

LPLA Annual Meeting Agenda
Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Lake Township Hall on M-22

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| Call to Order | Dave Van Hammen |
| Program | Ed Hoogterp, Benzie County Drain Commissioner
Emily Cook, Invasive Species Network |
| Secretary's Report | Diane Brown, Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting |
| Treasurer's Report | John Ester on Finances & Wildlife |
| Water Level Report | Lynn Walker |
| Watershed Report | Lou Glatzer |
| Old Business | |
| • Garlic Mustard | Mary Rupley |
| New Business | |
| • Election of Officers | John Ester |
| • 2018 Meeting: Saturday, June 23, 2018 (Tentative date) | |

Little Platte Lake Association

LPLA Proposed Budget 6/1/17 - 5/31/18

	6/1/16 - 5/31/17		6/1/17 - 5/31/18
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Income			
Dues	\$2,200	\$2,510	\$2,300
Expenses			
Dues (MLSA)	120	120	120
Education (MLSA Conf.)	0	100	100
Fees 50 20 20			
Materials (Data Base)	25	25	25
Postage	110	110	110
P.O Box	35	30	30
Printing	300	425	400
Miscellaneous	180	0	100
Website	0	0	180
Cash Reserve	<u>1,380</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,215</u>
	\$2,200	\$2,510	\$2,300

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Treasurer's Report June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

Starting Balance 5/31/16		\$16,015.72
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Dues Received	<u>2,510.38</u>	
Total Receipts		2,510.38
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Dues Paid (MLSA)	120.00	
Education (MLSA Conf.)	100.00	
Fees	20.00	
Materials	25.47	
Postage	107.80	
Post Office Box	32.00	
Printing	<u>424.25</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>829.52</u>
Ending Balance 5/31/17		\$17,696.58

LITTLE PLATTE LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 24, 2017
LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Dave Van Hammen at 10:06 AM. Board members and attendees introduced themselves and stated where they live on the lake. John Ester introduced the two guest speakers, Ed Hoogterp, Benzie County Drain Commissioner, and Emily Cook from the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network.

Ed Hoogterp was one of the keynote speakers at the ML&SA annual meeting held at Crystal Mountain this year. His job includes monitoring the lake levels and watersheds of Crystal Lake and Little Platte Lake. He stated Crystal Lake has invested in an automatic lake level sensor which can cost up to \$15,000. He does not see the need for that on our lake since the drain commissioner checks our water level weekly plus Ed acknowledged the fact that Lynn Walker also routinely checks and records our lake level. Whereas the addition or subtraction of one board might make a difference of only $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to Crystal Lake, it will make a significant difference in Little Platte Lake. The drain commissioner will continue removing all boards at the dam in the fall to prepare for the winter freeze and spring thaw. He is willing to work with the association as to when to begin adding boards in the spring. The removal of all boards in the fall has helped to flush some silt. Ed welcomed residents to contact him with concerns. His goal is to stay within a range of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches of the court appointed 1.8 lake level as registered at the Deadstream dam. The lake level registered at the dam was 1.9 today which is approximately 1.2 inches above the court ordered level. He is currently working on a spread sheet to log lake levels. On a side note, Ed mentioned that Lake Michigan's water level is up almost 4 feet in the past 5 years. Lynn Walker stated that just higher water levels are not the only concern but that soil erosion from waves during high winds continues to be problematic. It was agreed the drain commissioner is doing a great job and most people are satisfied with how they are monitoring and maintaining the overall lake level.

