

**Annual Meeting of the Five Lakes Association  
July 04, 2009**

The Annual Meeting of the Five Lakes Association was held in the Farwell High School Cafetorium Lobby. Vice-President Don Dysinger called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of Board Members was taken:

Present: Vice-President Don Dysinger, Secretary Rhonda Goin, Treasurer, Karen Wittich, Area 1 Representative Tim O'Neal, Area 2 Representative Dick Haynak, Area 3 Representative Bob Jeffords, Area 4 Representative Walt Plajstek. In addition, forty-seven (47) association members were in attendance.

Absent: President David Southworth, Area S Representative Cory Gingery

**Minutes Approval:** Copies of the 07-05-08 Minutes were available for the membership at the sign-in table. Secretary Goin read the Minutes into the record. Moved by Member Renee Jeffords to accept the July 05, 2008 Minutes; supported by Member Frank Oles. The membership voted unanimously to approve the Minutes and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Treasurer's Report for 2008-2009 were available for the membership at the sign-in table. Treasurer Wittich reviewed the Comparative Budget, discussing the line items with variances and directing attention to the \$10,000 transfer from the General Fund to Income to finance the West Bay Silt Trap Project. Moved by Member Claudia Mallon to accept the Treasurer's Report; supported by Member Onita Oles. The membership voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report and the motion carried.

**Welcome of New Members:** Vice-President Dysinger read the names of new since the 2008 Annual Meeting:

- Russell & Vicki Heckman – Lone Pine Road
- Bruce Legge – Deep Woods Drive
- Richard & Constance Morrison – Deep Woods Drive
- Alvin Titus – Five Lakes Drive

**Committee Report – Tim O'Neal (Weed Control/Landscaping):** Representative O'Neal reported on the weed control efforts on the lake so far this year. Member Cheryl Burford asked if there was any more discussion regarding dredging of the lake. It was reported that Member Ralph Greenfield attempted to contact those property owners that signed an interest sheet at last year's Annual Meeting, and there was not much response. Member Renee Jeffords said that members could contact Adam at Northwest Marine if they wanted their frontage dredged. She has his contact information. The membership was also reminded to use a non-phosphorus fertilizer when feeding their lawns and gardens as fertilizers high in phosphorus contribute to the weed growth in our lake.

**Election of Area Representatives:** Vice-President Dysinger recognized the incumbent Area Representatives, and introduced Steve Cohoon who is running for election to the seat of Area 4 Representative being vacated by Walt Plajstek. The Board thanked Representative Plajstek for stepping in to fill the vacant Area 4 Representative seat this past year. Vice-President Dysinger then asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for the seats of Area Representatives. There being no further nominations, Vice-President Dysinger called for a consensus vote. Member Onita Oles motioned to accept the election slate; supported by Member Barbara Davis. The membership

voted unanimously to accept the election slate, re-elect the incumbent Area Representatives, and elect Steve Cohoon to the seat of Area 4 Representative. Vice-President Dysinger then welcomed Steve Cohoon as Area 4 Representative.

**Board Comments:** Vice-President Dysinger explained the need for our Association Covenants and their importance in protecting our lake and property values. Quite a bit of work has already been done in the review and clarification of the Covenant document, including review by legal counsel. A new committee will be established to assist the Board in the completion of the Covenant review.

Vice-President Dysinger asked Len Wittich, Committee Chair for the West Bay Silt Project, to give an overview of the project to the members in attendance. Len explained the proceedings to date, and the next stages of the project, such as clearing some trees in order to build an access lane, installation of a gate across the lane as per the landowner's request, and removal and disposal of the silt. Association Member Courtney Bauer has offered to accept the silt on his farm, and the Board has agreed to pay for the spreading of the silt on his property. Len said that he has acquired all of the information needed to request the appropriate permit and has submitted it to the Michigan DNR. Len answered several questions from the floor. The Board expressed its thanks to Courtney Bauer for his willingness to accept the silt. Secretary Goin stated that the Board appreciates all of the time and effort that Len has spent on moving this project forward.

Secretary Goin commented that there are extra 2008-2009 Association Directories if members would like an extra copy.

**Association Members Comments:** Member Onita Oles expressed appreciation to the entire Board and thanked them for volunteering their time and efforts.

Member Cheryl Bauer asked if the cost of the proposed access lane to the silt trap was included in the \$10,000 transferred from the General Fund. Treasurer Wittich replied that it was included in the estimate of the project.

Several members asked questions regarding the approval or disapproval of building requests for garages. Vice-President Dysinger referred to the covenants addressing garages, residences and storage sheds. Area Representative Bob Jeffords reminded the members that the Board's obligation is to enforce the covenants as they currently stand.

Member Linda Verardi reminded the members of the Boat Parade planned for this evening at 7:30 pm. Line up at the public access ramp will be at 7:15 pm. Members may vote for their favorite boat on the Five Lakes website: [www.fivelake.org](http://www.fivelake.org).

Member Charles Davis asked if the Association tries to collect dues from the Kapplinger Drive residents to assist with the cost of treating the lake. Treasurer Wittich says that she does send a letter to all of the Kapplinger Drive residents, and some have voluntarily sent money to the Association.

Adjournment: Moved by Member Frank Oles to adjourn the meeting; supported by Member Barbara Davis. The membership voted to adjourn, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.

Minutes recorded by:

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Rhonda Goin, Five Lakes Association Secretary