

Ripples



President's Message – Chuck Spencer

Fall/Winter 2011

Membership Meeting:

- President Spencer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. October 8, 2011.
- 18 members & 1 guest attended the meeting.
- Reports were made by each committee chairperson.
- Membership and the last year's timber harvest were discussed.
- The bylaws review committee reported.
- The next meeting is scheduled on May 19, 2012; 9:00 am. at the township hall.

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The lake will be treated for milfoil again in June of 2012 and our permit will allow us to treat up to 19 acres. Our lake has not been treated since June of 2009 and in order to control this invasive weed, we must periodically treat areas, which have become overgrown. Please thank Sandra Michalik, Len Bingert, and Gary McConnell for their vigilance and work in this area.

In addition, the dam boards will be removed from the Portage Creek Dam in October to lower the lake level the eight inches required by the court order and we are indebted to director Joe Porter for his work at the dam in maintaining lake levels.

Please thank Bill Moore for his monitoring Ph. levels in the lake to understand the effects of

acid rain on Lake Margrethe. Up to this time we have noticed little, if any, influence on water quality.

The LMPOA social calendar is also beginning to fill up for 2012. Directors RJ Hannan and Harry Wojcik have scheduled Saturday June 9, 2012 for our yearly fishing derby for youngsters 16 and under. This event also coincides with the free fishing week-end scheduled by the DNR and registration will again be occurring on the beach at Camp Grayling.

Director Hannan is working on the dinner show, which will take place at the Camp Grayling Officer's Club on Saturday June 23, 2012. All members and friends are invited to attend a great show and excellent dinner.

Director Dodge is organizing a boat parade to take place on the Fourth of July 2012. Boats will organize along M-72. (A reminder that the Fourth of July is on Wednesday in 2012) Finally, our annual membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 15, 2012 when we will hold elections for three directors.

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

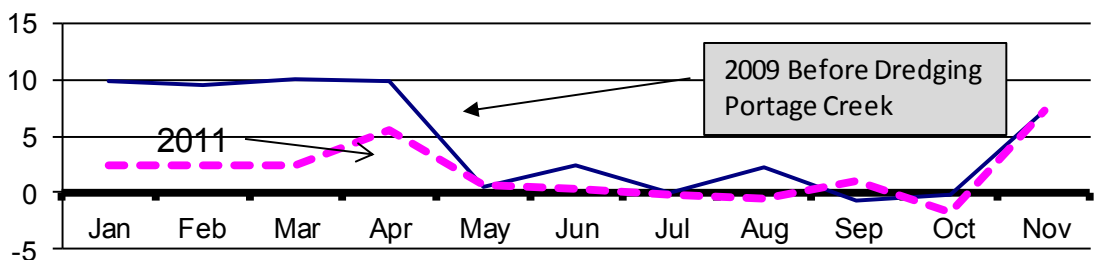
www.lakemargrethe.weebly.com

Please check frequently. As always, we appreciate your support for the LMPOA.

Chuck

Our spring meeting is Saturday, May 19, 2012(9:00AM), Grayling Township Hall. See you at the meeting!

Water Levels—Inches above/below court order levels 2009 vs. 2011



October 2011—Membership Meeting Minutes



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION: Members and Guests were introduced.

LMPOA OBJECTIVES: Spencer recited the five objectives of the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Spencer reported a balance in the bank account of \$8,758.15.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Roe reviewed membership communication process and 87 members who have not yet provided their e-mail addresses. Also discussed the new LMPOA web site www.lakemargreth.weebly.com and urged members to become involved in the early phase of development by submission of comments

MEMBERSHIP & EVENTS:

