

Three Lakes Association
57th Annual Meeting – August 3, 2023
SYNOPSIS

The 57th annual membership meeting of the Three Lakes Association was held on August 3, 2023, at the Shanty Creek Beach Club on Lake Bellaire.

With the weather changing by the minute it was touch and go a couple times before and early in the gathering. We had a lot of long term members who had never attended a meeting and several who had not attended in several years. It was nice to meet and greet everyone!
A social hour started at 5 p.m. with members gathering for refreshments and general conversation. A television was set up with a video to see work being completed by the interns using the Ponar and the GoPro camera giving a visual of the quantities of quagga mussels at the bottom of Torch Lake. Then we enjoyed a mexican themed buffet.

Introduction

Executive Director, Lois MacLean, introduced President Fred Sittel for the business meeting portion of the gathering.

Call to Order:

President Fred Sittel called the business meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., explained the process for the business meeting and made some comments regarding ongoing projects.

Approval of Preceding Year's Annual Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the 2022 annual meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report for fiscal year end 2022 was approved.

Election of Officers and Board of directors:

With two nominations from the floor the final slate of candidates standing for election was approved as follows:

Two-year terms ending in 2025

Vice PresidentRick Doornbos
TreasurerEd Gourley
Zone A (Clearwater)** Open **
Zone B (Milton)Greg Fredericksen
Zone C (Torch Lake)Brian Hayes
Zone D (Central Lake)Steve Laurenz
Zone E (Forest Home)Fred Sittel
Zone F (Helena)Mike Haley
Zone G (Custer)Gary Knapp
Zone H (Kearney)Gary Bart
Directors at Large:Art Hoadley
Directors at Large** Open **

One-year term ending in 2024

Zone C (Torch Lake)Casey Wiggins

Zone H (Kearney)** Open **

Ratification of Actions of the Board:

Actions taken by the Board of Directors since the annual meeting of 2022 were ratified.

Acknowledgements and Recognition of Retiring Board Members:

President Fred Sittel recognized three members who have passed away since our last meeting.

Len Franseen passed in November 2022.

Dean Branson passed in December 2022.

Duane Drake passed in June of 2023.

President Fred Sittel noted that Tina Norris Fields has stepped down as a zone director. Fred presented a card and a gift card to Tina. Tina has offered to continue as a volunteer and as the Historian / Archivist. Fred offered, Tina accepted and the Board approved a position of Director Emeritus.

Fred answered questions regarding GBA and there was a brief discussion regarding wakes, wake boats and wake boarding and their effect on shore line erosion.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Program:

Lois MacLean thanked everyone for attendance and thanked Casey Wiggins and Mike Haley for stepping up to fill zone director positions.

Gary Bart introduced Marissa Duque and Chris Garrock of the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy, who gave a presentation on updates of conservancy projects recently completed and in progress in our area. Specifically highlighted was the recent acquisition of 28 acres with 650 feet of frontage on the north arm of Lake Bellaire as an addition to the Golden Days Loon Sanctuary. They let the membership know of a matching grant opportunity through August for up to \$15,000 with fund raising paddle events happening August 18 and 31. Information was also shared regarding the Milton Township Torch Lake Natural Area and summer volunteer opportunity events throughout Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse and Manistee Counties.

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Event details regarding volunteer opportunities are at: <https://www.gtrlc.org/volunteer/> or call 231.929.7911