

The Ripples

**LMPOA
Communication &
meeting minutes**

Fall 2010

Membership Meeting:

- President Porter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. October 9, 2010.
- 25 members attended the meeting.
- Reports were made by each committee chairperson.
- Planned programs for 2011 were discussed.
- We learned about a Coconut Seawall on Eagle Point.
- The next meeting is scheduled on May , 28, 2011: 9:00 am. at the Township hall.

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President's Message—Joe Porter

As we met on October 9 for our final membership meeting of the year there was the usual talk of the summer season past. The weather was the warmest in memory, the lake water was clear and free from serious problems, and visitors used the lake in a safe and sane manner.

We reported at the meeting that we continue to have Milfoil under control. The 15-20 acres of lake bottom with the most aggressive growth have been mapped with GPS and are revisited regularly by the Milfoil Committee. Regular treatment assures us that this nuisance weed remains just a nuisance. We are not planning to treat the lake in 2011 for the second consecutive year. Pointing to the effectiveness of our previous efforts to halt the spread of the weeds.

It is my opinion that the association's efforts to better control lake water levels have succeeded. Dredging portions of Portage Creek and the entrance from the lake to the creek have allowed us to better control lake water levels to the court-ordered levels. It was a major lake-community project that will pay dividends to all property owners in the years to come.

Be sure to read the account of the first Coconut Log seawall installed by Sandra & Ken Michalik on page 4 of this newsletter. It is the first of its type to be installed on Lake Margrethe and the first cited in this whole northern Michigan area. Thanks to Sandra & Ken for their report and offer to share what they have learned about non-vertical seawalls.

Shifting now to next year. Our recently elected board member, RJ Hannan, has proposed, and the board has unanimously supported, three new programs for 2011.

We will kick off the season with a very special dinner and show at the Camp Grayling Officers Club. This will be followed by a Fishing Derby on the free fishing weekend. The DNR strongly supports this type of event to teach kids and adults the fun and enjoyment of fishing our Michigan lakes. Finally, The Store will provide members an opportunity to buy insignia items at a special discount. More details are shown in the column to the right.

Some final thoughts as we close another year:

- The lake and its fishery are healthy.
- Our lake is a safe place to boat & swim.
- Invasive species are under control.
- We communicate with members through the Ripples, e-mail, web site, and three meetings per year.

Thanks to everyone involved!

Our next general meeting is Saturday, May 28, 2011 (9:00AM) at the Township Hall.



Social Event - A dinner show at the Camp Grayling Officers Club on May 21 will kick off the summer season in a big way with Michigan Singers, celebrating Armed Forces Day. A cash bar and complete dinner will start the evening festivities. Initially, tickets will be distributed via various means to only active LMPOA members (limit 2 per household) at a special member-only price. After March 15, any remaining tickets may be purchased by members or friends of LMPOA at the regular price. Members are urged to renew membership and order tickets now, while still available.!

Fishing Derby – Plans are underway to conduct a special Fishing Derby on the weekend of June 11-12. Lynn Toma of the DNRE fisheries division is very supportive of the effort and promises to include it on the state calendar of events. Informational material also will be distributed, if available. Further, we were advised that here are no special state requirements for sponsors of such an event. Membership involvement is now needed to carry out the fun day.

The Store - The "Lake Margrethe Store." Your LMPOA membership card will be the key to great discounts on insignia items proudly showing commitment to the Lake Margrethe community. North Country Corner in Grayling has agreed to be the central point for apparel items, as well as gifts. A variety of merchandise will soon be available (some already in stock). The LMPOA web site and the store will display items. Stay tuned.

October 9, 2010—Membership Meeting Minutes

Directors in attendance: Joe Porter, Chuck Spencer, Charlotte Bloomquist, Morrie Stevens, Harry Wojcik, RJ Hannan, and Marshall Roe

Directors not in attendance: Ron Herron, and Doug Dodge

Meeting called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by President Porter. Attendance: 25.

- Welcome & introductions of members & guests.
- LMPOA objectives read.



MINUTES: Motion made and seconded to approve the annual membership meeting minutes from July 10, 2010. Minutes published in Ripples & posted to web site. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial statements were presented & discussed by Bloomquist. Business Free Checking account balance is \$9,514.11 as of October 3, 2010.

