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| logo - Kent.pngMission: “To Promote the Protection and Enhancement of Detroit Lake.” | Lake Detroiters Association Annual Meeting Notes9:15 AM June 19, 2021South Shore Park |

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by LDA President, Brad Wimmer. Approximately 127 members were in attendance. A Family Pancake\French Toast Breakfast was served by the Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus prior to the meeting. Breakfast also included coffee, orange juice and sausage.

2021 Boating and Fishing Guides were available. (Several Beach Captain packets were missing these due to limited quantities.)

2021 Logo wear – Black Windbreaker $75.00. Left over tote bags, hats and DVD’s were sold from the 2019 Meeting

**2021 Theme: “Come Sail Away” (This is the name of the LDA 150 Sails Up Sailboat, which is located at the South Shore Park. Suzanne Moser, Artist.)**

**Acknowledgements\Welcome:**

* Knights of Columbus – Serving Breakfast
* Commissioner Ben Grimsley
* Introduction of Board Members
* Introduction of Beach Captains
* Thank you to Kevin Mitchell for providing the sound system.

**Agenda** – Published in Annual Newsletter

**Secretary Report** **– Laurie Olson**

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes –Published in 2021 Newsletter. Motion Approved

There was no Annual Meeting in 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic.

**Treasure Report- Linda Wiedmann**

Financial Report – Reviewed by Linda and Published in the 2021 Newsletter - Motion Approved

There were no membership dues collected in 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic.

**Friend of the Lakes Award 2021 – Linda Wiedmann**

Laurie Olson presented Linda Wiedmann with the 2021 Friend of the Lakes Award. Linda has served as Treasurer and Beach Captain coordinator for many years.

**Beach Captain Update – Linda Wiedmann**

* Thank you to all our Beach Captains and to Carol Lee for hosting the annual Beach Captain meetings this year.

**Election of Board Members – Nominations - Motion Approved**

* Brad Wimmer (Renewing from 2020 – No meeting due to Covid Pandemic)
* John Cox (Renewing 2021)
* Brian Korbel (Renewing 2021)
* Aaron Tait (Renewing 2021)
* Carl Oberholtzer (New in 2020- Director Elect)
* John Flynn (New in 2020- Director Elect)
* Jamie Skarie (New in 2020- Director Elect)
* Julie Herman (New in 2020- Director Elect)
* Carol Lee (New in 2020- Director Elect)
* Patty Mollberg (New in 2021)
* Tim Wesbrook (New in 2021)
* Kate Busker (New in 2021)

(Note: There were no other nominations from the floor.)

**Board Terms expired -Thank you for your service!**

* Barb Halbakken Fischburg (2Vol021)
* Linda Wiedmann (2020)

**“Get the Lead Out” – Bill Henke**

* Bill updated members regarding lead toxicity and offered samples of tackle that is a safer option.
* Lead is toxic to wildlife, including the Loon population. Loons pick up lost tackle while gathering pebbles for their gizzards. They also are exposed when eating fish that have ingested lead.
* Non-Toxic tackle would make a great Father’s Day gift! Local retailers sell the safer lead-free tackle.

**“Let’s Go Fishing” – Bob Collins**

* Volunteers are needed. Contact Bob online if you are able to help. A Captain and First Mate are needed for each trip. These volunteers also help to bait hooks and take fish off the line.
* Don’t need a pontoon or a fishing license.
* Program started in 2008. Have taken 1000 trips on Detroit Lake and is open to all ages. **eather Relay for Today Show Rokerthon” – Julie Herman**
* KVLY’s Hutch Johnson will be hosting a weather relay for the Today Show -Rokerthon at the DL City Beach on Monday, June 21 at 8 AM. All are invited to participate.
* Bring a sign. Will take about 30 minutes.

**South Shore Park – Leave a Legacy - Ginny Imholte**

* Donations are still being sought to complete the South Shore Park
* Sports Court, Landscaping, etc are still needed.

