

# The Ripples

## Outgoing President –Joe Porter

### Summer 2011

#### Membership Meeting:

- **President Porter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. July 16, 2011.**
- **39 members attended the meeting.**
- **Reports were made by each committee chairperson.**
- **Membership and the last year's timber harvest were discussed.**
- **Members re-elected three members to 3-year board terms.**
- **The next meeting is scheduled on October 8, 2011: 9:00 am. at the township hall.**

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Our annual summer meeting was attended by 39 members. We discussed and reported on a range of topics shown in the meeting minutes within this issue of "The Ripples."

As required by our bylaws, the terms of three board members ended. The nominating committee put forth three candidates to fill the open seats. All three were elected by acclamation of the members present. Following the membership meeting, the board elected officers for the coming fiscal year:

- Chuck Spencer, President
- Joe Porter, V. President
- Charlotte Bloomquist, Treasurer
- Marshall Roe, Secretary

My service as president has spanned a period of seventeen years. I am now pleased to turn the lead responsibilities over to Chuck Spencer. As VP, I will help him take the reins of our association.

We also said thank you at the meeting to Ron Herron for his twelve years as a member of the board of directors.

With new and energetic board members we are seeing creative programs like the Armed Forces Day, dinner show

at the Camp Grayling Officers Club. Followed in June by our 1st. Annual LMPOA Fishing Derby. And the list does not stop there.

For the first time in ten years a complete review of our association's bylaws is currently underway. We should be able to report progress in this effort during our October meeting.

In addition, we have supplemented our newsletter and web site with a Facebook group (LMPOA) and page (Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association). Dialogue about the lake and pictures of special events should help us all stay connected, even during the long grey winter months.

Finally, this will be the first Ripples to be distributed mostly by e-mail. The advantages go beyond the obvious cost saving. We can include more pictures and members can share all or part of the document with friends and family with just a click of the mouse.

One thing that will not change is our commitment to monitoring the lake water purity, court ordered water levels

and mitigating the potential spread of invasion species, like milfoil. The lake water is tested regularly during the summer months for clarity, e-coli, chlorophyll, phosphorous and acidity. Correlating these data allows us to assure that the pristine nature of our lake is maintained for future generations.

Our October meeting will set the tone for the summer of 2012. Susan Theil of the DNR will explain more about last year's timber harvest in the hills west of the lake. Our "surprise" with the clear cutting of parts of the forest was document in letter originated by board member, Spencer.

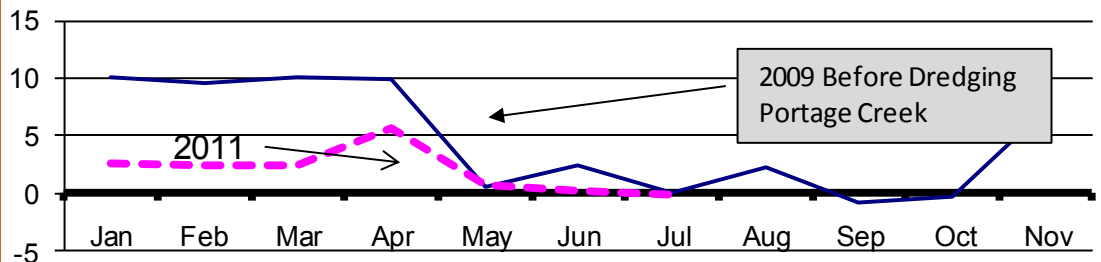
I'll close by saying that I am very optimistic about our associations future. I believe the natural energy and enthusiasm of new members on your association's board of directors will focus on innovative projects aimed at assuring our community and lake thrive.

Lets all enjoy the rest of summer on the lake!

**Joe**

**Our next meeting is Saturday, October 8, 2011(9:00AM), Grayling-Township Hall. See you at the meeting!**

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



# July 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.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Ripples: To be sent by e-mail. General agreement of members present. E-mail addresses and questions to Marshall Roe, mcroe@aol.com.
- Website for LMPOA is: <http://lakemargrethe.homestead.com/index.html>
- "LMPOA" is now on Facebook as a private group. Please post questions, comments, and photos.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Hannan gave a report on the Armed Forces Day Dinner May 21, 2011 and Fishing Derby June 11, 2011.

- Thanks to the many volunteers and supporters of the two events. 233 paid members as of today.
- LMPOA branded merchandise available at North Country Corners in Grayling.

ELECTIONS: Spencer reported three nominations to fill openings on the Board of Directors.

A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. MOTION PASSED.

Porter, Bloomquist, and Roe were re-elected to three year terms on the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- TIMBER HARVEST LETTER: Spencer reported on the letter to DNR District Manager, Susan Theil, expressing LMPOA's dissatisfaction with the recent clear cutting on the western shore of the Lake. The clear cutting was approved back in 2004. The LMPOA is now on a list to receive future DNRE meeting notices. Ms. Theil is expected to address the members at our October meeting.
- SWIMMER'S ITCH: Spencer explained that an explanation of the source of Swimmer's Itch and the best method to prevent it is posted to the LMPOA Facebook page as well as the web site.
- MILFOIL TREATMENT: Michalik reported that this is the second year without treating the lake bottom for invasive milfoil. We will most likely will treat major "hot" spots in the spring of 2012.
- SECCHI DISK: Michalik reported that clarity is being affected by large boat traffic on the lake.
- pH TESTING: Bill Moore continue to test for an increase in acidity. None cited; the lake is slightly basic, with no major change in 10 years. Previously tested soil taken from lake bottom; no Mercury was present.
- PHOSPHORUS, CHLOROPHYLL TESTING & WATER LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS CONTINUE: Porter reported that water samples are being taken and analyzed by a laboratory for possible problems. None cited to date. Water levels are very near the court-ordered summer levels. Portage Creek dam boards are adjusted to offset weather conditions. 2009 dredging of the lake outlet at Portage creek has improved our control significantly.
- E-COLI TESTING: Bob Young indicates samples are taken from 5 locations around the lake and test by a state approved laboratory. No e-coli have been reported.
- LAKE MARGRETHE FOUNDATION: Endowment and grant funds available reported by Porter.