SECRETARY' REPORT:

- The Ripples Is being distributed to about 90 e-mail addresses and posted the LMPOA web site (www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com).
- July elections: Herron, Hannan, and Wojcik elected to 3-year terms.
- Officers: Porter President, Spencer VP, Bloomquist, Treasurer, Roe, Secretary
- LMPOA is a member of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- Letter from Huron Pines thanking LMPOA for its \$100 contribution and inviting members to visit their website for information about efforts to conserve and protect forests, lakes, and streams of Northeast Michigan.

MEMBERSHIP: Refer to attached report for a complete outline of plans reviewed in the meeting.

- 251 paid members.
- 61 former members shown as unpaid for 2010.
- Special event planning for 2011 is on track.

Committee Reports

WATER LEVEL PROJECT:

- Spencer reviewed the history and status of the completed four-year project to gain better control of the lake's water level.
- Porter discussed the current status of the lake level, which has been very close to the court ordered level all season. He also thanked Spencer and Stevens for their respective roles in making the project successful.

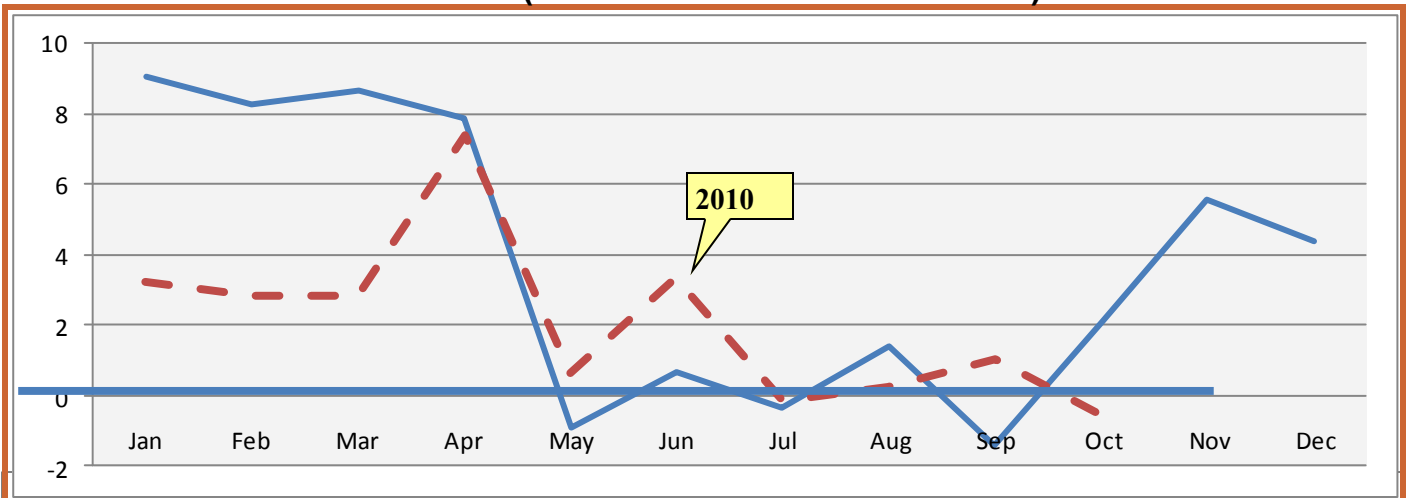


**Mark Your Calendar
For 2011 fun!**

- **May 21**—Special Dinner Show
- **May 28**—Membership Meeting
- **June 11**—Fishing Derby
- **July 16**— Annual Membership Meeting. & Elections.
- **October 8**—Membership Meeting.

Committee Reports

Lake Water Level: Inches +/- Court Ordered Level @ Wall Gage (Calendar Year 2009 vs. 2010)



Lake Margrethe's legal water levels expressed in feet above sea level are; 1,134.4 feet commencing on or about April 30 until November 1 of each year; and 1,133.7 feet commencing on or about November 1 until April 30 of the following year.

These normal "legal" levels were ordered by the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford on October 5, 1973

Based on work by Northwest Design Group, Inc. in 2007, these elevations refer the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.

