

Dean Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes.

Thursday, April 19, 2012 – New Community Church, 2340 Dean Lake Road NE
About 70 Dean Lake Residents were present at the meeting.

A **mailing** was sent out 2 weeks prior to the meeting with an **agenda** for the meeting, an **invoice** for membership dues, a tentative weed & algae **treatment schedule** and a **magnet**. The magnet has an aerial view of Dean Lake that maps out the suggested wake zone path, The Park, The Island, The Narrows, Turtle Cove, Row Boat Cove, The Sand Bar and South Beach.

Any **Unpaid Dues** may be mailed to: Jan Wood, DLA Treasurer
2380 Holtman Drive NE
Grand Rapids MI 49525

There was a **meet & greet** time from 6:00 to 7:00pm. People had the chance to check out a table of Dean Lake trivia display and maps, pay their dues (\$40.00 per household) and update their contact information. Everyone was given a name tag and a raffle ticket. The “Gift with Purchase” for membership dues this year was a blue and white striped **beach towel** with *Dean Lake* silk screened on it. They are also available for \$15.00 from Nyleene.

Several local businesses were represented, including J’s Flowers, Cakes Plus, Wileys, Earthbound Screen Printing, Bud & Stanley’s, Artwork by Lynn Anderson, Pam Spring’s Advertising, a company that supplies a lake bottom tarp for weed control and a few others. Many of the businesses donated **door prizes** which were raffled off throughout the meeting.

President Cheryl Phillips LeMieux called the **meeting to order at 7:00**. New Community Church Paster Lou Vander Meer welcomed everyone and offered a prayer for safety on the lake this summer. Cheryl then introduced the board; Treasurer Jan Wood, Vice President Nyleene Dodgson and Secretary Joel Dykema. Trustees and Past Presidents were also recognized.

Everyone was asked to “**Introduce Yourself!**” And then share what street you live on and how long you have lived there. The tape recorder was not working at this point, but here are a few names, streets and (adjusted) years taken from the minutes from last year’s DLA annual meeting.

Cheryl & Al LeMieux	4-Mile Rd	9 years
Jim & Jan Woods	Holtman	13 years
Nyleene Dodgson Family	Breezy Point, The Island	About 101 years
Joel Dykema, Dan Langworthy	Breezy Point	9 years
Chuck & Jo Elenbaas	Manitoba	20 years
Steve & Tammi Milewski	Manderly	6 years
Jerry & Pat Potter	Schimberle	13 years
Molly Murry	Manitoba Ct	9 years
John & Marcia Kantorowski	Holtman	24 years
Lynn Anderson	Edgewater	6 years
Jim & Claudia Koslosky	Holtman	21 years
Pam Spring	Edgewater	12 years
Mike & Carol Ustick	Siebers Lane	6.5 years

Rick & Mary Gregg	Siebers Lane	22 years
Tom & Diane Lomonoco	Siebers	5 years
Darlene Baker	Breezy Point	
Ray Kennedy	4-Mile Rd	14 years
Greg & Brenda Fausett	Siebers Lane	22 years
Phil Bednarek	Keeweenaw	8 years
Lawrence & Roberta Kok	Jupiter	3 years
Rich Ryder	Dean Lake Ave	35 years
Lynn Herman	Audobon Ct	
Jerry & Pam Hunefeld	Wild Rose Lane	21 years
Dick & Perri Cossin	Manderly	
Matt Dubridge	Edgewater	4 years
Jeff & Chris Dykema	Audobon Ct	31 years
Brian Kniff	Schimberle	11 years
Jacob Ainsworth & Jeff Turmell	4-Mile and Schimberle	

Boat In and Out dates of April 21, May 19, Oct 6 & 13 were announced.
Dean Lake Membership Dues must be paid to get through the gate

Jan gave the **Treasurers Report**. The checking Account has a Balance of \$4846.99. There is \$18,126.03 in Money Market CDs. Dues were raised from 35.00 to 40.00 a year. There are 116 homes on the lake. More details are on the treasurer's report.

Dues cover projects such as pump maintenance, the park fence / guard rail, gate & lock maintenance, postage & printing for correspondence, and association liability insurance.

Special Assessment Taxes of \$85.00 per property goes to Plainfield Township and Grand Rapids Township. Four Mile Road is the border between the two townships. This money covers weed treatment etc. Plainfield Township has 7062.76 collected in taxes. The G. R. Township balance is \$4,588.00. Last year, \$13,400.00 was spent on weed control.

Pam talked about **4th of July** festivities.

The **Parade** will be on Wednesday July 4th @ 4:00 starting at the Island's south beach.

Brunch on Boats will be on Saturday, July 7 @ 10:00am.

This year's theme is "**The Pirates of Dean Lake.**"

Joel Dykema talked about **Happy Hour Parties**.

They will start this year on June 22 at Joel & Dan's with a 1920's theme.

Parties are usually on Fridays, do not require a theme and are BYOB.

A schedule will be emailed and available on the web page.

Bill showed everyone the **New Web Site** projected on a large screen.

He showed where it includes lots of information; events, lake conditions, pictures etc.

Web Page Address = <http://deanlake.org/> e-mail = deanlakeorg@gmail.com

Members can have their company logo put up on the web site for \$25.00, one time fee, yearly fee.

If you have pictures or information that you would like to share, email deanlakeorg@gmail.com .

Various side discussions included, but were not limited to: The Great Heron rescue, the Largest Muskie in the state that was caught in 1976, the Ghost of Dean Lake in the 1950's.

There are huge turtles in Dean Lake. The turtles will sometimes eat the remains of a dead water balloon and can die from it. The group voted to not have a water balloon fight during the 4th of July boat parade. Water cannons are allowed, but not rocks.

Joel Steenstra from **Summit Labs** talked about the *State of the Lake*. Summit Labs is hired by the Dean Lake association to provide data. Professional Lake Management applies the chemicals to the lake. If anyone sees potential problems, please feel free to contact Summit. Joel's email - mail@ssummitlaboratory.com - Lab phone 245-3818. Questions and answers will be posted on the web-site.

The Environmental Protection Agency, Department Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Quality regulate what is registered to use in the lake. Our permit allows us to treat Eurasian milfoil and algae.

Eurasian Milfoil has been aggressively treated with trychlophere since 2006. Copper Sulfate is used to treat the lake for algae.

Turbidity (cloudy water) is caused by fine suspended matter in the lake. The boats, wind and the storm drains (at least 30) are the main causes of this. Very high lake levels and erosion last year also contributed to the problem. Chara carpets the bottom of the lake and helps to keep the sediment down. It's a multi-faceted problem, not solely a biological (algae) problem.

Last year Joel was more pro-active and had quicker treatment response times. Joel works with PLM and is getting more frequent, target specific, treatments.

A treatment schedule was distributed – any changes will be emailed and on the web site.

The long term weather forecast is calling for a dry summer, which will be great for the health of Dean Lake. Lack of ice on the lake this past winter kept the oxygen levels high which is also good for the lake.

Fish population – Four inch **Golden Shiners** were stocked last spring and about one hundred tagged, "Catch & Release" sterile 15" to 18" **Tiger Muskies** were released in the fall. If anybody catches one of the Tiger Muskies, it was requested that they register the tag number with Joel at Summit Labs.

Dredging the lake (through the narrows) is a work in progress.

Elections – The board will remain the same with the exception of Jo Ellenbaas replacing Nyleene Dodgson as Vice-President. Nyleene will become a trustee.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 and a bunch of us went to Cheryl and Al's.