NEW BUSINESS:

- LOON PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION: Three or four Loons have been cited on the lake and we seek an interested volunteer to assist with the preservation efforts.

**MEMBER COMMUNICATION:**

- **SHERIFF'S MARINE PATROL:** Several members commented on jet skiers being on the lake after sunset on Friday and weekends. However the Marine Patrol is never present in the early evening when these safety laws are being ignored.
- **COMMISSION ON AGING:** Lynda Munsey, County Commissioner, commented on the mileage question, which will come to a vote on August 2, 2011. Mary Parker also commented on the needs of our community's senior population. She strongly supports the renewal of the current millage and the requested increase for needed operations and services.



**2010 Timber Harvest**

Late last year the DNR and Camp Grayling teamed up to harvest timber from the hills west of the lake. Susan Theil of the DNR will meet with us in October and respond to our concerns.

*Signs will be posted in high-use public areas around the lake.*

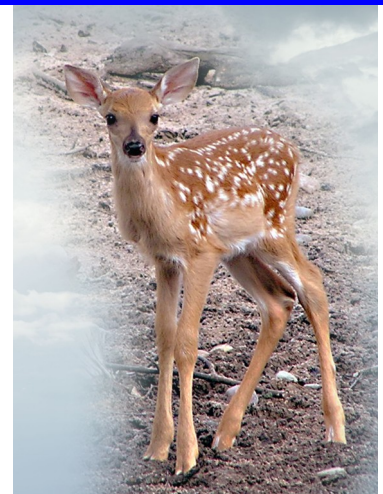
**Why Litter?**



The LMPOA Board will place signs in high-use areas near the boat launch, camping areas, and sand hill in an effort to remind our community to pick up after themselves



**Lets Save These Guys?**





# Where does Lake Margrethe foam come from?

Many property owners on Lake Margrethe have become concerned about foam appearing on the lake and shoreline; however, most of the foam observed on lakes and streams is a natural product of nature and is not necessarily an indicator of pollution. Small trout streams, for example, often have naturally occurring pools of foam where fish will hide. The foaming of surface waters on lakes and streams is not a new phenomenon. It is a natural proc-

ess that has been going on for a long time.

Foam is created when the surface tension of the water (the attraction of surface molecules for each other) is reduced and the air is mixed in, forming bubbles. All lakes contain organic matter, such as algae and plants, and when they decompose, they release cellular products or surfactants into the water, which lessens surface tension. When the wind blows, the waves on the lake agitate

this surface agent, transforming it into a sudsy, white foam.

Natural lake foam will frequently form parallel streaks in open water, caused by wind-induced surface currents. Foam will also collect in large quantities on windward shores, in coves and eddies. This natural foam will have a somewhat earthy, fishy aroma and will have an off-white, tan, or brown coloration. This natural foam can be frequently observed on Lake Margrethe in



The information in this article comes from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

## Our first annual fishing derby was FUN!



Prizes & Awards Presented.

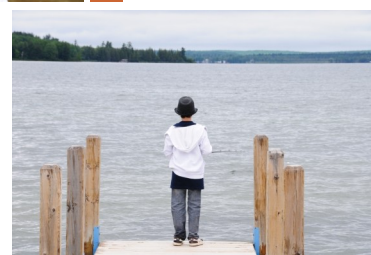


*Do you remember how much fun it was to go fishing and to catch a "big" one? The kids can't wait for next year.*

*thank you volunteers & sponsors*



The complete slide show created by Len Bingert can be found at the web site.



## 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.



## Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association.

PO Box 583  
Grayling MI 49738

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private dialog group.  
Join us!

We're on the web  
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*Our lake, our  
responsibility!*



**Next meeting: October 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.  
Grayling Township Hall**

### Incoming President—Chuck Spencer

I would like to tell you a story about our longest serving association board member and president, my friend, Joe Porter.

Joe and his lovely wife Sue love Lake Margrethe and the Grayling community. That should be no surprise because we see Joe and Sue at so many events, volunteering their time and talents.

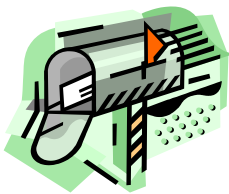
But lets talk about the Lake Association. Joe has been a member almost since the association was founded, He was elected a board member in the late 70's. Then returned to the board in 1992 and was just re-elected to successive three-year terms. During the last seventeen years of his board membership he has been elected president each year, without ever taking a sabbatical. During all of that time Sue was part of the team; helping out with meeting logistics and so much more.

So he put in the most years, what did he accomplish? Too much to cover in this brief story Now comes is a list of the recent big ones:

- Almost single-handed, maintained the lake water level with the most rudimentary resources.
- Launched the Lake Margrethe Foundation.
- Successfully mounted an annual Milfoil control effort.
- Provided leadership over a two-year project to determine how to best control water levels and ultimately dredge the mouth of Portage Creek.

Joe Porter has been the face of the association for all these years and we all owe he and Sue a sincere vote of thanks!

**Membership  
is important!**



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

### Financial Statement

July 14, 2011  
General Fund \$8,866.00  
Liabilities None  
Paid Members 233

### 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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### 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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9:00 AM

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