

Dean Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes.

Thursday, April 18, 2013 – New Community Church, 2340 Dean Lake Road NE

About 75 Dean Lake Residents were present at the meeting.

A **mailing** was sent out 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

The mailing included:

1. A letter to the Association from Cheryl
2. An Agenda for the Thursday, April 19th meeting
3. A Proposed Notice to Dean Lake Residents for dredging
4. A letter explaining the Catch Basin Identification project
5. A Water Pollution Report form from Plainfield Township
6. An Invoice for Annual Association Dues

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 6:30 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. There were several **door prizes** which were raffled off throughout the meeting.

President Cheryl Phillips LeMieux called the **meeting to order at 7:00.**

New Community Church Pastor Lou Vander Meer welcomed everyone and offered a prayer for safety on the lake over the summer. Cheryl then introduced the board; Treasurer Jan Wood, Vice President Joanne Ellenbaas 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. It was very loud and difficult to hear during this time. Some of the names and numbers may not be right or are missing.

Cheryl & Al LeMieux	4-Mile Rd	12 years
Jim & Jan Woods	Holtman	14 years
Nyleene Dodgson Family	Breezy Point, The Island	Many years
Joel Dykema, Dan Langworthy	Breezy Point	10 years
Chuck & Jo Elenbaas	Manitoba	22 years
Steve & Tammi Milewski	Manderly	7 years

Jerry & Pat Potter	Schimberle	14 years
Molly Murry	Manitoba Ct	10 years
John & Marcia Kantorowski	Holtman	25 years
Tim & Bev Kolkman	Holtman	28 years
Lynn Anderson	Edgewater	07 years
Jim & Claudia Koslosky	Holtman	22 years
Pam Spring / Mike Franks	Edgewater	13 years
Gary & Toots Ducette	Holtman	38 years
Michael & Dorothy Hovingh	Edgewater	64 years
Mike & Carol Ustick	Siebers Lane	07.5 years
Rick & Mary Gregg	Siebers Lane	23 years
Tom & Diane Lomonoco	Siebers	06 years
Jane Zwiers	Schimberle	
Mike Wambach	Keeweenaw	
Mary Law	Schimberle	15 years
Darleene Baker	Breezy Point	
Ray Kennedy	4-Mile Rd "South Beach"	15 years
Greg & Brenda Fausett	Siebers Lane	23 years
Phil Bednarek	Keeweenaw	10 years
Lawrence & Roberta Kok	Jupiter	4 years
Rich Ryder	Dean Lake Ave	37 years
Lynn Herman	Audobon Ct	20 years
Jerry & Pam Hunefeld	Wild Rose Lane	23 years
Dick & Perri Cossin	Manderly	
Matt Dubridge	Edgewater	5 years
Jacob Ainsworth & Jeff Turmell	4-Mile and Schimberle	2 years

Cheryl explained what board positions were available – Vice President, Secretary and two Trustees. Trustees remain on the board for three years. The board is going to try to meet every other month on the first Wednesday of the month. Elections were held at the end of the meeting. In the future, the President will be limited to a three year term. If the Vice President is willing, he or she will automatically move into the position of President when it becomes available.

Joanne and Mr. Westenburg from Progressive Engineering talked about the storm drain evaluation that was done. Periodic cleaning, Riprap and Tees to slow water flow were some of the suggestions. A complete report is available upon request.

Joanne, Jayne, Bill and Jan have formed a Lake Health committee.

An Eagle Scout named Nathan talked about the Catch Basin Identification project. The Scouts teamed up with the Kent County Road Commission and put identification medallions on the catch basins that drain into Dean Lake. Everyone was encouraged to "Adopt" a catch basin and report anything that could be a potential problem. Thank you to Dick Cossin for numbering the medallions!

Boat In and Out dates of April 20, May 19, Oct 5 & 19 were announced. Dean Lake Membership Dues must be paid to get through the gate.

Jan gave the **Treasurers Report**. A copy is available upon request. Last year we had about 92% of the homes on the lake pay their annual dues.

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 is mainly used to cover weed treatment.

Brenda Faucett talked about the **4th of July** festivities.

The **Parade** will be on Wednesday, July 4th @ 4:00, starting at the Island's south beach. This year's boat parade theme is "**Woodstock – Hippies from the 60's!**" **Brunch** on Boats will be on Saturday, July 7 @ 10:00am.

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

They will start this year on June 21 at the Potters on Shimerle.

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

Invitations are emailed, so make sure you are on the webmasters email list!

Bill Haddix fielded **Web Site** questions. The site provides 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 a \$25.00 yearly fee. If you have pictures or information that you would like to share, email deanlakeorg@gmail.com .

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.

Joel S. has been working with Dean Lake residents for 11 years now. Treatment of Dean Lake is a bit more difficult than the average lake because of Dean Lake's unique physical and biological characteristics.

There's been a problem with large algae blooms. As soon as the water temperature hits 55° they can be treated with Copper Sulfate. There have been a few spots of Eurasian Milfoil, but they seem to be under control.

Turbidity (cloudy water) will always be an occasional problem. 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. It helps to keep the sediment down. It's a multi-faceted problem, not solely a biological (algae) problem. Joel has been more pro-active and has had quicker treatment response times. Joel works with PLM and gets more frequent, target specific, treatments. A treatment schedule was distributed – any changes will be emailed. If we get a long dry summer, it will be great for the health of Dean Lake. Lack of ice on the lake over the past winter kept the oxygen levels high, which is also good for the health of the lake.

Fish population – There was a huge (Northern Pike) fish die-off due to the extreme heat conditions last summer. A number of Dean Lake residents came together and all of the dead fish were cleaned up immediately.

If anybody catches one of the tagged, “Catch & Release” **Tiger Muskies**, it was requested that they register the size and tag number with Joel at Summit. They were 15” to 18” when stocked and could be much larger by now.

Dredging the lake (through the narrows) is scheduled to be completed in April! Tom Dugan walked us through what would be done. Anyone that wanted to volunteer was encouraged to do so after the meeting.

Elections – Jo Ellenbaas will replace Cheryl as President. Joel Dykema will replace Jo Ellenbaas as Vice-President. Molly Murry will replace Joel as Secretary. Mike Wambach and Vickie Hibma were added as Trustees to replace Jim Wood and Dick Cossin.

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

Respectfully submitted by Joel Dykema, Secretary, Dean Lake Association.