MILFOIL REMEDIATION:

- No lake bottom treatment was needed in 2010 and none may be required in 2011.
- The \$400 permit required by the DEQR for lake treatment with 2-4d is not refundable or transferable to another year.
- Porter reminded the membership that Gary McConnell will be unable to perform the function of Milfoil Chairperson after this summer.

Water Clarity (Secchi Disk Readings): No report. No issues cited by members.

Water Testing:

- Moore reports surface water is slightly basic. No change from previous readings.
- Porter reports Phosphorus, Chlorophyll, and E-Coli testing are on schedule.

LAKE MARGRETHE FOUNDATION FUND:

- Porter reported \$95,194.91 in the endowment. \$400 granted for Milfoil treatment permit. See business report in the Ripples for current data.
- The lake foundation was established to provide a continuing source of resources to support the long-term vitality of the lake and its surrounding community.
- Gifts to the foundation may be in the form of money, or property, and may be designated to a special purpose. Contact Joe Porter for more information. joesue1@charter.net

October 9, 2010—Membership Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

- Porter reported that the DNR (Mark Tonnello) has not planted Walleye fingerlings into the lake for another year. This is due to a concern with the spread of disease. The following quote from the DNR web site:

“As in the past two years, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment’s Fisheries Division will again produce fewer walleye fry this year than it did in the past as a precaution against spreading of viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS). Fisheries Division is taking precautions not to expose its hatcheries to the virus or to spread the disease to additional water bodies in the state of Michigan.”

- However, the DNR does report that 2,000 Northern Muskellunge were planted in Lake Margrethe in 2010. This brings the total to about 10,000 Muskie’s being planted in Lake Margrethe in the past few years.

MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Sandra Michalik, of Eagle Point, provided a step by step outline of how she and her husband installed a Coconut Log seawall at their lake front home on Lake Margrethe. The DEQ approved this unique approach to renewing and protecting the natural beauty of the beach and shoreline. The logs are purchased in 10’ lengths and installed so that the natural plant growth occurs while protecting from beach erosion. Please refer to our web site for more photographs of this innovative project.

The following statement from the DEQ web site suggests that typical vertical seawalls are being discouraged and will be replaced by more natural barriers as described by Sandra.

“Because of these negative effects of vertical walls the DEQ recommends the use of natural shoreline treatments. New shoreline hardening should be avoided where alternate approaches such as plantings and natural stone can be used to protect property from erosion. The purpose and benefits of plantings/stone are to provide a natural transition between the open water and upland, while providing habitat.”

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.



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Our Lake, Our Responsibility



Next meeting: May 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
Grayling Township Hall

Our Lake

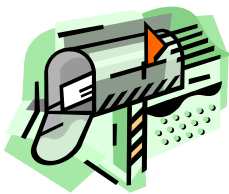
By Marshall Roe, S. Portage Ave.



It is views like this, sunset over West Bay, that remind us what must be protected by our state regulators, community leaders, and property owners. No one can look the other way.

Like many people with homes and cottages around the lake, I trace my ancestors back generations on the lake. So many family traditions, great memories, and "tall" stories stem from life at the lake. So why is this important? Anyone who steps outdoors at the end of a long summer day on Lake Margrethe has to become immediately conscious of the unique beauty of our lake — and the value of protecting it as a natural asset for the generations that follow us.

**Membership
is important!**



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

Financial Statement

October 2010

General Fund	\$9,514.00
No liabilities	
Paid Members	251

Lake Margrethe Foundation

Endowed Funds	\$95,195.00
Grant Funds Avail	\$23,842.00
Invasive Funds	\$10,886.00
Lake Level Fund	\$ 1,000.00

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Member Notes:

Wanted: E-mail addresses for all LMPOA members.

Meeting Minutes Posted to the Web.

Minutes of the October Board and General meetings are posted web site.
www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com

Questions to Marshall Roe.
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DINNER/SHOW/

MEETING:

May 21, 2011. Tickets now available to members.

Enclosed is the Fall Ripples Newsletter
Visit us on the Web at www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com
Provide your e-mail address at the web site
Don't Miss the special LMPOA dinner show
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