

2013 Ripples



Membership Meeting:

- **President Spencer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. July 13, 2013.**
- **18 members & 1 guest attended the meeting.**
- **Reports were made by each committee chairperson.**
- **Annual elections were held for three board positions.**
- **Sheriff Wakefield discussed plans for a marine patrol.**

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President's Message – Chuck Spencer

2013 has been a busy year for your lake association, as your board has been busy attending to many obligations and responsibilities. Several of the social benefits of membership in the LMPOA include the fishing contest for kids, the dinner show at Camp Grayling and the July 4th boat parade. Each of these programs have required the guidance and leadership of members of our board of directors and we appreciate the time and efforts of Joe Porter, Sandra Michalik, RJ Hannan, Charlotte Bloomquist, Doug Dodge, Harry Wojcik, Hal Helterhoff and Bob Wilson. A special thanks is due to Marshall Roe for resuming the publication of the Ripples.

Due to a combination of factors, we have experienced some difficulty in maintaining and gaining new members for our organization. A membership fee of \$25 per year should not be too much to ask to assist in the stewardship of Lake Margrethe for our children and grandchildren; unfortunately, there are some who are willing to let others shoulder the burden. Membership in our organization is NOT limited to those who own property on the lake, but it is available to any person who is interested in protecting and pre-

serving our valuable resource. We will be making a concerted effort to increase the number of families joining our organization.

In addition to our social functions, the LMPOA performs lake water tests, treats the lake for Eurasian water milfoil, manages court ordered lake water levels, promotes law enforcement through the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, identifies problem areas in or around the lake, and works with county and state agencies to eliminate potential problems. We assume and accept the role of managing this important resource for all persons who use and appreciate Lake Margrethe. To become a member please send a check with your mailing address, phone number, and email address to the following address.

LMPOA
P.O. Box 583
Grayling, MI 49738

As you read the information reported in this issue of our news letter, I hope you will consider not only joining the association, but becoming active in the many summer activities and projects.

Editor's Note

Chuck makes excellent points about membership in his message to all of us.

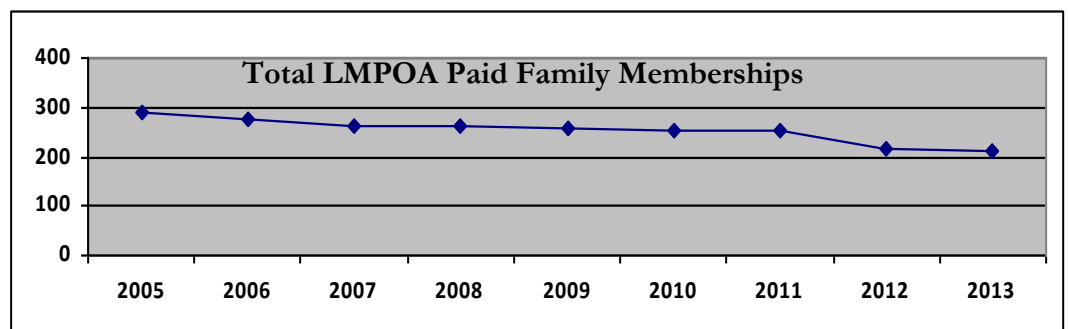
The chart below shows our membership numbers have drifted down over the last few years. Why? Many would point to the economy, reductions in property values, and forces beyond our control. I, for one, believe it has much to do with our hectic daily lives. We no longer take, or have, the time to enjoy the many wonders of our sparkling lake. Teaching our kids and grand children why our lake is a special gem that must be cared for, as well as enjoyed is far down the list of our priorities. For example, how many learn the genius of Mr. Hanson's gift of thousands of acres on the SW shoreline that assures the pristine nature of our lake?

This "old timer" suggests we all slow down and enjoy summer tranquility at the lake with family and friends; then do everything in our power to assure its long-term vitality.

Information regarding all activities will be posted on our new website:

lakemargrethe.weebly.com
Our spring meeting is Saturday, May 17, 2014(9:00AM), Grayling Township Hall.

See you at the meeting!



July 2013—Membership Meeting Highlights



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION: Members and Guests were introduced.

Financial: Spencer reported a balance in the bank account of \$6,175.90.

Elections: Sandra Michalik, Roger Wilcox, and Harry Wojcik were elected to the board of directors. Bob Bonkoski was appointed to fulfill the position vacated by Charlotte Bloomquist earlier this year.

