

AuSable Lake Property Owners Association (ALPOA) Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 25, 2025

- **Call to Order**
 - Dan Kocis, ALPOA President, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. The meeting took place at the Kocis barn located at 3060 Sumac Trail.
- **Roll Call of Officers**
 - ALPOA officers present Dan Kocis, President and Gary Kay, Secretary introduced themselves. Rick Oakley, Vice President and Lou Ianitelli, Treasurer were unable to attend the meeting.
- **Approval of May Meeting Minutes**
 - The minutes from the ALPOA September 1, 2024, meeting were emailed to all ALPOA members and posted on the ALPOA website (www.AuSableLakeMI.org). Patt Kocis made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes which was seconded and approved.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Lou Ianitelli did not attend the meeting due to illness. Dan Kocis provided the Treasurer's Report which included a breakdown of revenue and expenses by committee and association operations. As of May 18, 2025, the ALPOA current fund balance is \$8,274.58 of which \$7,600 has been allocated to the RLS Lake Study (\$5,000), ALPOA apparel (\$2,000), and Fish Committee (\$600) leaving an available balance of \$674.58.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Lake Health**
 - Peggy Kay provided a summary of past and planned Lake Health Committee activities that included three primary topics:
 - Loon Update - A new loon platform was placed on Little AuSable Lake and now supports a new loon nest. Thank you to Diane and Ron Sams for funding the new loon platform.
The committee will sponsor a "Name the Chicks" contest with prizes once the number of baby loons can be determined.
 - Lake Water Monitoring – An overview of the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) was provided. AuSable Lake is one of 297 Michigan lakes currently being monitored by lake associations or individuals. The CLMP program includes a variety of measurements, including transparency, temperature, total phosphorus, chlorophyll-a, dissolved oxygen, aquatic plants, and shoreline. Peggy also shared how this data can be used to determine a lake's trophic state, (e.g., Oligotrophic, Mesotrophic, and Eutrophic) and the types of fish supported by each. CLMP water sampling will occur this April through September.
Detailed information was provided regarding the causes of shoreline erosion and methods to mitigate it using seawalls, rocks, and vegetation.

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- Aquatic Plant Survey – A contract was awarded to Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS) based on reputation and ability to provide an unbiased, comprehensive, baseline aquatic plant assessment of AuSable Lake. The study will involve a GPS Point Intercept survey methodology and Big Volume scanning to locate and quantify native and invasive plants and will result in a detailed written report with both short and longer-term recommendations. The survey is planned for early June 2025. Dr. Jennifer Jones of RLS will be presenting survey results and recommendations at the September 2025 ALPOA meeting. Peggy expressed appreciation for the generous donations that funded this study.

– **Social**

- Laurie Davia presented the Social Committee report for Julie Oakley who was out of town.
- Laurie provided a quick review of last year's social events including: Social Night at Faull Inn Pavilion (5/23), Kids Fishing Derby and Wiener Roast (6/8), Croquet Tournament and Coney Dogs (6/20), AuSable Lake Quad (7/5), Boat Parade – "Christmas in July" (7/6), Movie Night on the Lake featuring JAWS (8/10), Light up the Lake for Unity (9/1), and Faull Out of Summer Social Event (9/27).

Social events scheduled for 2025 include:

- 5/22 – Faull Inn Social Night
 - 6/7 – Kids Fishing Derby
 - 6/19 – Cornhole Tournament
 - 7/4 – AuSable Lake QUAD
 - 7/5 – Boat parade, Theme: Favorite Animal
 - 7/22 – Euchre Tournament
 - 8/9 – Movie Night on the Lake, featuring Pirates of the Caribbean
 - 8/28– 5th Annual Cocktail Party
 - 8/31 – Light Up the Lake Unity Night
 - 10/3 – Faull Out of Summer
- Laurie provided an update on AuSable Lake merchandise for sale, including kids apparel, new colors, and colored lake stickers. A single merchandise order will be made for this year. Orders with payment will be accepted until June 15, Father's Day weekend, and delivered over the Fourth of July weekend. Please contact Julie Oakley for AuSable Lake merchandise orders.
 - Laurie encouraged participation in this year's Fourth of July Boat Parade where a minimum of eight boats are needed. Volunteers are needed for this year's Kids Fishing Derby and AuSable Lake Quad.

– **Fishing**

- Brent Edgerton, Fish Committee chair presented a summary of the Fishing Committee's activities that include:
 - Reviewing data gathered using the fish survey and Brian Billeter's data collected over many years to gain insight on ways to increase the number, size, and types of fish

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available in AuSable Lake. He shared that the committee is seeking to revise requirements to reduce the number of 19"-20" pike to allow smaller fish time to grow. He also shared plans to introduce changes to the fish habitat necessary to support fish reproduction and protection.

The Committee met with the Michigan DNR biologist, Matt Klungle, to review available fish survey data, water sampling data where water enters and exits the lake, and gain support for projects and grants related to habitat, predation, and stocking. Several Fish Committee members provided Mr. Klungle with a tour of AuSable Lake.

- Kids Fishing Derby (June 7th) provides a wonderful opportunity for kids to experience fishing and make new friends.

Brent provided an overview of the upcoming Quadathon (July 4th) noting that it requires about two hours to complete and involves a 4.8 mile run or 3- mile walk, 11-mile bike ride, 3 to 4-mile kayak race, and three cross training events. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Quadathon.

- Brent mentioned that he has noticed people using the DNR boat launch without a required Passport sticker, necessitating more enforcement from the DNR.

- **Election of Officers**

- Dan reviewed the roles and responsibilities of each ALPOA officer and the need to fill two positions up for election. Rick Oakley has expressed interest in being consider for another term as Vice President. Mike Pettis motioned with a second from Cathy Walling to reelect Rick Oakley as Vice President. The motion passed.
- Lou Ianitelli has announced his decision not to seek re-election for the position of Treasurer. Dan asked the audience if there was anyone who would like to be considered for the position of Treasurer. Viki Handlon expressed interest in becoming the new ALPOA Treasurer. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for Viki to become the new Treasurer.
- As the former Treasurer, Lou Ianitelli will be removed from all ALPOA bank accounts and associated authority. As the new Treasurer, Viki Handlon will be added to ALPOA bank accounts and be provided with the authority associated with the position of ALPOA Treasurer.
- Dan noted that the Review Committee will review ALPOA's financial information in support of the transition to a new Treasurer.

- **New Business**

- Dan asked the members present if there was any new business to discuss. No new business was noted.

- **Adjournment**

- Dan thanked all for coming and adjourned the meeting at 11:04 am.