

# The Ripples

LMPOA  
Communication &  
meeting minutes

## Spring 2011

### Membership Meeting:

- **President Porter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. May 14, 2011.**
- **24 members attended the meeting.**
- **Reports were made by each committee chairperson.**
- **Membership and the last year's timber harvest were discussed.**
- **The board will have 3 openings for new directors.**
- **The next meeting is scheduled on July 16, 2011: 9:00 am. at the township hall.**

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<b>Reminder: 2011 Member dues are due.</b>	

## President's Message—Joe Porter

Our May meeting normally involves much discussion of the oncoming summer season. This year was no exception. Member attention was directed to the important responsibility of taking care of our lake and looking out for the interests of property owners surrounding its sandy shores.

Why is spring and early summer so special? Because I believe the gem we call Lake Margrethe seems to be awakening from a long winter's sleep. Docks and boats begin to show the vitality of the Lake. Occasionally, we also hear the lonesome call of a Loon as another long June day closes under a painted sky.

Your association is something like a Michigan road crew. We mostly have the summer months to find and limit the problems on the lake, which are like pot holes, if you don't repair them they continue to expand. The nuisance milfoil water weed is a good example of one of our "pot hole" like problems. We also monitor and adjust lake water levels on a weekly basis, measure water quality, and much more. Then just when we think we have everything under con-

trol, someone decides to clear cut parts of the hills southwest of the Lake, Although the explanation by the DNR is not easy to swallow, we now have received a firm promise that no more cutting visible from the Lake is planned. Our work, like a road crew, is never done.

Two important events will help us kick-start the summer for association members and contribute to efforts to involve everyone on and near the lake in the association. First, with the leadership of director RJ Hannan, we had our first LMPOA dinner show at the Camp Grayling Officers Club. About 100 members and friends of the Lake assembled for dinner and entertainment by the Michigan Opera Theater Ensemble. A good time was had by all. Next, we held our first annual Fishing Derby. After a cold and rain soaked start, the fisherman enjoyed the day. Thanks to Roger Wilcox, Alton Davis and Harbor Beach for generous contributions, we had hot dogs, t-shirts, prizes, and lots of camaraderie.

Now what is ahead in 2011? First, we welcome Sandra Michalik to the board. She

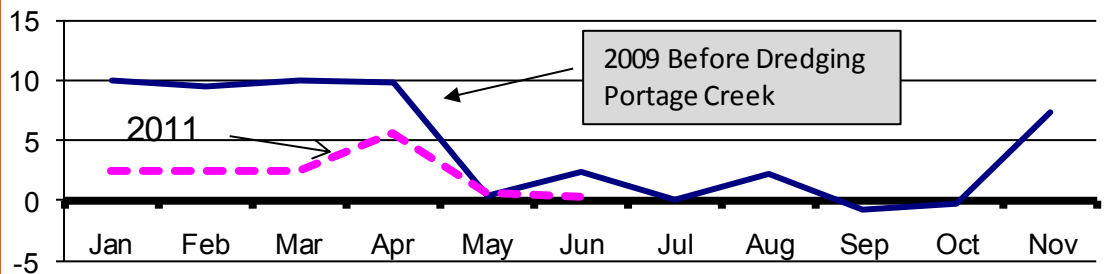
will complete Ron Herron's term. Ron resigned from the board after several terms doing water clarity testing for the association.

The upcoming July membership meeting will offer opportunities for new members to be elected to our board of directors. My sense is that with the natural energy and enthusiasm of new members your associations is going to want more input from property owners and undertake more innovative projects aimed at assuring our community and lake thrive.

I like how the poet says it:  
*Time has a way of fading  
"fame",  
But Lake Margrethe remains the same.  
Now, steeped in history she lies,  
Her ageless spirit never dies.*

The needs of the lake underscore the importance of membership in our association. As good stewards we must improve and maintain our beautiful lake, its habitat, and promote safety, and the interests of property owners. **Joe**  
**Our meeting is Saturday, July 16, 2011(9:00AM), Grayling-Township Hall.**

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



# May 2011—Membership Meeting Minutes



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION: Directors, Members and Guests were introduced.

