

Gravel Lake Association
Board of Trustees Meeting – Agenda
July 15th, 2023

- I. Opening Remarks – meeting called to order @10:00am introductions (name, beach, position)
- II. Roll Call: C. DeSimone, Reed, Micheli, J. Pinkos, Carlos, Faustino, Hochsprung, Kelliher, McDevitt, McGreal, Olds, A. Pinkos, Rinaldi, Rogers, Toso (x), Vitkauskas, L. Zwartz, T. Zwartz

Absent:
- III. Approval of minutes - 5/20/23, 6/10/23 motion to approve minutes by Hochsprung, second by Reed. Passed
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Deposits 214 members paid their dues. Advertising and apparel sales. Tom asked if we were in budget. Noted that we don’t have a budget. Talked about special/legal fund that we have for saving used if there is a risk to seek legal action.
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Communications: Presented by Jim: newsletter cost \$850 to print but Lois G brought in \$1800 in ads. Website being updated. Looking for volunteer to keep it updated. Liz volunteered to update website after poker run. Missy will send Liz a worksheet on what to look for on the website. Dan is doing a great job with emails. Craig: Thanks for the team that does the newsletter: Jamie P, Spencer M, Lois G, Emily G, Jim M.
 - B. Membership: Presented by Janice: phone book 2024. Tom asked how we know if new members move in. A: It’s a group effort. Craig asked if Janice will publish paid membership due spreadsheet. So beach trustees can ask neighbors to pay dues. Craig proceeded with pursuing 501c3 status as GLA nonprofit. Google group needs to be updated by someone in the communications group. Janice to send email address to Dan so he can update that. Vicki: cost of postage going up, can we pay our dues separately? Janice: calendar year January to January. We can send dues out earlier. Constant contact email platform with link to paypal. Alyssa: can we add an “opt out” option on paper dues form. Janice: send out an invoice via email w/ link to those emails we have. Missy: member press \$180 per year that sends out email reminders to pay dues. Janice discussed the pros and cons of pay pal. Janice: can we factor in the 3% so members cover that cost? Craig punt to membership meeting. Vicki and Jim volunteered to be on the committee
 - C. Water Quality: Ken presented PLM did starry stonewort and milfoil treatment in channel and by trailer park. They will be out again at the end of July. Concern on Facebook that the lily water and spatterdock were effected by treatment there is a browning from the treatment the water levels are low and hot temps. Notion that we need to treat lilies, but we are here to treat only nonnative species. Missy: harvesting /manual removal. Requires permit to control lilies. Big push for Education on lilies and plants. Missy question on renewing sad. Ken fish stocking of yellow perch. Craig: items to add to water quality meeting, mute swans, CLMP, whole lake study. Jen to get ken email addresses of volunteer for meeting.
 - D. Events: feedback on paddle boat regatta, safety issue with kids at starting line. Suggested to close the channel during event. Tom will block mouth of channel. Good feedback on bringing back kids games. Suggestion on coordinating firework displays. Fireworks safety.
 - E. Fundraising: Alyssa presented: \$7000 purchased and \$13000 sold \$5800 profits so far. Kudos to fundraising committee. Some inventory but not much. Working well to just have sale dates and not special appointment. Dock sponsors good, donate free tasting cards, Liz needs ideas for raffle. Liz to post on Facebook for ideas for donations. Tom asking about an after party to wrap up the day. Tom possibly host.
 - F. Safety: Phil presenting: someone asked concern about waterskiing/wakeboarding behind PWC. Requirement of One spotter onboard required by Michigan state law on every vessel. Communication committee to post rules on Facebook periodically. Traffic study research, talked to Greg Brucks to get someone to talk to us about traffic study. Get results we need in order to have a safe walkway. Traffic study information given to Greg. Newsletter article suggestion for boating etiquette. Educate on boating laws.
 - G. History: Suzanne: zoom meeting for weeknight to be planned, gravel lake calendar to be made for fundraiser.
- VI. Old Business

- A. Trustee elections - 2023, 2026
 - 1. Feedback : Clunky election. No more than 3 trustee per beach in bylaws, balloting cleaner, 16 candidates
 - 2. slating committee- committee that suggests who be on the board. Do we have an appetite for that? Hand vote vs. ballot vote. Voting in advance /
- B. By-law updates - membership voting requirement has been changed, will be updated by bylaw committee. Motion made to table office election by tom and second by olds.

VII. New Business

- A. Bottomlands laws and legal precedents in MI- it is ok to moor a boat right off of someone’s dock. We as riparians of GL own a pie shaped piece of land down to center point of lake. But boaters can boat
- B. Tom: Marcellus township board approved the LASA to go from 55 to 56 dollars. Ours went up significantly why did the coop change separately? Craig to add question to membership meeting.

VIII. Announcements –

- A. Next BoT meeting: September 16th 2023, 10am, township hall + Zoom
- B. Membership meeting: August 19 2023, 10:00am, Rinaldi’s on Gebhard Chris oxley coming to answer questions.
- C. MLSA Region 3 reps: Saturday, Sep. 30th 9:30am-12:30pm (Porter Township Hall)
Problem with geese we could explore goose round ups but not currently available because of the avian flu. Please add to water quality.

IX. Adjournment – meeting adjourned @ 11:50am

2023 Calendar

Date	Event	Notes
Saturday, April 8, 2023		Easter
Saturday, April 15, 2023	BoT	
Saturday, April 22, 2023		
Saturday, April 29, 2023	MLSA Region 3	township hall
Saturday, May 6, 2023	MLSA Conf	Crystal Mtn - Thompsonville
Saturday, May 13, 2023		Mother’s Day
Saturday, May 20, 2023	BoT	
Saturday, May 27, 2023		Memorial Day

Saturday, June 3, 2023		
Saturday, June 10, 2023	Membership mtg + picnic	
Saturday, June 17, 2023		Father's Day
Saturday, June 24, 2023		
Saturday, July 1, 2023	GL 4th	4th of July
Saturday, July 8, 2023	Garage sale	
Saturday, July 15, 2023	BoT	
Saturday, July 22, 2023		
Saturday, July 29, 2023		
Saturday, August 5, 2023		
Saturday, August 12, 2023	Poker Run?	
Saturday, August 19, 2023	membership mtg	
Saturday, August 26, 2023		
Saturday, September 2, 2023		Labor Day
Saturday, September 9, 2023		
Saturday, September 16, 2023	BoT	
Saturday, September 23, 2023		
Saturday, September 30, 2023	MLSA Region 3	township hall
Saturday, October 7, 2023	GLA Halloween + m BoT (early start)	Columbus Day
Saturday, October 14, 2023		
Saturday, October 21, 2023		
Saturday, October 28, 2023		Halloween