

**LPLA Annual Meeting Agenda**  
**Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Lake Township Hall on M-22**

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| Call to Order/Self Intros                                | Dave Van Hammen                                    |
| Program  | Michael Solomon, Restorative Lake Sciences, LLC    |
| Secretary's Report                                       | Diane Brown, Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting        |
| Watershed Report   | Jerry Rupley                                       |
| Treasurer's Report                                       | John Ester on Finances, Membership and Wildlife    |
| Water Level Report                                       | Lynn Walker  |
| President's Report                                       | Dave Van Hammen on Fishing Survey, MLSA Conference |
| Old Business   |  |
| • Garlic Mustard   | Mary Rupley  |
| New Business   |  |
| • Election of Officers (Treasurer and one Trustee)       |  |
| • 2019 Meeting: Saturday, June 22, 2019 (Tentative date) |  |

# Little Platte Lake Association

## LPLA Proposed Budget 7/1/18 - 5/31/19

	<u>6/1/17 - 5/31/18</u>		<u>6/1/18 - 5/31/19</u>
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Dues/Contributions	\$2,300	\$6,979	\$6,000
<b>Expenses</b>			
Education (MLSA Conf.)	100	0	100
Fees	20	20	20
Invasive Species	0	2,500	9,500
Materials (Data Base)	25	25	25
Membership (MLSA)	120	130	120
P.O Box	30	36	36
Postage	110	150	120
Printing	400	508	450
Miscellaneous	100	0	0
Website	180	99	100
Cash Reserve	<u>1,215</u>	<u>3,511</u>	<u>-4,471</u>
	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>\$6,979</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

Note: Our account balance on 5/31/18 was \$21,207.16. If income and expenses for the fiscal year are as forecast in the budget, our account balance on 5/31/19 will be \$16,736.

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## Treasurer's Report June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018

<b>Starting Balance 5/31/17</b>		<b>\$17,696.58</b>
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Contributions	4,100.20	
Dues Received	<u>2,878.97</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>6,979.17</b>
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Fees	20.00	
Invasive Species	2,500.00	
Materials	25.47	
Membership Paid (ML&SA)	130.00	
Postage	150.00	
Post Office Box	36.00	
Printing	507.95	
Web Site	<u>99.17</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b><u>3,468.59</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance 5/31/18</b>		<b>\$21,207.16</b>

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John W. Ester, Treasurer

Date

LITTLE PLATTE LAKE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2018  
LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Dave Van Hammen at 10:03 AM. Board members and attendees introduced themselves and stated where they live on the lake.

Jerry Rupley gave a few comments regarding the status of treatment of invasive species in Little Platte Lake. The main emphasis at this time is the milfoil and phragmites. Jim Westbrook completed the paperwork and applied for a 50% grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for the initial treatment. We are still waiting on a reply.

Jerry then introduced the guest speaker, Michael Solomon, MS - Senior Hydrologist with Restorative Lake Sciences, LLC. (RLS) In addition to numerous credentials, Michael also serves as the Wexford County Drain Commissioner. RLS currently manages 70 to 80 lakes in northern Michigan. He stated 1070 points were used in the grid survey of Little Platte Lake. The intensity of the survey is used to identify and treat invasive species. In a shallow lake such as ours, RLS is usually pleased to find around 20 different native species. 32 native species were found in our lake which gives LPL very good plant diversity. The survey did record 5.8 acres of milfoil and 1.7 acres of phragmites. Michael explained various types of treatment:

**Harvest** - used in very large areas of invasive species followed up with herbicides.

**Weevils** - are expensive at \$1.50 each and have found to not be as effective.

**DASH** (Diver's Assisted Suction Harvest) - effective in small areas but is 3 times the cost of herbicides and permits are very difficult to obtain.

**Herbicide Systemic Application** with granular OTF was decided for LPL with the bid won by Clarke Aquatics. RLS will work closely with them during treatment.

In answering questions from members, Michael stated there would be no adverse reaction to fish or wildlife. Other plants are not affected as Renovate OTF is formulated very selective to kill only the milfoil. It is not harmful to people but the state of Michigan will require a 24 hour ban on swimming. The dead milfoil stays in the lake and decomposes. The treatment areas will be marked. It will be best to keep boats out of the treated area in order to keep the herbicides concentrated in the areas needed. Two weeks before application, postcards will be mailed and the day of treatment signs will be placed at the boat launch along with maps. They will be looking for winds less than 12mph during application of treatment. In conclusion, Michael stated RLS will be on the treatment boat.

