

President Kathy Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:56 pm and began by welcoming cottagers back to another summer at Lake Louise and thanking the camp staff for assisting with tonight's potluck dinner.

Roll Call of the Plats: No Sunset View. All other plats were represented.

The meeting's agenda and minutes from the August 2012 meeting were approved.

Items from the President:

Kathy Gilbert reviewed the plans for the summer and encouraged cottagers to check their email for updates.

Date	Event	Notes
Saturday, July 6	8 PM Boat Parade	Join an evening cruise on the lake with fellow boaters of all stripes as we celebrate the "stars and stripes"!
Friday, July 12	6 PM Pizza Party at the Public Beach	Don't cook dinner—join your fellow cottager pizza lovers of all ages for some fun at the beach. We will provide: pizza, veggie tray, beverage, paper place settings, and cookies. Bring your lawn chairs and games. If you'd like a beverage other than orange drink, feel free to bring that as well. Donations accepted, but no fee for dinner.
Saturday, July 21	9 AM Town Hall Meeting	Hear Dave Gladstone's "State of the Lake" presentation.
Saturday, August 3	12 noon Lake Louise Golf Scramble	Bring your guests and golfing friends to tee 'em up! Join golfers for fun, fellowship, and dinner at Black Bear at 6 PM.
Sunday, August 4	3 PM Sailing regatta	Gather by the public beach and sail away. No rain or gale winds allowed!
Wednesday, August 14	7 PM Cottagers' Council meeting	Come celebrate Maryanna's place and enjoy dessert with your cottage neighbors.

Treasurer's report:

John Marshall reviewed the chart which he passed out. There was one cottager comment about getting outside financial help to manage our milfoil problem. John Marshall deferred to Kirk Halstead who said it was a good suggestion and that he would have more comment during his presentation.

Evening Program: Focus on the Environment:

John Marshall gave a forestry report which covered some history of forestry in Michigan and the benefits Lake Louise gains from participating in the government forestry management program. His power point presentation included maps and photographs outlining the forestry management program, as well as an update on the emerald ash borer and an explanation of beech bark disease.

John ended with a humorous story about helping the DNR plant 20,000 splake into Lake Louise in April 2013.

Tom Gschwind gave the lake ecology report, explaining that the June 1 water level has risen 17 " inches over last Fall's measurement. Tom also talked about the widespread problem of milfoil and reported on how other groups have tried to manage milfoil on northern Michigan lakes.

Tom Gschwind and Kirk Halsted reported on the Lake Louise "Save Our Lake" campaign:

Kathy Gilbert introduced Tom and Kirk and thanked them and others for their efforts regarding educating cottagers and working to control milfoil. Kathy showed new signage that will be installed at the DNR boat launch. Before turning the presentation over to Tom and Kirk, she reminded cottagers that we all have an important responsibility to patrol our areas, especially the uninhibited areas, for milfoil.

Kirk Halsted: Lake Louise contracted to buy 3,000 weevils this year. Mats have been pretty successful in terms of keeping the milfoil out of the traffic of boats and with eradicating large patches of milfoil. The acquisition of a milfoil suction harvester will help us eradicate more milfoil. Board of trustees and cottagers contributed toward the purchase. Kirk explained how suction harvesting works. This summer he and Tom will implement a 3-prong approach: mats, suction harvesting machine, and weevils. Kirk evaluates that we are ahead of last year, but much work is needed. We'll be using a new mat product donated by Ron Buck. Strategy is to use mats in boating areas. Milfoil management is a long-term maintenance responsibility for everyone who uses and cares about Lake Louise.

Milfoil management scheduling: Sign-up sheets were distributed to each table and cottagers were invited to sign up to help. Tom Gschwind also said cottagers may contact him directly by phone (231-549-2451) or email (tnorthome@buckeye-access.com) to volunteer. Ways to volunteer: pray, fix mats, kayak to net milfoil, kayak to patrol, walk beach, swim to install mats, train on new equipment. When emailing Tom: submit name, phone number, email, and how you'd like to help. Kathy will look into hiring someone to educate boaters at the boat launch on July 4.

Announcements, Good and Welfare, Miscellaneous:

Kathy Gilbert: **Community Clean-up** is scheduled June 28-July 12. Two large dumpsters located at the east end of Pioneer Trail will accept materials until they are full or until July 12, whichever happens first.