- Hannan reported 252 paid members. Reviewed plan to conduct a dinner show at the Camp Grayling Officers' Club on June 23, 2011. .
- Hannan and Wojcik reported the 2012 LMPOA fishing derby be held on June 9, 2012 with the Camp Grayling beach being the registration and weigh-in area.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **MILFOIL REMEDIATION:** Michalik and Bingert reported a number of "hot spots" have been mapped and the committee will be seeking a DEQ permit at a cost of \$400 to allow chemicals to be applied in total lake bottom area of 19 acres. This will be our first application of chemicals for two years. Michalik also reported she will be looking into a piece of equipment used by other lakes to vacuum up the milfoil weeds and thereby subvert the use of harsh chemicals.
- **LAKE MARGRETHE FOUNDATION:** Porter provided a complete financial report of the status of the Lake Margrethe Foundation Fund, part of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation. He also provided an explanation of the potential tax benefits to the donor.
 - Established November 10, 1998 with a gift from the LMPOA.
 - The foundation has 40 members contributing at least \$750 to the endowment.
 - Endowed funds stand at \$96,694.91
 - Contributions also are made for specific purposes, such as Milfoil Remediation. These contributions come from property owners, as well as local government and the US. Army and only may be used for the purpose for which they were given. Donations and grants of this type total over \$40,000.
- **WHY LITTER CAMPAIGN:** Wojcik showed the "Why Litter" signs displayed at 10 strategic locations around the lake. Anecdotal information suggests the campaign is getting the attention of the lake community.
- **LAKE WATER LEVEL:** See chart on page 1.
- **E-COLI TESTING:** Spencer reports the samples taken from several key points around the lake show no reason for concern or change from prior years.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **LMPOA BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Porter reported that the bylaw review committee has completed its work and has made recommendations to the board of directors, which were approved. The next step will be having the recommended changes ratified by the membership in May 2012.
- **SPECIAL AWARD:** Spencer report that Bill Moore will receive a plaque indicating the gratitude of the association for his Ph testing of the lake water surface for more than 10 years.
- **2012 BOAT PARADE:** Dodge reviewed concept of renewing the traditional boat parade with certain modifications eliminating the need for liability insurance. The proposed event would occur on July 4, 2012. Boat decoration would be optional, but there would be prizes for those judged best-on-the-lake. The program would start from the M72 area of the lake at about 2:00 PM.

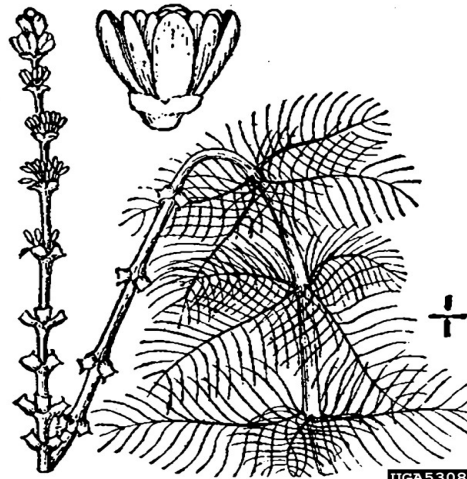
MEMBER COMMUNICATION:

CLEAR CUTTING OF OAK FOREST IN THE HILLS WEST OF THE LAKE

- Susan Theil, Grayling Forest Management Unit, MDNR, presented a thorough review of her responsibility for the almost 300,000 acres of forest in the Crawford County area.
- After her presentation and Q & A she distributed a map of the lake area showing (in lavender) the area harvested in the hills west of the lake. She also provided the attached common questions and answers about forest management in our area. Map posted to web site.
- Her contact information: 989-348-6371 thiels1@michigan.gov



2010 Timber Harvest



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Eurasian water milfoil is a submersed aquatic plant native to Europe, Asia, and northern Africa. Like most of the native milfoils, the Eurasian variety has slender stems curled by submersed feathery leaves. The stems of Eurasian water milfoil tend to be limp, and may show a pinkish-red color. The 4-petaled, pink flowers of Eurasian water milfoil are located on a spike that rises a few inches out of the water. The leaves are typically divided into 12 or more pairs of threadlike leaflets. The most common native water milfoils tend to have whitish or brownish stems, and leaves that divide into fewer than 10 pairs of leaflets. They are distinguished by the presence of many small bladders on the leaves, which serve to trap and digest small aquatic insects.

Why Litter?

