dollars. The Conservation District is preparing a Stewardship Guide that will be informative and can be downloaded from our website when it is completed. The Platte Watershed Report that was completed last year is over 400 pages and is available from Will Swiecki at Platte Lake Improvement Association.

Amanda Brushaber will check with SBNL to see if it is possible to have them do a one time water collection and testing. Heather Hettinger said the DNR may be able to do it as well, so they will report their finding to Lou.

Under New Business fish stocking was brought up. Heather gave us the approximate cost and asked that if we consider stocking fish, we wait until the DNR completes their survey next year.

Mary Rupley is going to organize a garlic mustard pull for next May. It has really blossomed along Deadstream Road, and if many people pitched in for a day or two we could put a dent in it. She will research and get back to the board for an announcement as the plan solidifies.

The final item on the agenda was to elect two board members for another two-year term. Chuck Retallick made a motion to nominate John Ester to continue as Treasurer and Lynn Walker to continue as Trustee. Diane Brown seconded and they were unanimously voted in for another term.

The tentative date for next year's Annual Meeting is June 17, at 10:00 am at the Lake Township Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Staub, Acting Secretary

**LPLA Annual Meeting Agenda**  
**Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Lake Township Hall on M-22**

Call to Order/Self Introductions Dave Van Hammen

Program Heather Hettinger, DNR Fisheries Biologist

Secretary's Report Gretchen Staub\*: Minutes, 2015 Meeting

Treasurer's Report John Ester: Finances, Website & Wildlife

Water Level Report Lynn Walker

Watershed Report Lou Glatzer

New Business Dave Van Hammen

- Fish Stocking
- Garlic Mustard Pull
- Other new business
- Election of Treasurer, Trustee
- 2017 Meeting: Saturday, June 17, 2017 (Tentative date)

**\*Acting Secretary**

# Little Platte Lake Association

## LPLA Proposed Budget 6/1/16 - 5/31/17

	<u>6/1/15 - 5/31/16</u>		<u>6/1/16 - 5/31/17</u>
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Dues	\$2,300	\$2,200	\$2,200
<b>Expenses</b>			
Dues (MLSA)	70	120	120
Fees	50	30	50
Postage	110	100	110
Printing	300	290	300
Miscellaneous	100	240	240
Insurance	1,044	0	0
Cash Reserve	<u>626</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,380</u>
	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>

# Little Platte Lake Association

## Treasurer's Report June 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016

<b>Starting Balance 5/31/15</b>		<b>\$14,618.50</b>
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Contributions	1.64	
Dues Received	<u>2,168.91</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>2,170.55</b>
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Dues Paid (MLSA)	120.00	
Fees	27.85	
Materials	25.44	
Postage	98.70	
Post Office Box	34.00	
Printing	287.00	
Website	<u>180.34</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b><u>773.33</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance 5/31/16</b>		<b>\$16,015.72</b>

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John W. Ester, Treasurer

Date