

The Ripples

LMPOA Communication & meeting minutes

Summer 2010

Membership Meeting:

- President Porter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. July 10, 2010.
- 29 members attended the meeting.
- Reports were made by each committee chairperson.
- Planned actions to control water levels were discussed.
- RJ Hannan, Harry Wojcik, & Ron Herron elected to board of directors..
- The next meeting is scheduled on October 9, 2009: 9:00 am. at the township hall.

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President's Message—Joe Porter

Another summer has come and gone and we are beginning ask each other: "how was your summer?" Fall is just around the corner on our sparkling lake. Soon we will enjoy nature's multicolor scheme for the season.

It surely was one of the warmest old fashioned summer's at the Lake in a very long time. Water temperatures provided great swimming and long evenings offered all sorts of fun activities for all ages.

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. Yearly treatment assures us that this nuisance weed remains just a nuisance.

We can now report the association efforts to better control lake water levels are successful. 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. We are thankful to the support and guidance provided by our Grayling-area community including: Crawford County,

Grayling Township, National Guard, Huron Pines, our lake foundation, and many property owners.

Two new members were elected to the LMPOA board of directors. Bob (RJ) Hannan and Harry Wojcik will replace outgoing board members, Bob Fiinkbeiner and Don Williams. Thanks to Bob and Don for their dedicated service to our association. Ron Herron, the third board member elected, will continue on the Board for another term. Other board actions are noted below:

- RJ has taken over the membership committee and is making great strides in contacting property owners that may have overlooked the important work of the lake association.
- RJ's committee also has advanced some very exciting ideas to strengthen our association's member-to-member communication and participation. The membership committee is planning a special LMPOA dinner show at the Camp Grayling Officers' Club on May 21 and a special fishing derby for the kids, and maybe some big kids, in

June. Both 2011 activities would be sponsored by the association and local businesses.

Some final thoughts as we close another summer season:

- The DNR reports the fishery is healthy... Good fishing.
- The lake is marine patrolled regularly; people use the lake in a safe & sane manner.
- Loons are present in limited numbers, but still here.
- Swimmers' Itch and Zebra Mussel have been a minor problem this summer.
- Communication from your association board to the 270 or so members continues with meetings at the Grayling Township office, Ripples newsletters, a web site, and special events next year. Thanks to a dedicated board of elected members combined with the assistance of many property owners we are keeping Lake Margrethe a "gem in northern Michigan" for generations to come.

Our next general meeting is Saturday, October 9, 2010 (9:00AM), at the Township Hall.

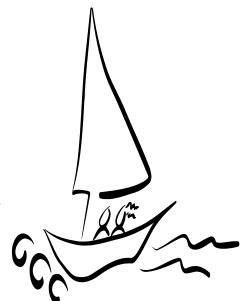
See you at the meeting.!

LMPOA Objectives

The Association By-Laws establish the following association objectives:

1. Preserve & protect the natural beauty of the lake & surrounding area.
2. Enhance the great natural resources & recreational facilities of the lake & surrounding areas.
3. Support the DNR in its effort to

4. Support an orderly development of the water & land area of the Lake.
5. Promote the interest, rights & safety of property owners in the area.



July 10, 2010—Membership Meeting Minutes



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

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

ATTENDANCE: 29

MINUTES: Minutes of May 22, 2010 meeting - approved.

TREASURER: Financial statements as of June 30, 2010, were presented & discussed by Porter in the absence of Bloomquist. Business Free Checking account: \$12,743.31.

- Certain minor invoices for meeting expenses, Express Copy, and Sylvester's plaques for outgoing directors were approved for payment.
- Michigan Lakes & Streams membership (\$250.00) for 2010 was approved.

SECRETARY:

- Paid membership 232, but checks still being received. (226 this time last year)
- Ripples label shows membership status.
- Elections - Committee nominates Herron, Hannan, and Wojcik. Being no nominations from the floor, all three nominees elected by acclamation.

LAKE MARGRETHE FOUNDATION FUND:

- Porter reported \$95,119 in the endowment. \$400 granted for Milfoil treatment permit. \$10,886 total spendable. See business report.

WATER LEVEL PROJECT & WATER LEVEL SUMMARY:

- Porter & Spencer discussed the damage reported by Morrie Stevens subsequent to the dredging of Portage Creek. The dredging project had no direct affect on Mr. Steven's seawall, which is adjacent to the area dredged. However, with the removal of debris and cattails in that area and the much swifter flow of water, the subject seawall was under cut in an area of about 30 feet. See picture below.

