

Barron Lake Association Meeting
August 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Marneris at 10:00am and the pledge of allegiance was recited. In attendance were President Rick Marneris, Vice President Tom Hable, Secretary Deb Floor & Director at Large Bruno Eideitis. Treasurer Jim Muckerheide was absent. 40 Members present - Guest Lisa DiSimone, Exec Director of Michigan Lakes & Streams Association

Marcia Hummel and the corn and sausage roast committee got a big shout out for all the hard work that they did for the picnic. Thank You!

Dues were discussed - The Association used to receive \$3,000 for manning the entry gates at the Cass County Fair. We spent \$2,500 to have the water and weeds tested near the new well. Also approved to spend \$3,000 on the corn and sausage roast. Motion to increase dues to \$50 was made and seconded. Passed by show of hands vote.

To replace a well pump would cost \$40,000 - we would like to have the funds in our account to replace the pump without delay vs experiencing a delay by going through the drain commissioner. We would be reimbursed from the Drain Commissioner.

Secretary's Report - Deb Floor read the July 13, 2024 report. Motion was made to accept the report, seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report -

Checking	\$ 9,027.72	CD is coming due - will roll over at 4.9% rate
CD	<u>\$41,245.65</u>	
Total	\$50,273.39	

Corn and Sausage Roast - Marica Hummel reported that 191 people RSVP'd and 165 attended. Total cost was \$1,284.50 + \$100 for the porta potty.

Jan Luke delivered invites, found the band, got water donation, and corn. Paulette - worked the picnic all day. Deb Muckerheide delivered invites, got gifts donated, and sat at the registration table all day. Pam Durkin Picked up the Lily Pad, designed and printed the invites, donated door supplies, shopped for supplies, took garbage home. Martins donated the sausage. Jodi Marneris coordinated the porta potty, delivered invites and solicited door prizes. Mike Luke and Bob Kranc were cooks, weed-eated the picnic area, set up tents, made signs, roped off the area, broke down tents and hauled away trash. Thanks to Bruno for letting us use his land.

Guest - Melissa DiSimone - Executive Director of Michigan Lakes and Streams Association - Resident of Gravel Lake - Their goal is to keep lakes healthy and clean for future generations. The Statewide Association began in 1961. Support source for all lake associations in MI - advocate for lakes. Annual conference is the last weekend in April 2025 - MI Inland lakes conference is 10/2/24-10/4/24 at Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport.

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MI CORP - MI Clean Water

1 - River clean up

2 - CLMP - Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program

Political topics - Wake boat issues - working with other states - issues of scouring the bottom or creating large waves at shore. They support qualification for wake boats - 500' from shore in 15'-20' of water - would minimize the scouring of the bottom sediments and cause harmful algae blooms. (Blue/green algae) Wake boats could be dangerous to other boats by creating large wakes, they should stay 500' from other boaters. Waiting on a study from MN to come out with recommendations. A skier has to be 100' from other boats.

Representative Julie Rogers from Kalamazoo introduced a bill that states wake boats should stay 500' from shore, docks and other boats. Bill was introduced in Feb or March 2024. Committee has sat on the Bill. Enforcement would be in line with other boating enforcements - a ticket.

No DNR access lakes can ban wake boats - Man made lakes can ban wake boats - DNR access lakes cannot ban wake boats

Cliff Bloom is an attorney who writes articles for the Michigan Riparian Magazine. He recommends that if you have issues with a neighbor:

- Talk to the neighbor
- Get an attorney to write a letter
- Then go to court if all else fails

Aquatic invasive species - Law from 2019 - Must clean and dry your boat - pull drain plug before going to another lake - dry off boat before you leave the lake.

Short-term rentals - MLSA - Want local communities to have control over short term rentals - Sheriff was tired of getting complaints of traffic, noise, parking, blight etc. They have a short term rental ordinance on Gravel Lake.

Piers should be placed going to the middle of the lake. Not necessarily following the lot line (you could cross the neighbor's lot line). Better to stay in the middle of your lot - depends on lake layout. Walking in the water in front of your house could be trespassing. Other boaters can anchor a boat on your bottom land.

Regular meeting will adjourn - Special meeting for election of officers to take place.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16am.

2025 Election of Officers

President - Rick Marneris

Vice President -Tom Hable

Treasurer - Jim Muckerheide

Secretary - Deb Floor

Director at Large - Bill Newhouse