

GREEN LAKE AND DUCK LAKE ASSOCIATION  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
October 11, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Emily Anderson, Ken Chamberlain, Ed Dewey, Roger Edgren, Rich Garvey, Marietta Hamady, Sarah Hehir, Kurt Hubschneider, Paul Johnson and Claire Stephenson.

**Board Members Absent:** Doug Griese and Brian McAllister.

**Guest:** Brooke DeVault, an ecologist from the ICA Sustainability Department.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with two additions under New Business: GLADLA Merchandise and Light Up Interlochen.

The board approved the minutes from September 13, 2023

**Treasurer's Report:** Emily Anderson reported that Duck Lake's bank balance is \$25,232.79. Of that, \$7,540.18 is for invasive species. Green Lake's bank balance is \$54,166.15. Of that, \$35,225.48 is for invasive species. Green Lake has an additional \$52,375.43 in a CD. Fifty thousand dollars was transferred into a higher interest-earning CD, 4.867%, maturing on April 18, 2024. Fifteen thousand dollars was transferred into a 3.86% interest-earning Money Market account. The current balance of that is \$15,144.29. Duck Lake has 121 members, and Green Lake has 115. A grant reimbursement of \$2,176.00 was split evenly between the two lakes. A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Report Outs:**

- ◆ Paul Johnson reported that all lake-level monitoring equipment is fully operational.
- ◆ Ed Dewey reported that the domain of GLDLA is gone. We're now paying for only one domain: GLADLA. The organization obtained a new Associate Member, Thompson Pharmacy and Medical, at the \$250.00 level.
- ◆ Rich Garvey reported that Green Lake's October Secchi disk reading was 14.5 feet. All E. coli readings were well below the upper acceptable limit of 300.
- ◆ Paul Johnson reported Duck Lake's Secchi disk reading was 14.5 – 15 feet. One E. coli reading was slightly high due to a robust geese population. Phosphorous testing will be done two weeks after "ice out" on both lakes.
- ◆ Citizens from the Duck Lake Peninsula petitioned the Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner to change the current court-ordered lake level at the Duck Lake dam. Paul reported that Andy Smits would recommend a study of lake levels and how the dam affects both lakes before any change in lake levels is recommended or determined necessary. After that, if appropriate, County Commissioners will petition the court. A Public Hearing will be held at some point during the process. Currently, the lake level for summer is 837.3 feet above sea level, and winter is 836.8 feet. Andy Smits would like a range of a couple of inches to make it easier for him to maintain the court-ordered levels. The GLADLA board isn't taking a position on this subject until more data is collected, two years in total.

- ◆ PLM’s annual lake report will be released in November 2023.
- ◆ Sarah Hehir recommended Brooke Devault, who has a science background, for a position on the GLADLA board. Brooke will be asked to submit a letter of intent. Brooke told us a little about herself and wants to serve on the GLADLA board.
- ◆ Currently, the Bronze Level of Association Membership is the most popular at \$250. A motion was made and seconded to restructure pricing, with the current four members getting an extra year for their initial \$250. The committee will set pricing and ask for a board vote via email.

**Old Business:**

- ◆ Paul Johnson reported that a Land Conservancy property on Tonawanda Creek has a five-foot high and ten-foot wide brush pile impacting the flow of Tonawanda Creek. Paul reported the incident to EGLE via the Myenviro website.

**New Business:**

- ◆ Emily and Marietta reported that the Farmer’s Market appearances by GLADLA are finished for the year. The committee is considering doing the same in 2024.
- ◆ Sarah reported that Milk & Honey is willing to donate ice cream for the GLADLA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration next August.
- ◆ Roger contacted Marv Radtke, and Marv committed to be our speaker at the 2024 annual meeting.
- ◆ Paul spoke at the Interlochen Woman’s Club meeting, promoting the GLADLA.
- ◆ Cedar Hedge Lake had unusually high lake levels this year due to a clogged Riley Road culvert and a beaver dam. Both have been rectified.
- ◆ The board discussed a new and improved logo for GLADLA merchandise. Kurt Hubschneider volunteered his son to look at the logo and make suggestions.
- ◆ During the Open Board discussion, Kurt announced he’d sold his Duck Lake Brookside Cottages resort. He’d planned to resign from the board but decided to re-dedicate to the GLADLA as he would now have more time to serve.
- ◆ The GLADLA decided to participate in the Chamber’s “Light Up Interlochen” event.
- ◆ The board discussed a December get-together, but no one volunteered to organize the event.

**Adjournment:**

- ◆ A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM.

**Minutes Submitted** by Marietta Hamady, Secretary.

**Minutes Approved** by Paul Johnson, President.