

AuSable Lake Property Owners Association (ALPOA) Meeting  
Sunday, May 26, 2024  
Meeting Minutes

- **Call to Order**

- Dan Kocis, ALPOA President, called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

- **Roll Call of Officers**

- ALPOA officers introduced themselves and their associated positions as Dan Kocis, President; Rick Oakley, Vice President; Lou Ianitelli, Treasurer; and Gary Kay, Secretary.

- **Approval of September 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes from the ALPOA September 3, 2023 meeting were distributed via email to all ALPOA members of record on April 19, 2024. Dan Kocis made a motion and a second was provided by Rick Oakley to approve the minutes from the 9/3/23 meeting. The motion was approved.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Lou Ianitelli provided the Treasurer's Report. Current fund balances for dues and donations are \$590, and \$197, respectively. ALPOA membership count is 71 households. ALPOA has opened a Post Office for correspondence. ALPOA's new address is:

AuSable Lake Property Owners Association  
PO Box 335  
Rose City, MI 48654-0335

- **Committees Reports**

- **Lake Health**

- Mel Reid, Lake Health Committee Chairperson, introduced himself and the committee. Dan Kocis noted that information associated with lake-level management will be shared on Facebook.
- Boat Wash Station
  - Lou Ianitelli noted that we will be installing a boat wash station at the boat launch to help prevent the introduction of new and invasive plants from entering AuSable Lake. He acknowledged Gloria Day's son for graciously donating signage for the boat wash. Additional signage was received from Michigan EGLE.
  - Lou Ianitelli shared that the DNR requires a Recreation Passport on all vehicles using the boat launch. Recreation Passports are available from the DNR and Secretary of State.
- Loon Update
  - Peggy Kay shared that there are two baby loons on AuSable Lake and at least one loon egg on Little AuSable Lake. The platform on AuSable Lake is working well, but the platform on Little AuSable Lake merits attention. She thanked Diane and Ron Sams for donating funds to support loon raft repair/replacement.

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- Lake Water Monitoring
  - Peggy Kay shared that this is the third year she and Mark Kay have been monitoring AuSable Lake water and that the 2023 CLMP report will be posted on the ALPOA website. She explained the testing methods and parameters involved with testing lake water. River Lakes Forest and Tall Pines Point Association have both donated funds to support CLMP reporting next year.
- Invasive Species
  - Peggy Kay shared that she, MSU, and CLMP have found Starry Stonewort and Curly-Leaf Pondweed in AuSable Lake. Both are Invasive species that are increasing in several places in the Lake. She provided samples of both weeds for attendees to view. Long Lake, Sage Lake, and others are now seeing Starry Stonewort. Our invasive plants are expected to increase greatly over time if they are not managed.
  - The first step to effective management of Starry Stonewort and Curly-Leaf Pondweed is to perform a formal survey to determine both coverage and order of magnitude. With detailed information, we can consider a professional lake management firm and the most effective, desired spot-treating method (e.g., DASH, harvesting, targeted chemical) for managing both invasive plants. A formal lake survey is estimated to cost \$5,000.
  - Funding methods (e.g., grants, tax assessment, donations) need to be explored. Larry McNeely shared that Goodar Township will support us, but are not in a position to fund an Invasive Species assessment.
- **Social**
  - Julie Oakley, Social Committee Chairperson, introduced the committee and members. Key activities planned for this summer include:
    - 5/23 – Social Night at Faull Inn Pavilion
    - 6/8 – Kids Fishing Derby and Wiener Roast
    - 6/20 – Croquet Tournament and Coney Dogs
    - 7/5 – Quadathon event
    - 7/6 – Boat parade
    - 8/10 – Movie Night on the Lake – JAWS
    - 8/29 – Annual Cocktail Party
  - Julie Oakley also shared several activities that are being considered for the future, including a “Unity of Light” display and organized fireworks.
  - Participation in social activities is open to all.
- **Fishing**
  - Brent Edgerton, Fishing Committee Chairperson, shared that the committee is working with the DNR State biologist to reestablish the fish stocking program. A survey is being conducted among all fishing to capture information on actual fishing results that will be shared with the DNR to determine limits and stocking needs.

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- Merchandise Sales - Rick Oakley shared the efforts underway to create and sell clothing and hats featuring a unique AuSable Lake logo to raise funds for ALPOA. Initially, all sales will be through advance orders. An order form reflecting items for sale and associated pricing will soon be available. The logo was well received by the group.
  
- **Election of Officers**
  - Dan Kocis shared the need to vote in officers per the ALPOA Bylaws. The Vice President and Treasurer will initially serve a one-year term and the President and Secretary will serve a two-year term to provide Board continuity.
  - A motion for the current Board officers to continue in their current position was made by Cathy Walling, seconded by Katie Hinderliter, and approved.
  
  - Dan Kocis also the need to amend ALPOA Bylaws by moving ALPOA Memorial and Labor Day meetings from Saturday to Sunday to avoid conflicting with area subdivision meetings. Lou Ianitelli made the motion, seconded by Mark Kay, and was approved.
  
  - Dan Kocis expressed his appreciation for the energy and work of all Board and Committee members.
  
- **New Business**
  - Topics noted for future discussion include:
    - Lake health assessment
    - Donations
    - Quadrathlon
    - Fishing habitat improvement and stocking
  
- **Member Comments**
  - A motion to conclude the meeting was made by Dan Kocis, seconded by Lou Ianitelli, and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.