**LAKE MARGRETHE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**SATURDAY MAY 14, 2016**

**9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**GRAYLING TOWNSHIP HALL**

Directors in attendance: Steve Erps, Hal Helterhoff, Sandra Michalik, Joe Porter, Chuck Spencer, Bill Stickler and Harry Wojcik.

Directors absent: Bob Wilson, Doug Dodge

Guest in attendance: none

**1. Meeting was called to order** by President Spencer at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Introductions of members and guests.**

**3. President Spencer recited the LMPOA purpose statement.**

**4. Secretary’s Report---** The minutes from the July 11th 2015 Membership Meeting was read by Steve Erps.

Motion to Accept. Gary McConnell

Second. Ray Basile

**5. Treasurer’s Report---** Current balance is $13,411.05.

Motion to Accept. Ken Michalik

Second. Ray Basile

**6. Introduction of Guest Speaker---** Sandra Michalik introduced Joan Charlebois. Joan is a forester for the Department of Natural Resources Forest Resources Division in the Grayling Management Unit. Joan spoke in length about the upcoming forestry operations around Lake Margrethe and the impact those operations would have on the area. Four separate operations were highlighted during the meeting. First, the Comp 184 cut in 2011. This area failed to natural regenerate. This summer there is a forest treatment proposal with trenching and re-planting of red pine in the spring of 2017. Second, there will be a Camp Grayling motor pool expansion where 30 acres of land will be cleared in 2016. Third, is the final harvest of Comp 185, where 50 acres of land due west of the camp motor pool area will be cleared. This work is planned for 2017. Lastly, the final harvest of Comp 184 of 82 acres is scheduled to be cut in 2017.

**7. Camp Grayling Boat Launch Report---** Chuck reported that the camp has not change their policy concern launching and retrieval of boats.

**8. Sheriff Department Contribution---** Bill reported that the LMOPA will continue with our $1500.00 contribution to the Crawford County Sheriff’s marine division.

**9. Fishing Derby Report** presented by Ken Michalik. Derby will be on June 25th 2016 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fifteen $20.00 gift certificates have been secured for winners of the derby. Continuing thanks to Roger Wilcox for providing shore lunch for all the participants: hot dogs, drinks, along with a hat for all the kids.

**10. Milfoil Treatment/Swimmers Itch** presented by Sandra Michalik

In 2015 we treated around 15 acres. In 2016 we will continue the chemical treatment of over 19 acres of milfoil affected waters in Lake Margrethe. Sandra has observed Higgins Lake Milfoil suction machine in the efforts to find alternatives to our current eradication process. The board has approved a new GPS unit for Sandra to plot treatment areas in the lake.

Isolated incidences of swimmers itch have been reported. Sandra encourages anyone that has been affect by swimmers itch to contact her. She also recommends not feeding any ducks, especially mergansers as they are the key component in the snail/duck cycle.

**11.** **Lake Levels and Portage Creek Dam** presented by Joe Porter

There have been 17 lake level reading done so far this year. Lake level reading are done to comply with the required court ordered lake levels.

**12.** **Jim Foote Prints in Memorial Gallery** presented by Chuck Spencer

Prints are still available for sale at: Jim Foote Memorial Gallery

12315 State St. Atlanta, MI 49709. 70% to 80% donated to Lake Margrethe fund. [www.jimfootewildlifeart.com](http://www.jimfootewildlifeart.com)

**13.** **Lake Foundation mailing and report** presented by Joe Porter

The endowment fund is $105,794.91. There were 23 contributions to the fund totaling $8,575.00. The largest being made by the LMPOA of $6500.00. Spendable amount of $49,321.50.

**14.** **Membership in LMPOA for 2016** presented by Harry Wojcik

Membership last year 304. So far this year 271. Reminder cards have been sent out. 19 first time members. Projected membership 310.

**15.** **Election of Directors in July** presented by Hal Helterhoff

The board of directors have three positions available. Harry Wojcik and Sandra Michalik will be running again for their positions. Ray Basile expressed interest in running for the one open position.

**16.** **Motion to Adjourn** motion made by Ken Michalik. Second by Rae Ann Schanz