Membership & Events:

- Plans announced to regain members who have yet to pay 2013 dues.
- Fishing Derby Report—RJ Hannan reported the 2nd annual kids' fishing derby was a success thanks to the efforts of Ken & Sandra Michalik and the support of Roger Wilcox. The program was almost a breakeven event because of volunteer support.
- Dinner Show & Camp Grayling Recognition — RJ Hannan reported 114 participants at the Officers' Club for dinner and a professional show; all to help celebrate the camp's 100th anniversary. The event was produced at a net cost to LMPOA just under the \$2,000 budgeted.
- Boat Parade— Doug Dodge reported the 4th of July boat parade was again well received with 19 boats registered and many more unregistered participants. All were welcome and everyone on the water and the shore had a great time! Big improvements planned for 2014.

Foundation: Joe Porter reports the Lake Margrethe fund (part of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation) has \$96,969 in it's endowment*. Additionally, there is another \$41,025.00 in the fund that may be spent with certain restrictions. Finally, the Milfoil and Zebra Mussel portion of the fund has only \$1,135 and \$1,765. respectively; our milfoil remediation needs in 2014 are estimated at \$6,000. Tax deductible gifts should be directed to: Lake Margrethe Foundation Milfoil Fund, PO Box 583, Grayling, MI 49738.

* *Gifts made to the lake foundation since its inception in 1998.*

Environmental: Sandra Michalik reports the overall health of the lake is very good. Treatment for Eurasian Milfoil is scheduled for the week of July 14, 2014. Weather can be factor in delaying application of chemicals. Watch for the markers in areas to be treated.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Member Communication: Sheriff Wakefield updated the members on plans to retain a marine patrol in the coming year. The association's financial support of the patrol is a key reason the sheriff's department is able to maintain an officer assigned to the lake each summer;



No Dinner Show in 2014:

- Three great years with over 100 tickets sold each year.
- Ticket prices do not offset the cost of professional entertainment and a fine meal.
- Funds used to subsidize the dinner show are needed to conduct lake water quality projects.
- The board believes we should take a year off and re-evaluate our situation in 2015.

2014 Boat Parade Expands to a Beach Party!

- Details to be announced.
- 4th of July Boat Parade
- Concludes at the Camp Grayling beach. Hot dogs and fun for everyone!
- Prizes for the best decorations.
- Theme: Favorite Movies



2014 Fishing Derby for Kids (fun for big kids!)

- Saturday, June 28.
- Prizes in many categories.
- Hot dogs and refreshments
- Register at Camp Grayling boat launch.



Do you know what is posted to the Lake Margrethe web site?

www.lakemargrethe.weebly.com



- All about the lake association
- Upcoming meetings and events
- History of early families around the lake
- Environmental issues, projects, & actions
- Picture gallery



Sign me up for the 2014 derby



This is fun & learning about responsibility



Eurasian milfoil is an extremely aggressive exotic aquatic macrophyte that is considered to be problematic to native plant and animal species. Milfoil forms very dense mats of vegetation which compete with and crowd out native aquatic plants. Eurasian milfoil starts spring growth sooner than native aquatic plants. As a result, milfoil robs oxygen and sunlight from native species. Fish species are also adversely affected by this change in plant growth. While some species of waterfowl will eat milfoil, it is not considered to be a good food source. Dense mats of Eurasian milfoil can also interfere with recreational activities, create a good habitat for mosquitoes, and trap sediments.

Milfoil is under control with annual treatments.



The Zebra Mussel is a small freshwater mussel. It was originally native to the lakes of southeast Russia, however, it has been accidentally introduced in many other areas. Zebra Mussels were first introduced to the Great Lakes in 1988. Zebra Mussels get their name from a striped pattern which is commonly seen on their shells, though not all shells bear this pattern. They are usually about the size of a fingernail, but can grow to a maximum length of nearly 2 inches. Zebra Mussels attach to most substrates including sand, silt, and rock. Zebra Mussels frequently attach to, and often kill species of native mussels.

No known control of Zebra Mussels.



From left:

- Eagle Point
- Portage Creek
- Fish derby is over.

2014 Calendar

Membership Communication:

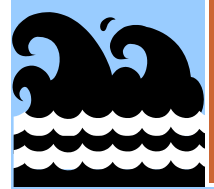
- **May 17 Meeting** at Grayling Township Hall 9:00 am. DEQ visit on managing water quality.
- **July 12 Meeting** at Grayling Township Hall 9:00 am. DNR visit on condition of lake fisheries.
- **Late July Ripples** newsletter to members and selected friends of the lake.
- **Web Site** available 24/7; updated regularly.

