

Gravel Lake Association
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting – Minutes
August 17th, 2024

- I. Opening Remarks – Thank you Mary & Phil for hosting us! Enjoy some coffee and danish. Pay dues, buy GL apparel and 50-50 raffle tickets, bloody marys! 10:02am Meeting called to order.
- II. Roll Call: C. DeSimone, Reed, Micheli, J. Pinkos, Carlos, Faustino(x), Hochsprung, Kelliher, McDevitt(x), McGreal, Olds, A. Pinkos, Rinaldi, Rogers, Vitkauskas , L. Zwartz, T. Zwartz
- III. Special Guest: Van Buren County Sheriff Marine Patrol- here to talk about boater safety. Any issues on the lake please call dispatch (269)6573101 and ask for the marine dept on duty. Please approach deputy if you see something while it is happening and point it out to them. PWC- Suzanne ask for him to go over laws. Deputy said to see brochure. You have to have boater safety certificate to operate a jetski. 14/15 year olds can operate with supervision by another adult within 100 ft on another jetski. Age 16 you can operate solo.
- IV. Slow no wake question: you can go slow next to anything as long as you aren't creating a wake. stay away 100ft. away from buoys. Buoys need to have a permit. Ski course buoys are permitted. Karen: rafts/buoys - rafts don't need a permit. Dave brown you need to be 100ft from permitted dock/buoy not rafts. Can kids ride on jet ski with adults?They can but can't hold on to handle bars. If they are too small they need to be on the back. no restrictions to where swimmers can go. Craig: encourages you to contact the sheriff instead of posting on facebook. What is a navigating lane? A: the normal flow of boat traffic. Fishermen can fish right up next to your dock. You don't have to be 100ft from other boats. Jetskis have to be at least 150ft behind boats.
- V. you have to be 100 ft from the skier if you're following a boat(unsafe) wakesurfing in clockwise direction to your discretion. No Wake in the channel. alcohol: you can legally drink and operate, you just can't be over 0.08
- VI. Treasurer's Report: Janice provided the update
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Safety: Phil:working on shaw road path. Karen H. says AED temperature sensitive.
 - B. Communications: Jim: should have received a phone book, if not contact your beach trustee. Please send jim photos. Please support businesses in lawton. Sheri- Lois does a great job.
 - C. Membership: still time to pay your dues.
 - D. Water Quality: Jen/mark doing sampling and testing. plm will be out monday for weed treatment. missy- saw starry stonewort during exotic plant watch. Phil: thanking everyone on water quality. SAD was renewed for 5 years. 2016 in dept study was done. use inaturalist app to take photo of plants.
 - E. Events:
 1. Feedback on summer events: linda- everyone wants to continue garage sale. picnic. parking was tight.
 2. Thank you to volunteers for this year fourth of july activities: Sue Forcash, Perri Gordon, Missy Desimone, Kathy Drew, Lindy Krueger, Lois Gorbacz, Mary Beth Fewell, Tricia Barker, Steve Paramski, Tamera Webster.
 3. Halloween Fall Festival - Saturday, October 5th 1:30-3:30 trick or treating/ 3-5pm activities Snacks, hayrides, crafts, sensory activities
 - F. Fundraising: 1 or 2 more apparel sales this year. we were shy 3 or 4 docks: feed back from tom: you only need 5 docks more boats to be decorated. prize for best decorated boat Dave b: raise the price and sell less. No requirement to host a dock. Doesn't have to be elaborate.
 - G. History: let us know if you're interested in chairing the committee
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. GLA 2024 calendar - on the back of your agenda (FYI)
 - B. Water drainage & runoff- concerns around strawberry lake, chamberlain, gebhard, 93rd. the association hears the issues. We would have to organize as an association to take action: flooding at the bottom of gebhard. Looking for someone to help: sheri- what makes something a county road vs private roads. you can ask county to adopt your private road. DAN- tried getting 51% of signatures to make gebhard public , but was unable to.
 - C. *Public access signage: sign coming soon.*

IX. New Business

- A. Van Buren Conservation District tree grant- think about where you want trees/shrubs. near the water or on the back lot. we were counted in the lakes.
- B. Open topics from membership: Karen: talking about undergrounding power lines instead of cutting the trees.
- C. Pat: rip rap at public access were moved

X. Announcements – Jim McGreal- stick around for a photo. John Deren and Jean leaving gravel lake after 50 years. served as president/vice president. He has done a tremendous service to the lake and will be missed.

- A. Next BoT meeting: Saturday, September 7th 10:00am - Zoom + Porter Township Hall
- B. 50-50 raffle: suzanne reed
- C. New owners? Let us know...
- D. Open announcements tom zwartz will come get your wood.

XI. Adjournment – 11:24am

2024 Calendar

Date	Event	Notes
Saturday, April 6, 2024		
Saturday, April 13, 2024	MLSA R3 mtg	
Saturday, April 20, 2024	BoT	
Saturday, April 27, 2024	MLSA Annual Conf	Muskegon
Saturday, May 4, 2024		
Saturday, May 11, 2024		Mother's Day
Saturday, May 18, 2024	BoT	
Saturday, May 25, 2024		Memorial Day
Saturday, June 1, 2024		
Saturday, June 8, 2024		
Saturday, June 15, 2024	membership mtg + picnic?	Father's Day
Saturday, June 22, 2024		
Saturday, June 29, 2024		
Saturday, July 6, 2024	GL 4th	4th of July (Thursday)
Saturday, July 13, 2024	Garage Sale	

Saturday, July 20, 2024	BoT	
Saturday, July 27, 2024		
Saturday, August 3, 2024		
Saturday, August 10, 2024	Poker Run	canceled
Saturday, August 17, 2024	membership mtg	
Saturday, August 24, 2024		
Saturday, August 31, 2024		Labor Day
Saturday, September 7, 2024	BoT	
Saturday, September 14, 2024	x	
Saturday, September 21, 2024		
Saturday, September 28, 2024	MLSA R3 mtg	
Saturday, October 5, 2024	Halloween	
Saturday, October 12, 2024		Columbus Day
Saturday, October 19, 2024	BoT	
Saturday, October 26, 2024		