



WALLOON LAKE  
ASSOCIATION AND CONSERVANCY

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 05, 2021

3:00 PM

VIRTUAL | Walloon Lake Village

**3:00 ROBERTS** - Introduce the President, Pam Roudi

**Roudi** *Welcome to the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy!*

Roberts declared that 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; Amy Klein, Director of Development and Communications; Jac Talcott, Watershed Stewardship Coordinator; Louise Mooradian, Office Administrator, Lane Whitcomb, Summer Intern; Cooper Motley, Summer Intern.*

*Trustee Elections:*

- Proxies were sent on: June 30, 2021

Announce Candidates:

- GREG ADAMS (Incumbent)
- MARIANNE BARRY (Incumbent)
- JEN BUCHANAN (Incumbent)
- RUSS KITTLESON (Incumbent)
- JAN ANTALIS
- GEORGE PECK

Other write-in's include: NONE

## **Major 2020 Initiatives**

*Volunteer Hours = 109 Volunteers, 1,147 Hours*

On behalf of the Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy staff and Board of Trustees, we are honored to share this 2020 report of activities and initiatives with you.

The past year has challenged us to come together like never before. Last year, Covid-19 changed the world forever but thanks to your continued generosity and support, the WLAC forged on. In 2020, we:

- Continued Swimmer's Itch research through the dedication of volunteers taking weekly water samples May - September 2020 as well as volunteers testing and reporting on the efficacy of various control methods such as bodysuits and creams throughout the summer season;
- Implementation of important safety initiatives including:
  - Published and widely distributed the (waterproof) WLAC Boater Safety Brochure
  - Launch of the "Sound Off" Campaign
  - WLAC sponsored increased Marine Patrol Hours
  - Junior Membership Wake Safety event in partnership with Tommy's;
- Began forestry management on the Maplecrest Preserve;
- Treated 8.1 acres of the aquatic invasive species, Eurasian Watermilfoil (compared to 11 acres treated in 2019);
- Through a lake-wide aquatic plant survey, supported by a grant through Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, we were able to confirm that so far, Walloon Lake only has one invasive species, Eurasian Watermilfoil;
- Funded in part by a grant through the Charlevoix Community Foundation and in partnership with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, we completed a shoreline survey (done every five years), with individual lakefront parcel information available to you in the 2021 Summer Season;
- In partnership with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council we updated our priority parcel map for land protection which may be found on our website at [www.walloon.org](http://www.walloon.org);
- Installed a rain garden at the Norcross Family Preserve with funding from the Little Traverse Bay Watershed Management Plan;
- Continued our annual water testing measures in all of the major basins of the lake;
- Kicked off our Junior Membership program and were able to identify a group of young leaders to frame this important program for the future;
- Adjusted our budget mid-year to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic and end the fiscal year in the positive;

- On the local government front we:
  - Advocated for M-75/131 Stop Light
  - Supported Melrose Township citizens in fighting adverse business requests
  - Supported Bay Township's Recreation Plan
  - Monitored Bear Creek Township's event space request
- Finalized negotiations to protect 38 acres 2,100 ft of shoreline in Mill Pond
- Ended the year beginning the official application process for Land Trust Accreditation.

**Goldich** Minutes of the Annual Meeting of August 6, 2020 are posted on the website at [www.walloon.org/membership/benefits-of-membership/](http://www.walloon.org/membership/benefits-of-membership/)

Roudi made a motion to approve the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes, Kittleson seconded.

Unanimously approved.

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

Hatch stated out total assets of 2020 are \$711,950,153. Expenses: last 2 years of audited financials were shared. Hatch added our total 2020 spending was \$618,909, we cut spending a bit because of the pandemic, including some fundraising programs.

Revenue: membership dues brought in \$80,000, of 87 members in 2020. Annual Guardian Fund raised 119,631. Pledges equaled 150,375. Total revenue of 2020 is \$2,538,043.

**Kittleson** A moment of silence for departed members and friends.

**Goldich** Recognition of Retiring Trustees - Pam Roudi

Goldich spoke on Roudi and presented the burgee.

### **Introduction of Speakers**

#### **Roudi - Introduction**

3:30 PM - Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council - 2020 Water Quality Report and overview of the 2020 Shoreline Survey Results

- Caroline Keson

Keson presented on water quality and the 2020 shoreline report in Walloon Lake.

#### **Roudi - Introduction**

3:50 PM - Lane Whitcomb and Cooper Motley - Permanent Boat Wash Stations

**Roudi** - 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/)

**Roudi** - Report on total number of WLAC Members (*1,012 members*) and 263 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.

Adams moved to accept the slate of officers, Miesel seconded.  
Unanimously approved.

Introduce Michael Hatch as the upcoming new board president.

**Hatch** - Remarks

**Roudi** - I hereby announce the meeting adjourned at 4:23 time.

Roudi made a motion to adjourn, Kittleson seconded.  
Meeting adjourned.