Membership Events:

- **June 28 Fishing Derby** for kids with prizes and hot dogs & soda. Registration military boat launch 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- **July 4—Boat Parade & Beach Party** theme is favorite movie. Prizes & party at military beach & boat launch.
- No cost to LMPOA members for either event

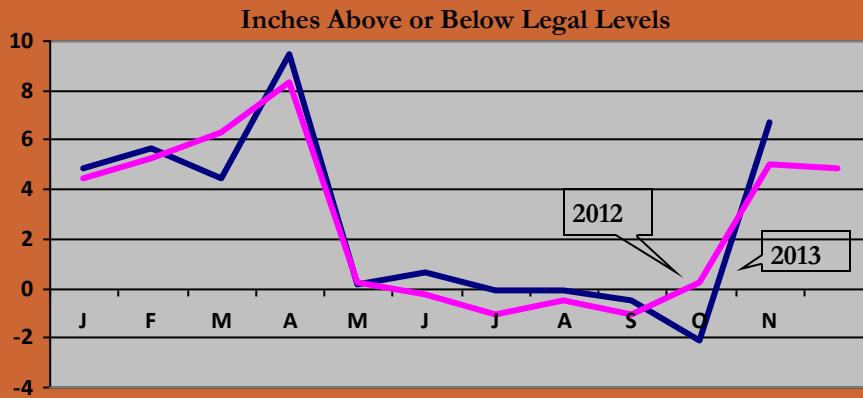
Environmental Projects:

- **July 14—Milfoil Treatment** of designated spots with chemicals as approved by the DEQ.
- **Mid-Summer—Dredging of Portage Creek & Installation of Sand Traps.** Close coordination among military, DEQ, Huron Pines, and LMPOA will assure this effort improves water flow at the creek entrance.



Testing of lake water for Chlorophyll, E.Coli, and Coliform is scheduled annually.

Water Level Is Important To Everyone



Lake frozen over:
December 25, 2012
Ice out:
April 27, 2013



Lake Margrethe's legal levels are 1,134.4 feet commencing on or about April 30 until November 1 each year; and 1,133.7 feet commencing on or about November 1 until April 30 of the following year. These elevations refer the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.

LMPOA Objectives— Bylaws

1. TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF LAKE MARGRETHE AND SURROUNDING AREA.
2. TO ENHANCE THE GREAT NATURAL RESOURCES IN IT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OF THE LAKE AND SURROUNDING AREAS.
3. TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN ITS EFFORT TO IMPROVE FISH HABITAT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.
4. TO SUPPORT AN ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATER AND LAND AREA OF THE LAKE.
5. TO PROMOTE THE INTEREST, RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE AREA.

Our Lake... Our Responsibility



Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association.

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private dialog group.
Join us!

We're on the web
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responsibility!*



Next meeting: May 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Grayling Township Hall

Editorial

I love Lake Margrethe because its....

beautiful, brilliant, charming, classic, clear, colorful, cool, delicate, elegant, energetic, faultless, flawless, graceful, immaculate, lively, lovely, lustrous, natural, peaceful, perfection, photographic, picturesque, pretty, pure, quaint, radiant, shining, sparkling, splendorous, spotless, unblemished, uncluttered, unpolluted, uncongested, unsoiled, untainted, untarnished, vigorous, wonderful
and it lets me go....

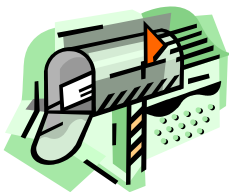
bird watching, boating, canoeing, fishing, hunting (ducks), kayaking, ride my pwc, go sailing, snorkeling, to socialize, go swimming, tubing enjoy water sports, or just wading

for all the above reasons....

I am happy to pay \$25 annual dues to the LMPOA for them to act as the Guardian of my Lake Margrethe

Harry Wojcik
Membership Committee

**Membership
is important!**



Mail your
check for \$25 to
LMPOA, PO
Box 583, Grayling,
MI 49738.

Financial Statement

July 2013....
General Fund \$6,175.90
Liabilities None
Paid Members 212 (as of Oct)

Lake Margrethe Foundation

Endowed Funds \$96,969.00
Grant Funds Avail \$41,025.00
Milfoil Funds* \$1,135.00
Zebra Mussel Fd* \$1,765.00
* Included in Grant Funds

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Meeting Minutes Posted to the Web.

Minutes of the July Board
and General meetings are
posted at our web site.
www.lakemargrethe.weebly.com
Questions to Sandra
Michalik; sandralmichalik@gmail.com

Enclosed is the 2013 Ripples Newsletter

Visit us on the Web at www.lakemargrethe.weebly.com and Facebook at "LMPOA."

Ripples is being mailed to those members without Internet access.

If you receive this by US mail & have e-mail, PLEASE PROVIDE IT!

Next Lake Margrethe Property Owners membership meeting:

May 17, 2014

9:00 AM

Grayling Township Hall

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