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

TREASURERS REPORT Financial statements were presented by Bloomquist.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- 209 paid members so far this year; last May 216 paid members.
- It was noted that in the future Ripples and all notices will be sent to all via e-mail and posted to the web site; please provide your e-mail address. This saves on postage and copying costs. The list was sent around again for those present to include their e-mail address. Please send email address to [mcroe@aol.com](mailto:mcroe@aol.com).
- Nominations for three open director position are open. Nomination Chair, Chuck Spencer.
- Web site: [www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com](http://www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: RJ Hannan gave an update on the Armed Forces Day Dinner May 21, 2011.

Wojcik indicated that Harbor Beach Association donated \$100.00 towards the Derby.

- Members requested to assist with recruiting new neighbors.

TIMBER HARVEST LETTER: Chuck Spencer informed all that he had written to DNR District Manager, Susan Theil, in December 2010, on behalf of the LMPOA, expressing our dissatisfaction with the recent clear cutting on the western shore of the Lake. It was noted that Theil from the DNR will do a walkthrough of the area this year or next to ensure that there is new growth. The clear cutting was approved back in 2004. The LMPOA is now on a list to receive future DNRE meeting notices. Need a volunteer to assist in monitoring this.

MILFOIL TREATMENT: Doug Dodge has volunteered to take over monitoring and mediation of this nuisance and potential dangerous invasive species. This will be the second year in a row that we will not have to treat the Lake and therefore the \$400. DEQ application is not being applied for. The situation will be monitored.

SECCHI DISK: Sandra Michalik will start May 15, 2011. Porter mentioned that our water clarity had not changed since 1972.

Ph TESTING: Member Bill Moore will continue this work.

WATER TESTING: Porter stated that the first test for phosphorus & chlorophyll has been completed; results not in. Bob Young will test for E-coli; there are sampling bottles available for testing.

WATER LEVEL: Report was presented by Porter. We are staying in compliance; during the winter we were 6-7" lower than court ordered. Ice went out on April 15, 2011.

LOON PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION: We need a volunteer to be involved with the preservation of Loons on the Lake.

SPEAKERS: **County Commissioner Linda Munsey** reported the County has applied for a "sportsplex"; grant and mentioned both the COA and Crawford County Transportation will be on ballots for renewal in August. **Sheriff Kirk Wakefield** gave a report on the Marine Patrol on the Lake last year; he also requested LMPOA'S annual contribution of \$1,500 to help offset Department's costs; announced a Boater Safety class on June 11, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS, MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Sandra Michalik reiterated that we have to become proactive on the clear cutting issue; invite Susan Theil to July meeting. She also suggested we should send out a letter to the membership regarding the clear cutting before the next meeting.

MEETING DATE: Next meeting is: Saturday, July 16, 2011 at 9:00 am.

**Complete meeting minutes of our director and membership meetings along with a slide show of the May 21 Armed Forces Celebration dinner show are posted to the [www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com](http://www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com).**

## Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association

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We're on the web  
[www.lakemargrethe.com](http://www.lakemargrethe.com)  
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**Next meeting: July 16, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Grayling Township Hall**

**Become a LMPOA Director or Join a Committee**  
**Nominating Chairperson: Chuck Spencer 989-348-7278**

*Directors must be...*

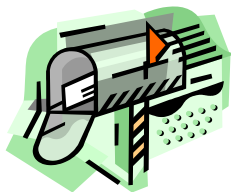
1. LMPOA member.
2. Interested in working on lake projects
3. Elected by the membership in July

## Armed Forces Salute LMPOA Dinner Show

Thanks RJ Hannan for coordinating the program!  
Thanks Mike Young & Doug Dodge for photos.



**Membership is important!**



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

### Financial Statement

May 2011

General Fund	\$14,157.00
Liabilities	None
Paid Members	209

### Lake Margrethe Foundation

Endowed Funds	\$96,544.00
Grant Funds Avail	\$28,137.00
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.  
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### Meeting Minutes Posted to the Web.

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

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Questions to Marshall Roe.  
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Enclosed is the Spring 2011 Ripples Newsletter

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Provide your e-mail address at the web site

**ALL FUTURE COMMUNICATION WILL BE BY E-MAIL OR WEB SITE.**

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