

**Diamond Lake Association
Annual Meeting
June 4, 2016**

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Duke Jones (President), Jim Hosking (Vice-President), Terry Gerber (Secretary), Fred Dean, Bob DuComb, Ted Ferris, Sue Heinrich, Marcia Jones, Mike Malone, John Monaghan, Walt Smiles, Ed Waller.

BOARD ABSENCE:

Don Kyle (Treasurer), Steve Ball, Sharon Gries, Jonathan Soltys.

OPENING:

At 10:02 am at the DLYC building, Duke Jones introduced Under Sheriff Richard Behnke and Deputy Cliff Roach. He presented them with a special \$1,500 donation to augment water safety patrols on the lake.

Sheriff Behnke accepted the check and gave his report. He cautioned the audience about the numerous break-ins, mostly near Calvin Center Road.

He also cautioned about meth lab activities, and if walkers and bikers find unusual 1 & 2-liter bottles and zip-lock bags, do not touch them, but call 911.

Deputy Roach reported that the summer has started off with two bad accidents involving PWC's, youths, and alcohol. Safety certificates are required to operate a boat or PWC 16 and older. For 14 and up to 16, they need to have a 21 year old on-board or close by. He encouraged the taking of the safety certificate class at DLYC which will be held June 26th Sunday from 8 until 1:00. Alternatively, a person can go on the www.boated.com site to achieve a safety certificate. The certificate or a copy must be on the boat or operator.

Times for operating a PWC is between 8 am to 8 pm. The use of ballast boats is under review. Call 269-445-1225 for water safety concerns.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jones called the meeting to order at 10:28, welcomed all DLA members and thanked them for their attendance. He asked for approval of the June 6, 2015 Annual Meeting minutes. Leslie Paul moved and Matt Dee seconded their approval. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

In the absence of Don Kyle, Duke Jones presented the financials. The DLA has \$64,510 in checking plus a \$8,336 CD. Current expenses are \$6,356 and the fireworks display is expected to cost slightly more than \$20,500.

Dick Peterson has performed an informal audit of our books, procedures and accounts, and found them to be appropriate and clear. Matt Dee moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report and Jerry VanDyke seconded. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP:

It was reported that we have 340 members, down about 60 from last year's total. There is a potential of 800, of which 550 are waterfront. We encourage everyone to contact friends and neighbors to be members and donate for the fireworks.

LAKE PRESERVATION:

Fred Dean started off by having his committee members provide their report. Bob Clark is doing the "grunt" work of weekly Sechi tests, phosphate testing, and chlorophyll testing. The lake is in good condition. The website micorp.com provides past reports of Diamond Lake and other lakes going back to the 70's.

Mike Malone reported on the egg collection and nest destruction of Canada geese under the approval of the Michigan DNR. Malone had to attend a training session for this activity. We have contracted with Goose Busters company which located 50 eggs and 10 nests.

Ted Ferris described how the collection of the geese will take place which on June 23rd starting at 7:30 am at Sail Bay. We have 22 volunteers and are looking for more. There will be an organizing meeting on the 22nd at 7:00 pm at DLYC.

Geese have also been heard in the Colony Bay area. The DLA will

be asking volunteers to sign waivers of liability which are being prepared by Bob DuComb. The expenses for goose collection activity will be approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Fred Dean then reported on weed control, which requires getting approval from all four Townships, and we have those approvals for the next five years. Progressive AE continues to do the weed assessments. Bids were taken for the chemical applicators, with PLM winning the contract. The first applications were completed on May 31st. Progressive AE is paid approximately \$10,000 and PLM approximately \$27,000 for applying the chemicals. The expenses of this activity are covered through our tax bills, with \$50 charged to water-front owners and \$25 charged to those with riparian rights.

COMMUNICATIONS:

In the absence of Jonathan Soltys, Marsha Jones reported that the online registration is running well but is still an on-going process. One ongoing problem has been trying to decipher the email address(es) of some members who have mailed in their form. We have also experienced some credit card rejections as members provided incorrect billing addresses of their credit cards in addition to other small typos. The DLA has collected ~\$30,000 to date for 2016 (memberships plus fireworks donations). We now have 650 email addresses in our database. All board members names are posted on the DLA website.

FIREWORKS:

Walt Smiles reported that John Monaghan managed the firework arrangements this year. The fireworks show will be July 2nd at 10:30 pm with July 3rd being the rain/wind delay date. The DLA has a two-year contract with Night Magic who is responsible for the fireworks displays that are shot off from firework's island.

WATER SAFETY:

Sue Heinrich reported that the water safety (boating) class scheduled at the Yacht Club will occur on Sunday, June 26th from 8:00 am until 1:00.

RECOGNITION:

Duke Jones recognized Bob DuComb for his many years of service to the DLA board with a certificate. Don Kyle will be recognized on a later date.

NOMINATING:

Terry Gerber presented the list of board members that are assorted into three terms groupings.

The slate for election to the board for the term ending 2019 are:

David Gardner
Terry Gerber
Sue Heinrich
John Monaghan
Debbi Tuttle

Leslie Paul moved and Jerry VanDyke seconded the motion. Motion for election passed.

Gerber then presented the slate of new officers:

President Jim Hosking
Vice President Ted Ferris
Treasurer Duke Jones
Secretary Terry Gerber

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion of what other initiatives could be undertaken with the DLA cash reserves. This is being investigated.

ADJOURMENT:

With a proper motion, second and approval, Duke Jones ended the annual meeting of the DLA membership at 11:20 am.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:

Saturday June 10, 2017 at 10:00am at DLYC