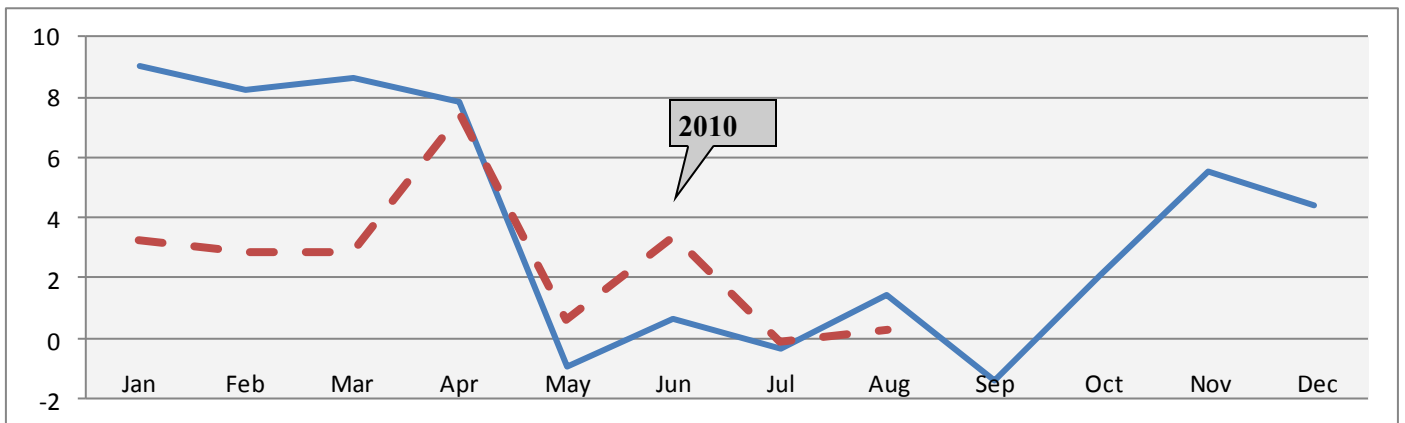


Seawall with erosion below & creek above

Committee Reports

- Stevens presented a quote from John Schilbe of Roscommon in the amount of \$4,165.00 to repair the seawall and associated damage. He further proposes that LMPOA defer two-thirds of the repair; he will pay the balance. The Board's approval of the Steven's proposal was reviewed with the membership. No objections raised.
- Porter reviewed the water level summary dated May 20, 2010. He noted that the lake water level at the three gages is within an inch +/- the court ordered level. Presently all dam boards are in place and there is a good flow throughout the mouth of the creek and dam area.

Lake Water Level – Inches +/- Court Ordered Level (2010 vs. 2009 based on readings at wall gage)



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 action of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford on October 5, 1973

MIIFOIL REMEDIATION: Gary McConnell provided the following written report::

"I went out and mapped the lake several times in May and twice in June. I was amazed at the lack of weeds in the lake. Tires, sunken boats, anywhere the milfoil would grow were void of weeds in my travels. I did not find many good weeds growing either, except for the low, bottom cover, I call perch grass. Pro Lakes Management was scheduled to treat the week of 21 June. I talked with Brea the week prior to that and we agreed to not treat. I have continued to look for milfoil and find only small weed beds. I did see a few branches of it floating on the water over the past holiday weekend but only few. It should begin to break off and float in the next several weeks but I don't think it will be any problem this year. I should note that the areas I had identified for treatment last year that we did not get to also were bare. I don't know if the winter or a slow start this spring contributed to this, but there is a definite lack of all weeds that used to grow tall in the lake. "

- The membership once again was reminded that McConnell will be unable to perform the function of Milfoil Chairperson after this summer.

Water Clarity (Secchi Disk Readings)

- Porter reports 10 – 11 ft. presently. Down from 30 ft. early in the spring.

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.

OLD BUSINESS	None
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NEW BUSINESS

- Porter presented appreciation plaques to outgoing directors, Finkbeiner & Williams.
- Spencer reviewed the Huron Pines organization’s responsibility for conserving the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan. Lake Margrethe is in the Manistee watershed. He moved that LMOPA become a member of the Huron Pines sponsoring group at the \$100 level for 2010. MOTION PASSED.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- **Terry Wright**, Township Supervisor, reported on current projects to improve the Recycle Center, Fire Department, and enforcement of property ordinances.
- **Mike Lange**, Crawford County Commissioner, discussed plans to redesign the ball fields at the county fair grounds and need for the millage renewal to support the Sheriff’s department.
- **Kirk Wakefield**, Crawford County Sheriff, reviewed the previous summer boating safety report showing 566 hours of marine patrol and 60 warnings, but no tickets issued. Wakefield also noted certain ORV and traffic speed conditions.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

For information: Porter reconvened the Board of Directors following the membership meeting for the purpose of electing officers for 2010/2011.

<p><u>Elections Results:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Porter – President • Chuck Spencer – V. President • Charlotte Bloomquist – Treasurer • Marshall Roe – Secretary
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Following elections, Director Hannan expressed his interest in leading the membership efforts of the board in the coming year. Hannan also advanced several innovative ideas for events to raise funds for the foundation, projects and at the same time promote the importance of joining the LMPOA. All of his ideas were supported by the other board members.

Respectfully submitted:
Marshall Roe, Secretary

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**Next meeting: October 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
Grayling Township Hall**

Lake History: Circa 1910
By Marshalll Roe, S. Portage Ave.



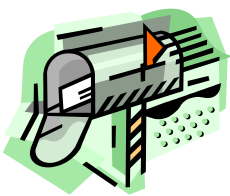
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www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com/**

Our Lake, Our Responsibility



In the early 1900's the Hanson family had a launch powered by a steam engine. The boat's propeller measured 5' in diameter according to legion. It was docked at a large cement pier near the family's summer cottages. It also is believed, along with weekend outings for family and friends from town, the boat was used to move logs from the South Bay area to West Bay and the a railroad spur.

Membership is important!



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

Financial Statement

July 2010	
General Fund	\$12,489.00
No liabilities	
Paid Members	232

Lake Margrethe Foundation

Endowed Funds	\$95,119.00
Grant Funds Avail	\$213,841.00
Invasive Funds	\$10,886.00
Lake Level Fund	\$ 1,000.00

Directors:

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Member Notes:

Wanted: E-mail addresses for all LMPOA members.

Meeting Minutes Posted to the Web.

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

Questions to Marshall Roe.
mcroe@aol.com

DINNER/SHOW/ MEETING:

May 21, 2011 More info to follow. Save date!

Enclosed is the Summer Ripples Newsletter
Visit us on the Web at www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com
Provide your e-mail address at the web site

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October 9, 2010
9:00 AM
Grayling Township Hall
Planning for 2011 Events for LMPOA Members

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