



# WALLOON LAKE

## ASSOCIATION AND CONSERVANCY

### WALLOON LAKE ASSOCIATION AND CONSERVANCY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 06, 2020

4:00 PM

VIRTUAL | Walloon Lake Village

WLAC Trustee Members Present: Dave Deal, Pam Roudi, Lauren Macintyre, Michael Hatch.

WLAC Staff Present: Josephine Roberts, Connor Dennis, Cindy Hayes, Elijah Brumback, Louise Mooradian.

**4:00 Roberts** - Introduce the President, Dave Deal

Roberts introduced herself, and the President Dave Deal. Roberts thanked him for his service to WLAC.

**Deal** - *Welcome to the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy!*

Deal reminded everyone to vote and stated the Annual meeting is open for business.

*Staff Introductions (Josephine Roberts, Executive Director; Cindy Hayes, Director of Financial Operations; Connor Dennis, Director of Conservation Programs; Elijah Brumback, Director of Development and Communications; Jac Talcott, Watershed Stewardship Coordinator; Louise Mooradian, Office Administrator.*

*Trustee Elections:*

- Proxies were sent on: July 6, 2020
- Online votes will be accepted until 4:30PM and you can find the voting form by visiting [www.walloon.org/membership/benefits-of-membership/](http://www.walloon.org/membership/benefits-of-membership/) and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

Announce Candidates:

- Mary Pat Goldich (Incumbent)
- John Marklewitz (Incumbent)
- Marty Makinen
- Steve Dutton

Other write-in's include:

Stephen Jose

Dr. Helene Pilnick

### **Major 2019 Initiatives**

Volunteer Hours = 75 Volunteers, 1,545 Hours

- Completed the merger of the Walloon Lake Association and the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, and refreshed our logo and brand.
- With the younger generations in mind we partnered with the Top of Michigan Mountain Biking Association and the City of Boyne City to acquire 40 acres that will expand the Boyne School Forest mountain biking trail system.
- Participated in an extensive Swimmer's Itch research study that will advance the science behind this lake nuisance and help inform future control methods.
- Continued to treat the lake to minimize the spread of Eurasian watermilfoil.
- Conducted numerous tests of water quality throughout the summer in all of the major basins of the lake.
- Planned for an increased safety campaign around the lake that was executed this summer -- this involved: publishing a widely-disseminated safety brochure, a safety reporting system on our website that is shared with the marine patrol, the "Sound Off" campaign that encourages boaters to contain sound within their watercrafts, and a season schedule of increased marine patrol on Walloon Lake this summer.
- Hosted our first annual Walloon Women's Breakfast with a focus on planned giving;
- Increased the participation in the Guardian Fund Campaign by recruiting 106 families and counting, to the Primary Guardian giving level, a pledge of no less than \$2,500 annually to the Guardian for the next three years.
- Completed the bid process in our forestry management plan that will ensure the future forest health of some of our most valuable preserves, and finally.
- By the end of 2019, we will have increased our portfolio of preserves from 46 to 48, 2,148.5 total acres protected in the Walloon Lake watershed. We acquired two new preserves in 2019.

Roudi stated that minutes of the Annual Meeting of August 9, 2019 are posted on the website at [www.walloon.org/membership/benefits-of-membership/](http://www.walloon.org/membership/benefits-of-membership/)

## **Treasurer's Report - Hatch**

Hatch stated the shape of the WLAC at the end of 2019 was \$180,000 as a cap position. \$9 million were the total assets. There will be more information posted on our website as well. The assets of the WLAC consist of cash, investments, land owned, and land easements. We increased \$552,000 in investments more than in 2018. Our total assets have risen each year the past three years. Liabilities are not significant. Income statement is at 1-6 new CPG pledges, this income totalled \$1.6 million. Thank you to the Fund Development Committee, and Mainland and Miesel. 50% of expenses went into programs to protect our water and watershed.

For the current year we are in right now, we were in good cash position entering this year, and the current pledges. We made cuts in March to align revenue with expenses. We found out today we are under contract for the sale of our first home.

**Macintyre** - A moment of silence for departed members and friends.

**Roudi** - Recognition of Retiring Trustees - Dave Deal, John Hegener, Lauren Macintyre, William Sarran.

## **Roberts - Introduction of Speakers**

4:30 PM - Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council - 2019 Water Quality Report

Dennis gave an introduction to Caroline Keson, who gave the water quality report.

4:40 PM - Scott Howard, Esq of Olsen, Bizdok and Howard - Riparian Rights

Scott Howard gave his presentation.

**Deal** - Anyone who has questions/comments for either speaker today may be submitted on our website at [www.walloon.org/membership/benefits-of-membership/](http://www.walloon.org/membership/benefits-of-membership/)

**Deal** - Report on total number of WLAC Members (856 members).

Cindy Hayes stated that 191 is the final count of proxy votes and the slate of nominees as proposed has been approved by the majority of the membership of the WLAC.

**Deal** - I hereby announce the meeting adjourned at 4:57 time.