

GREEN LAKE AND DUCK LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
August 23, 2025

President Roger Edgren called the meeting to order at 9:46 AM at the Interlochen Public Library. Head count: 61.

Board Members Present: Emily Anderson, Ken Chamberlain, Ed Dewey, Roger Edgren, Rich Garvey, Doug Griese, Marietta Hamady, Sarah Hehir, Joan Panter, and Claire Stephenson.

Board Members Absent: Laurie Bouwman and Brooke DeVault

A motion, made and seconded, accepted the 2024 Annual Meeting minutes. The verbal vote was unanimous.

Board Member Renewals: Roger Edgren introduced all the board members. The general membership unanimously voted to renew Doug Griese and the officers, Roger Edgren, Ed Dewey, Emily Anderson, and Marietta Hamady, for one more year. Claire Stephenson announced her retirement from the board after serving for over 12 years.

New Board Members: The general membership unanimously approved Joan Panter as a new board member for a three-year term, ending in 2028.

Treasurer's Report: Emily reported that Duck Lake's year-to-date income is \$3,285.41, and expenses were \$1,748.95. The total amount in the Huntington Bank for Duck is \$33,184.00, with \$7,565.18 designated for Invasive Species. Duck Lake has 92 members. Green Lake's year-to-date income is \$7,437.93, and expenses were \$3,673.67. The total amount in the bank and CDs is \$106,997.87, with \$29,601.98 designated for Invasive Species. Green Lake has 89 members.

Bylaws Update: Doug Griese outlined the significant changes in the bylaws. They were:

- Directors, with the approval of the membership, may choose to add one additional year to their board service as their current term expires, a change from adding three years to their expiring commitment.
- The effective length of paid-up dues was clarified, so if you were to pay dues by the start of today's 2025 annual meeting, you are considered paid up for the entire 2026 calendar (also fiscal) year.
- If the directors elect a new board member during the year, their three-year term officially begins with the approval vote by the membership at the annual meeting.
- The long list of standing or recurring committees was shortened to the seven current working groups. When a need arises for a short-term or ad hoc committee, the board may include participants from the board and/or members of the community who have an interest or expertise in the specific need.

Roger Edgren asked the membership to make a motion to approve the bylaw changes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by a verbal vote.

Water Quality Reports: Rich Garvey presented a graph showing the type, frequency, and results of the testing done on Green Lake. Ken Chamberlain also presented a graph showing the testing information for Duck Lake.

Membership Committee: Ed Dewey presented membership facts. Green Lake has 432 total riparians, and Duck Lake has 542. As of August 20, Duck Lake had 92 members with about a participation rate of 17%, and Green Lake had 89 members, about a 21% participation rate. Ed itemized the benefits of membership that included water quality, invasive species identification and prevention, protection of wildlife, enhancing property values, and a sense of community. Ed further outlined the GLADLA action plan to increase membership, starting with word of mouth, including local engagement, social media, and ease of joining.

Social Media: Marietta Hamady talked about GLADLA's enhanced social media presence on Facebook and Instagram, and the monthly email blast campaign.

Lake Levels: Roger Edgren showed lake level charts for both lakes as well as a combined graph. He also spoke about the management of the Duck Lake Dam shifting to the Green Lake Township while the ownership of the dam remains with Grand Traverse County.

The Broader View: Roger spoke about the GLADLA board's interaction with other lakes and lake associations. Some area lakes have purchased boat cleaning equipment that is installed at their public launch sites. Fundraising campaigns with certain lakes have been instrumental in paying for costlier programs, like the burlap method of treating Eurasian Watermilfoil.

Guest Speaker: Nick Roster, Biology Professor from Northwestern Michigan College, spoke about the emerging concern of microplastics in our waters, and specifically the results of the testing conducted on Green Lake. All four samples taken from Green Lake contained microplastics with an average of 2.5 particles per one liter. He suggested ways to reduce plastic usage in general.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:47 AM.

Minutes Submitted by Marietta Hamady, Secretary

Minutes Approved by Roger Edgren, President.