Emily Cook spoke to the association regarding the health of our lake in relation to invasive species. A team from NMISN kayaked our lake earlier this week to identify and map areas with various invasive species. She passed out copies of the map depicting where non-native invasive species were observed along the shoreline. It was noted that the swamp area showed nothing invasive. Emily explained one reason might have been that it was too shallow to kayak and stated that a couple of lakes had recently used drones to help in similar situations. The good news is that our lake is fairly healthy as far as invasive species and that although Eurasian Water Milfoil was found, the clumps are not alarming in size. A few other invasive species spotted include Purple Loosestrife, Reed Canary Grass (near the boat launch), White Sweet Clover, Periwinkle and Autumn Olive. Books were available to explain and identify various types of invasive species. Emily was very informative and will work with us to formulate a plan to rid our lake of some of these invasive plants, especially the Milfoil. She suggested we also contact other lakes in the area that have been successful in removing invasive species.

It was agreed to accept the minutes of the LPLA 2016 annual meeting as posted on our website.

John Ester gave the Treasurer's Report and the proposed 2017-18 Budget. A copy of both reports are attached and will be posted on the website. John also gave the Wildlife report. A pair of loons are back but were not successful hatching chicks. The loon platform did not get in the lake this year. In the 10 year span of the platform in LPL the loons were successful using it one year. On a good note, the Trumpeter Swans hatched 2 eggs and have been seen with their young and the eagles hatched 2 eaglets and they have been seen sitting on the edge of the nest

and nearby tree limbs. There has been less beaver activity in the river where their dams were blocking the flow of water. Bear and bobcats have been active, especially in the Dunes Edge area.

Lynn Walker gave the Water Level report. We have had approximately 8 inches of rain already this year in comparison to last year's total rainfall of 16 inches. Lynn also reported today's lake level at 1.9. He stated our lake is classified as an aging lake and emphasized the importance of removing the bottom board in late October to facilitate the natural flow of silt. Lynn made available his log sheet from the beginning of April through mid-June where he listed the date, the lake level, the number of boards added or removed along with special notes of snowfall and heavy rains.

Lou Glatzer gave the Watershed Report which included detailed information from the Benzie Conservation District regarding the three watersheds in Benzie County. He suggested that we link with BCD so that our data can be viewed also. Although Platte Lake tests our water quality, Lou would like to see us do our own test once or twice a year. Lou feels it is very important that LPLA be represented at the ML&SA annual meeting held in the spring and seminars in the fall. He also emphasized the importance of knowing the voting record of our legislators in regard to conservation matters. Lou stated due to health issues, he will not be able to continue on the LPLA board. He thanked everyone and stated it has been a pleasure to serve.

Old Business:

Mary Rupley reported on the "First Annual Garlic Mustard Eradication Event." She, her husband Jerry and John Ester worked for hours pulling, bagging and transporting the huge bags of garlic mustard to a specific dumpster in Frankfort. Others in attendance stated they have been pulling on their own property. Mary said she plans to have information in the newspaper and will also go door to door along Deadstream Rd. in an attempt to get more people involved next year. Mary learned that the garlic mustard can continue to be pulled until the blooms turn brown. Special recognition was given to Steve at the Trading Post for allowing them to park there and use his facilities. Mary also gave information about her and a fellow veterinarian offering their services to trap-neuter-return (TNR) stray cats in Benzie County. Anyone in need of a free cat for their barn should contact her. You can learn more by going to www.BenzieCats.org. Dick Dills also mentioned Steve's cooperation in allowing him and Carole to place a free book exchange box near the entrance of the Trading Post. Anyone with books to donate should contact the Dills or drop them off on their porch at 8350 Deadstream Rd. It has been well received.

New Business:

Election of the LPLA Board was the last item of business. John Ester noted that three officer positions were up for election this year: President, Secretary and one Trustee. The current President and Secretary agreed to seek reelection, but Lou Glatzer announced that he was unable to serve another term. Consequently, John sent out a "Help Wanted!" email blast to all members announcing the Board opening. Several members expressed a willingness to serve, and Jerry Rupley submitted his name for nomination for the Trustee position.

John opened the floor for additional nominations, but there were none. The motion was made, seconded and passed to elect David Van Hammen, Diane Brown and Jerry Rupley for two-year terms.

There were 26 members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Brown, Secretary