**Membership Questions\Concerns\discussions:**

* Dutton Rapids – Dam was removed several years ago. There is no control of water levels. This was rarely used when it was in place. The lock was removed in 1985 to facilitate fish passage.
* Buck’s Mills Cost Share Project “Growing Rock for Leaders” – included in grant from DNR.
* Tom Rogstad’s dream of stocking Sturgeon in the lake are now of breeding size. The rebuild of Buck’s Mills will provide the perfect environment for this to happen.
* AIS Treatment by the Pelican River Watershed includes Curley Pond Weed.
* Zebra Mussels are helping to control the Mystery Snail population.
* Pelican Lake is past its peak with Zebra Mussels and is starting to improve.
* Sturgeon also eat Zebra Mussels.
* Sally Hauskin requested that members be alert to picking up trash in and around the lake, including the Sucker Creek Preserve. Pick up any noted trash. She also encouraged members to consider biodiversity with plantings. 85 new plants were planted at the Preserve.
* Bark Halbakken Fischburg thanked the Muskie’s Inc, for the work they do with ice out clean up.
* Membership expressed concern/questions regarding regulation of houseboats on the lake. The Sherriff issues permits. Questions about enforcing regulations were raised. Dick Hecock pointed out that houseboats cannot be parked in front of private property.
* Dick Hecock reported that the Rice Lake Project will start this summer. Rice Lake is located about 2 miles north of DL. It is mostly wetland. It was drained in 1918 for agricultural purpose. It will be flooded again to restore the lake. It will include d2 dams.
* Membership asked if the swimming bouys could be moved periodically, as the boat traffic helps to keep the weed population down. Brad Wimmer will check with the Sherriff. It is also on Ben Grimsley’s radar.
* How to communicate with LDA Board Members? Info is on the website, plus it is published in the annual newsletter. LDA also uses email and Facebook.
* Members asked about marinas. Can no longer purchase a lot to provide a marina as part of development.
* Concerns were raised regarding speeding motorists around the lake. Enforcement is requested.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:19 AM**

LDA Board of Directors meeting followed immediately.

Next Annual Meeting: The 3rd Saturday in June 2022. (June 18, 2022)

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Olson, Secretary

**Attachment: 2019 Friend of the Lakes Award by Linda Wiedmann**

This year marks the 75th year Lake Detroiters Association has been promoting their mission to “Protecting and Enhancing the Lake”. Over the years, the “FRIEND OF THE LAKES AWARD” has been bestowed a special honor to recipients for their extraordinary contribution to LDA’s mission and goals. Today the LDA Board of Directors awards “THE FRIEND OF THE LAKES AWARD” to Barb Halbakken Fischburg.

A native of Detroit Lakes, Barb has demonstrated her commitment to protect the community’s lake resource. “Crush the Rush” was a landmark effort to protect the mile-long City Beach. Barb spearheaded the effort with community and lake homeowners support and the 2008 and 2009 awareness campaigns were a huge success to eliminate the visual flowering rush on the mile-long City Beach. With the support of the City of Detroit Lakes, Pelican River Watershed District, and the MN Department of Natural Resources, today, our City Beach is a vibrant asset for our community and tourists to enjoy.

Barb served as LDA President for 5 years and championed many lake protection efforts including:

• Spearheading the first ever “Aquatic Invasive Species Legislative Summits” in 2011 and 2012, which drew the attention of MN legislators and ultimately prompted the MN Legislature to pass milestone Aquatic Invasive Species legislation;

• Directing a hands-on AIS watercraft inspection program for Detroit Lake until Becker County acquired responsibility in 2014;

• Diligently lobbied for the statewide AIS PREVENTION AID funding of which Becker County has received $1.8 million and Detroit Lake continues to receive benefits to fund watercraft inspections;

• Organized several citywide meetings to advocate more public awareness and aggressive AIS prevention programs;

• Developed a comprehensive and secure data base of all lake parcels including owner contact information;

• Implemented a statewide recognized LDA website in 2011;

• Created an LDA Facebook page which by early 2018 had nearly 2,800 followers and posts frequently reached over 5,800 Facebook users;

• Instrumental in passing the 2010 City of Detroit Lakes 1% Food and Beverage Tax which provides a portion to be allocated to Detroit Lake protection efforts;

• Re-established a Beach Captain program in 2014, creating 50 Beach Neighborhoods;

• Created numerous information rich Annual Newsletters for lake homeowners;

• Represented LDA at many regional and statewide stakeholder meetings and lake related conferences over the years which elevated LDA as being recognized as a vibrant organization among lake associations statewide;

• Instrumental in increasing LDA memberships by 266%;

• Recognized as 2012 Becker County Conservationist of the Year as a representative with Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations and;

• Received the 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award from Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Barb not only has advocated for Detroit Lake but also for lake advocacy issues statewide and continues to be a resource for many and maintains a statewide reputation as an “AIS and lake advocate expert”. She has been involved in additional lake and water protection activities that brought information to LDA in a significant way such as:

• Current Board member and officer of Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates (MLR);

• Represented LDA’s interests participating in numerous organizations and meetings including: MN Coalition of Lake Associations, MN Department of Natural Resources Annual Roundtable, MN plant management stakeholder meetings, and shared her knowledge as a presenter and facilitator over the years at events;

• Appointed by the DNR Commissioner in 2012 and continues to serve on the Department of Natural Resources Statewide AIS Advisory Committee;

• Lobbied Congressional leaders in Washington DC for Great Lakes Restoration funding to protect AIS from entering the Great Lakes via freighters;

• Charter member of the MN Stop Carp Coalition; and

• Member of Initiative Foundation Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage funding committee to distribute AIS protection statewide funding.

Over the years Barb has tirelessly dedicated her volunteer hours to better protect and enhance Detroit Lake. Please welcome Barb to the stage to accept the “2019 FRIEND OF THE LAKES” award. Barb’s husband, Scott Fischburg is also here today and can attest to her commitment and accomplishments.