Lake Scenes

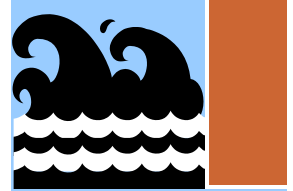


- From left:**
- East shore
 - Portage Creek
 - Fish derby is over.

Summary of key bylaw changes approved by the Board

- No changes to the objectives or area surrounding the lake from which membership is determined.
- Specify one annual membership meeting in July. Additional meetings may be called by the Board (i.e. the May 2012 meeting to ratify these changes).
- Separate the duties of the Executive Secretary/ Treasurer in Secretary and Treasurer. Outline the duties of each.
- Specify a quorum of directors to be five or more.
- All directors shall be appointed to a standing committee.
- Dues shall be \$25 is replaced by “dues shall be established by the Board of Directors per member and associate member.”
- Remove offer to purchase the Riparian magazine.
- Upon dissolution direct all assets to the Lake Margrethe Foundation versus the DNR and Sheriff’s department.
- Specify that the bylaws be reviewed every five years.

The above changes as well as wording revisions have been approved by the Board, and must now be ratified by the membership in May.



This bylaws review and update is the first since 1999.

LMPOA Survey Subjects:

- How can the association contribute to your enjoyment of the lake?
- Thinking about the future, what are lake communities biggest challenges?
- How should the association communicate with members?
- Would you like more information about the lake?
- Are you getting value for your \$25 annual dues?
- How would you like to participate in the association?

Membership Survey!

Surveys are a pain, but they provide an organized way to get critical input from those recipients of a service or product. In the case of LMPOA, this will be the first ever effort to get the full “voice of the membership.” We sincerely hope you will take a few minutes to complete and submit the survey:

- **Where:** www.lakemargrethe.weebly.com
- **How:** Just click on the multiple choice answers. There are no right or wrong answers.
- **Who:** Any member, associate member, or non-member is requested to participate.
- **Feedback:** We will post results of the survey to the web site and report in Ripples and at the May meeting.
- **Anonymity:** Complete, we hope for responses that reflect each respondents feelings.



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
www.lakemargrethe.weebly.com/

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Next meeting: May 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
Grayling Township Hall

Our Lake— An Editorial

The following quote says much about our responsibility to the one specific natural resource we all love, but often take for granted.

".....Our duty to the whole, including the unborn generations, bids us restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wildlife and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose, and method." - Theodore Roosevelt, 1916

In the days when our lake bore the name of "Portage Lake" forward thinking leaders were already greatly concerned as to the stewardship of our natural resources. Today there are evasive specifics, oversize boats, seawalls, runoff, acid rain, E-coli, water levels, and much more to worry about. All of this comes before taking into account how government budget restrictions affect fisheries management and safety on the water.

Ok, you get the picture. So what can we do?

Take responsibility for what you can control. Permit the shoreline to return to a natural state to filter runoff. Do not allow lawn fertilizer to enter the lake. Follow the rules regarding bait usage and boat wash down.

Share the beauty and sense of responsibility for the lake with your children and grandchildren. Bring the kids to the fishing derby and teach them about safety on the water. Some day they too will take responsibility for Lake Margrethe and tell their children how our generation handed over a sparkling clean lake fully able to support abundant fish and wildlife.

Financial Statement

October 8, 2011
General Fund \$8,758.00
Liabilities None
Paid Members 252

Lake Margrethe Foundation

Endowed Funds \$96,694.00
Grant Funds Avail \$28,137.00
Invasive Funds \$10,886.00
Lake Level Fund \$ 1,000.00

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Wanted: E-mail addresses for all LMPOA members.
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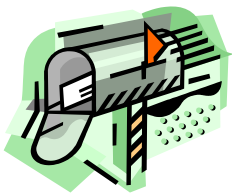
Meeting Minutes Posted to the Web.

Minutes of the May Board and General meetings are posted at our web site.

www.lakemargrethe.weebly.com

Questions to Marshall Roe.
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**Membership
is important!**



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

Enclosed is the Fall/Winter 2011 Ripples Newsletter

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

Ripples is being mailed to a very few 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 19, 2012

9:00 AM

Grayling Township Hall

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