

Glen Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2021

Directors Present: Dave Cheney, Corinne Cochran, Tom Dutmers, Rick Fink, Kris Fishman, David Hayes, Edward Lanphier, Lori Lyman, Stan Kryder, Jennifer St. Julian and Vic Peirce.

Staff Present: Tricia Denton, Rob Karner and Sallyanne Morris

Meeting came to order at 5:01pm

President Edward Lanphier welcomed everyone, thanked them for coming and shared that it was great to be back in person after the COVID shutdown. He stated the meeting will be just over an hour and will cover recognizing special members, our State of the Watershed, financials and an update on the Overlay District.

First there is a new 5 minute film, "Protecting our Water Everyday", to share with everyone.

Honorary Membership: Edward stated that occasionally the board awards an honorary membership to an outstanding member. This year, with unanimous support from the board, we recognized Charles "Chuck" Offenloch for his outstanding leadership and improvement of the Glen Lake Watershed. He has been a riparian and member for many years. He and his wife Sarah are the 7th generation on Dunns Farm Road. He has been the Vice President and President of the GLA and served on many committees. He most importantly has been on the financial committee and was instrumental in creating our Legends Program.

Legends: This year we are welcoming 3 new Legends, Ken and Kris Fishman, David and Susan Haughn and Dr. Jeff Janata and Dr. Susan Harper.

Stewardship Awards: Edward stated that although we are all Guardians, annually we recognize those who go above and beyond in maintaining their property responsibly. This year's award goes to the Crystal River Streambank Restoration Project. Recognized are the Faculty Row Neighbors including the Anderson Family, the Gietzen Family, the Karner Family, the Rueter Family, the Huesman Family and the Leed Family. They received additional support from the Theiss Family, the Denton Family, the Blondia Family, the Frolic Family, Crystal River Outfitters, Northwoods Hardware and the MI Department of Transportation.

State of the Watershed: Rob Karner welcomed everyone to Leelanau Schools and shared he and his family's connection to this school.

Watershed Protection Project: The goal of this project involves wanting to do a lot of things right and this has to be in partnership with all the townships. Whether a new build or a remodel, impervious surfaces are important to monitor. We do not want pollutants carried into our water. The closer you get to the waters edge, the more important it becomes. Glen Lake's

greenbelt is pretty good, but could get better. We do not want it to get worse. Some other limits and guardrails include guidance on clear cutting, especially on steep slopes and toxic waste storage. Edward will later cover where this plan stands politically right now.

Shoreline Survey: We are continuing our shoreline survey in tracking green belts. Fisher Lake has the best score with only 20% of properties lacking a green belt.

Other items we are tracking in our shoreline survey include:

Beach sanding at 16%. We want this to go down but it is holding steady.

Seawalls, which are engineered products made of steel, wood or concrete are at 2%.

Rip Rap is at 13%. A better option would be bio-engineering like the Crystal River Streambank restoration.

We monitor our 13 road-ends watching greenbelts, traffic and shorelines.

We watch 7 different areas for prop digs, where the bottom is dug up with motors.

Our Aquatic gardens are monitored by snorkeling, doing rake tosses and studying plants and by drone fly overs. Invasives we are keeping a close look out for include Eurasian watermilfoil, Starry Stonewort and Curly Leaf Pondweed. We are currently in year 3 of eradicating the yellow iris.

Swimmer's Itch Update: This is more complex than simply trapping and relocating mergansers. New research shows that in the Glen Lakes we have lots of worm species carried by many different small snails, and multiple host birds. However, we are high on preventions. We have tips on the website and handouts at the boat launch.

Waterfowl Survey: At the height of our merganser trapping, we had 17 broods and 172 birds. We monitored this year and had 5 broods and 55 mergansers. It has decreased and is believed to be a natural fluctuation in bird migration.