Jerry stated LPL Association Board will continue to work with Clarke Aquatics to obtain the proper permits required by the DEQ. Papers were given to member attendees to sign giving "Riparian Permission for Treatment of Aquatic Plants."

**Secretary Report** - Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the LPLA 2017 annual meeting as posted on our website.

**Treasurer Report** - John Ester provided members with the Treasurer's Report reflecting a \$21,207.16 balance as of May 31, 2018. The proposed budget for 2018-19 was also distributed. A copy of both reports were made available and will be posted on the website. He stated a few sizeable donations came in after an email blast reminder that LPLA is nonprofit and therefore tax deductible. John explained the change of the annual cost of membership from \$15.00 per person to \$35.00 per household. John stated there are 364 parcels within the geographic map of our association. Eliminating the state owned areas we are left with a data base of approximately 260.

The email blast has been increased to 110 recipients. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded and passed.

**Wildlife Report** - John Ester reported two pairs of loons are on the lake this year. One pair have successfully hatched a chick. The loon platform was placed at the northwest end of the lake this year and was used by the pair with the chick. The other pair have been sited mostly at other end of the lake. The Trumpeter Swans have been seen with 5 young recently. The eagles did produce 2 eggs this year but they were lost during the spring storm in May. The beaver activity has increased again but has not blocked the Deadstream. Bear and bobcats have been active, especially in the Dunes Edge area. Someone reported a bear that looked like it weighed 500 lbs. on Indian Hill Rd.

**Water Level Report** - Lynn Walker gave the Water Level report. The highest lake level ever recorded was 2.7 on October 25, 2017. July through September recorded levels remained very good between 1.7 - 1.9. In October, 8 inches of rain fell in 3 days. Removal of boards began October 23<sup>rd</sup>. One board was left in by mistake and quickly covered with silt. It was removed October 25<sup>th</sup>. On April 29, 2018, 2 boards were put in, on May 5<sup>th</sup> 1 more was added and on May 26<sup>th</sup> all boards were recorded in place. The delay was due to the 26 inches of snow we received in April. Lynn reported we had a total of 167 inches of snow during the winter of 2017-2018. On June 20<sup>th</sup>, one board was removed and the lake level was recorded at 2.05.

Lynn also brought up the fact that the beaver have been very active and destroying trees for the first time on Sylvan Point. They have not dammed the Deadstream itself this year, but they are very active in the bays and upstream. Lynn said this floods the swamp as they create mini ponds. Lynn lost 7 or 8 trees and a lot nearby was almost cleared by beaver. He suggested people be aware and possibly protect trees using chicken wire. Dunes Edge has seen activity also.

**President's Report** – Dave Van Hammen stated the DNR did a fish count on our lake in May. We are still waiting on the report. He did report that nice size blue gills are being caught. Dave attended one day of the MLSA Conference at Crystal Mountain this spring. He encouraged everyone to try to attend in the future. He was especially impressed with the Shoreland Stewards Program explaining the proper way to protect your shoreline from erosion. For more information you can go to [www.mishorelandstewards.org](http://www.mishorelandstewards.org). An attorney also spoke to land owners regarding Riparian Rights. It was very informative.

#### **Old Business:**

Mary Rupley reported on the "First Annual Garlic Mustard Eradication Event." Signs were posted at both ends of Deadstream Rd along with a series of very clever signs similar to the old Burma-Shave signs we saw years ago along the road. Mary stated "The block party did not work!" We all need to try to participate next year.

#### **New Business:**

Jerry Rupley handled the election of officers. Two board positions were up for election this year. Jerry opened the floor for nominations for treasurer. John Ester was nominated. The motion was made, seconded and passed to elect John Ester to another term as treasurer. Jerry then opened the floor for nominees for the remaining board position. Lynn Walker was nominated. The motion was made, seconded and passed to elect Lynn Walker to another term and he will continue to report on the lake's water level.

There were 25 members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Brown, Secretary

June 29, 2018