

LCA Annual Meeting Minutes
(Draft—voting for approval at 2008 LCA annual meeting)
August 16, 2007 – 10:00 AM
Charlevoix Historical Depot Museum
Charlevoix, MI

Attendance: 20

Handouts:

2007 Meeting Agenda
2006 Meeting minutes
2006 Financial Report
2007 LCA summer newsletter
Tip of the Mitt informational matter related to water quality and projects

Display: www.Voixes.org

electronic newspaper site

Registration:

Board members: Jonathan Friendly, Bill and Helen Gallaher, Paul Nowak & Sam Williamson
Mike Dow, John Duivan, Bill & Nancy Harrison, Steve Hansen, Denny & Marilyn Jesiek, William Ledeen,
Larry Levensgood, Dan Mishler, Ralph Parker

Refreshments

Business Meeting

Introductions, welcoming remarks, yearly summary of LCA work and six Board meetings by LCA Board President, Sam Williamson

Thanks to Charlevoix Historical Society for offering/lending the Depot Museum for the LCA annual meeting. A welcome from Paul Nowak, President of the Charlevoix Historical Society.

Ironton Narrows Buoys

A successful year-long fund raising project to replace the aging buoys in the narrows. LCA was unsuccessful to transfer the responsibility of the buoys for liability reasons to a governmental agency: Eveline Township, Charlevoix County and Sheriff's office all declined. The Landing Restaurant volunteered to take over the buoys and purchased all four buoys for a nominal fee of \$4 with the agreement that should in the future the Landing Restaurant not want to keep the responsibility of the buoys, the buoys will be given to a governmental agency.

Photo Contest

For Lake Charlevoix area students generated to get the students involved and thinking about the Lake. LCA has been unsuccessful in recruiting students to serve on the Board.

LCA director's insurance was purchased in June for liability protection.

Experience Lake Charlevoix

This was the 14th year for the 2-day education program for all 6th graders (approximately 300 students) from around Lake Charlevoix to board the Beaver Island Ferry for a half day field trip to learn at various stations about the lake. The program is sponsored by the LCA and Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and staffed by LCA volunteers and Tip of the Mitt staff. This year student reporters and photographers submitted evaluations and on site pictures of the program and these are posted on the LCA website: www.lakecharlevoixassociation.org. There has been interest by the Petoskey schools to possibly begin a program of this type on Little Traverse Bay.

LCA Membership

Association membership increased in 2007 to 214 members. . .almost double from 2006. And 55 have already signed up for 2008.

With the monetary grant support from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the LCA has begun advances into the electronic/cyberspace arena for communication.

LCA Web Page: www.lakecharlevoixassociation.org

Since its inception about a year ago, the site has been averaging 40 hits per day. To enhance the transmission of information, the LCA website is asking for e-mail address sign up to get out quickly announcements about the lake and important issues. These would include notices of petition with the DNR/DEQ for shoreline variances, proposed marina construction and related community meetings, etc. LCA is now investigating the addition of live webcams to the site. Cameras would be posted in Charlevoix, East Jordan, and Boyne City. The project would cost several thousand dollars and the Association is looking for sponsors for the project.

Development of on-line newspaper: www.voixes.org

LCA is the publisher and supporter of this electronic information publication, a service to Lake Charlevoix, and the surrounding lake communities. Voixes.org has been registered. It is not the 'voice' of the LCA. Jonathan Friendly is the Editor and advertising/looking for a reporter for the centerpiece content. The balance of the content is to be original; i.e., marina development around the lake, lake level, buoys, photos, weather and fishing reports, development of a share-a-ride program, water quality and development around the lake, musical series and events plus an archive of pertinent articles. There is hope that area students would become involved. It is not intended to compete with area written publications.

Annual Boat Count

This annual event is slated for this weekend by volunteers from the LCA with the information to be collated, deciphered, and shared with area organizations.

Receipt of unsolicited report:

Lake Charlevoix
Bay, Marion, Hayes Evangeline, Evaline,
South Arm & Charlevoix Townships
Charlevoix County
Michigan

**Water Quality Testing
2007**

Wallace E. Fusilier, Ph.D.
Bene Fusilier, M.A.
Consulting Limnologists
Water Quality Investigators
9200 Dexter Chelsea Road
Dexter, Michigan 48130
(734) 426-8972

17 pages, including data maps

Acceptance of Minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting

Acceptance of 2006 Annual Financial Report

+ acceptance of monetary amount of individual dues amounts. Further investigation and research will be made of the possible addition of an association membership category to LCA; i.e., NW Marine, The Harborage . . . groups around the lake.

Nominations and Election of Board of Directors for the Upcoming Year

Mike Dow
Steve Hansen - declined
Dan Mishler
Sue Costa
Paul Witting
Sam Williamson
Helen Gallaher - declined
Jonathan Friendly
Paul Nowak
Bill Gallaher - declined

Slate of 7 were voted to the Board of Directors of the Lake Charlevoix Association.

Paul Nowak then spoke to the years of service and dedication to Treasurer, Bill Gallaher and former Board President Michael Buttigieg for their time and talents. Paul also thanked Steve Hansen, as a guiding light for the organization and for his many years and counsel.

Old Business

None

New Business

- The new area of limited sewer (direct drilling system that is privately funded) just beyond the East Jordan city limits. Those involved asked for information and promotion regarding this on the LCA website.
- LCA's old "clean and quiet" signage at the launching ramps at Irish, Ironton, and Young State Park has been in disrepair and as a result the sign at the State Park has been taken down. It was suggested that this sign should be revived.
- Animals in the lake, particularly public beach areas (dogs and horses)is a political issue and the LCA does not support animals in our near the lake, except those belonging to a Lake Charlevoix riparian.
- It was confirmed that a private homeowner on the lake could use the water from the lake for irrigation. The environmental problems the lake is facing are the loss of greenbelt and washing into the lake of pesticides/fertilizers.

Meeting adjournment

Speakers

Walt Coyle

Char-Em Appraisal Service Inc.

Spoke on set backs and greenbelts and property prices around Lake Charlevoix.

Valerie Olinik-Damstra

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

Spoke on the Treasure Lake Charlevoix Project.