Due to time restrictions, Rob spoke only briefly on monitoring our fish catch (Creel Report), the unusual die off of fish on the north shore of Little Glen, bottom sediment monitoring, the Inlet study, the Winter Water Quality symposium, tracking Hatlem Pond, Discovery Boat, the enteric bacteria study, monitoring Crystal River, our Planktons study, the Guardian Program, Leelanau Clean Water and the Watershed Management Plan.

Edward thanked David Hayes, our parliamentarian, and Inspectors Monica Dutmers, Beth Stoner Weigand and Susan Dutmers for their hard work. As of July 19, we have 435 active members. Today we have 114 voting members, either in person or by proxy, and have met our quorum requirements of 59.

Motion has been made to accept the 2020 Annual minutes. Passed by unanimous consent.

Bylaws: Edward shared that the board has spent considerable time this past year reviewing and crafting updates for our bylaws. This was prompted by needing to move into the 21st century with emails communications and virtual meetings. These updates have full board recommendation and approval by past presidents Bill Witler, Dennis Becker, Andy Dupont, Chuck Ofenloch and Jim Dutmers. The portion of the proposed amendments were mailed to the

current members fulfilling the bylaw requirements of notification. The Aug 9, 2008 bylaws that were amended Aug 10, 2019, have been overwhelmingly approved.

Financial Report: Stan Kryder thanked the treasurers that came before him, especially David Herr, for getting us where we are today.

Our year end 2020 Total Net Assets are at \$1,464,109.00. this is an increase of \$199,416 over the previous year.

Our Assets are in three funds.

The **Watershed Fund** is at \$628,500, which is restricted, but available for emergency use. 4% of this fund annually supplements the General Fund

The **General Fund with Restrictions** is at \$455,00. These are monies set aside to fund specific programs including Discovery Boat, Watershed Biologist, and dredging Hatlem Pond.

The **General Fund without Restrictions** is at \$387,000 and is used for the operation of the Association.

Revenue: Last year was not typical and we received a significant increase in gifts, investment earnings and ongoing support of our members. We received \$137,000 in our 75th Anniversary outreach to support the Watershed Scientist program. Majority of our earnings still come from members dues and contributions at \$150,000. Foundations and grants awarded were at \$35,000. Our interest investment was at \$114,000.

Expense: Our expenses were at \$262,000. Our Major expenses include Water Quality, Invasive Species, Support Services and Member Communications.

Stan concluded by stating he is pleased again that our annual independent audit came back with an Unqualified opinion.

Watershed Protection Plan: Edward shared there are plan printouts at the back of the room to pick up and read for everyone to acquaint themselves with this plan. Understanding and advocacy will be critical. The current status is that Empire has initially approved and by law forwarded this to the County Review Board. Cleveland Township last night unanimously passed and forwarded by law to the County Review board also. Edward is optimistic and this is more positive momentum. The Glen Arbor Township board does not meet in July and August. The planning commission has not been encouraging and we continue to stay engaged to address their concerns. Kasson Township has decided to wait until other townships have reacted before having a presentation.

Invasive Species: Edward highlighted the battle Lake Leelanau is now in with Eurasian watermilfoil. The damage is not measurable and there is a huge and costly battle ahead. At our boat wash, by July 4th we had boaters through our wash from 18 states. In the last few weeks, the boat wash staff have removed 4 fragments of Eurasian watermilfoil from boats and trailers. He brings this up to preview that future fundraising efforts will be critical in the effort to prevent rather than remedy. It would be thousands to protect vs millions to eradicate and clean up.

Questions & Answers:

Richard Anderson of Empire questioned and made a statement opposing the “Shoreline Vegetative Buffer” in section B of the Watershed Protection Plan. He described his property and how he felt he would be impacted by approval of this Plan.

Edward answered that he is happy to meet offline and discuss this further with Richard, but first did want to assure him that all properties, if approved, are grandfathered and you don’t have to change your property. The big concern is those properties on the lake that are undeveloped. Jim Dutmers supported and expanded on Edwards reply.

Edward thanked everyone for coming. He thanked the members of the board and the staff. He believes we are the best Association in the state if not in the country.

Motion to Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyanne Morris