Kathy Gilbert reminded those in attendance about **Cottager Courtesies** regarding sound and light.

Ruth Jameson: **Chapel starts at 10:30**. Please bring canned goods each week for the Boyne Valley food pantry. Contact Ruth to volunteer to help with chapel services.

Ted Halsted: His **new book *Grandfather Tales of Lake Louise*** is available for purchase. Ted also has copies of *Spring Fed Waters*, his first book about the history of Lake Louise available for purchase.

Contact Ted at: athalsted@aol.com

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted July 3, 2013,

Jane Hazle

Cottagers' Council August 2012-2015 secretary

President Kathy Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Kathy Gilbert:

- Roll call of the plats: All plats were represented except Forest Glen.
- July 20 Agenda was approved.
- 2012 Town Hall Meeting notes were presented—no objections. Approved.

Treasurer's Report from John Marshall:

- John reported that the largest expenditure in 2013 has been to fund milfoil control: weevils and signage. Other 2013 expenditures included hazardous waste disposal program, printing, and the cottagers pizza party at Thumb Lake park.
- Cottagers' dues have been collected from 123 of the 125 cottages.

Kathy Gilbert:

- Presented dates for **2014**: Cottagers' Potluck/Council Meeting June 21, 2014; Town Hall Meeting July 19, 2014; Cottagers' Council Meeting August 13, 2014
- Reminder about the Golf scramble on August 3 at noon (dinner at 6pm), the Sailing Regatta on August 4 @ 3pm, Cottagers' Council on August 14 @ 7pm
 - Agenda for the August 14 meeting includes a celebration of MaryAnna's place and a tour of the many physical changes around the camp, as well as an explanation of mortgage practices related to cottage purchasing and selling.

Environmental Committee Report: Kirk Halstead and Tom Gschwind

- Presented information on efforts to control the spread of milfoil and ways cottagers can support these efforts.
- Kirk and Tom reviewed ways to control milfoil: suction harvesting, mats, weevils, and chemicals. Chemicals affect the fish population and suction harvesting is expensive. Mats and weevils, implemented by volunteers as much as possible, seem to be the best options. Of course, informative communication about milfoil is also an important aspect of controlling milfoil.
- 5000 beetles/weevils were planted in Lake Louise near the old beaver dam (northwest of the boat launch near the eagles' nest) to combat milfoil expansion just as we did in 2012.
- Volunteers, led by Kirk and Tom have laid approximately 40 mats and plan to place 20-40 more mats as time and manpower allow in order to control the milfoil. The suction harvesting boat will be used primarily to clear milfoil from the areas around the outside perimeter of the mats.
- Kirk presented a map of milfoil locations on the lake. Most are concentrated in the western bay of the lake and in the narrow area where the western bay opens into the large bay of the lake. However, we have seen some spreading of milfoil into the large bay.
- Barb Renton presented the important role that walking the beach and shallow areas of the lake plays in controlling the milfoil. Cottagers are encouraged to walk areas not populated with cottages and remove milfoil from the water. Milfoil can be tossed up into the woods as long as it is well away from the water's edge.

- John Marshall has written an article for the local newspapers and is in communication with other news sources in order to help educate the wider community on the milfoil problem.

Renewal of Chapel Benevolence: Ruth Jameson

- Ruth proposed the continuation of our current benevolence: that 10% of our undesignated chapel offerings this summer go to support Manna, the regional food bank.
- She also reminded cottagers that there is an on-going Sunday-morning canned food drive to support the Boyne Falls food pantry. Please bring canned goods to chapel and place in the box outside the chapel entrance.
- Cottagers moved, voted upon and approved our continuation of support to Manna.

State of the Lake: David Gladstone, LLCC Executive Director

- “The state of the lake is *cooperative!*”
- David discussed our approval of 750 LLCC acres as a part of the federal forest legacy program and thanked cottagers for their efforts in writing letters to government officials. There are some details which must still be worked out, but our award is approximately \$1,000,000 to be used toward the preservation and enhancement of Lake Louise. The Board of Trustees will determine how to use this one-time gift and will communicate their decisions to the community. LLCC has also applied for an additional 1,100 acres to be considered for the federal forest legacy program.
- Camp and retreat registrations continue to rise over previous years.
- David reported on the cash sale of MaryAnna Baldwin’s cottage which she had bequeathed to LLCC.
- David discussed our on-going efforts to make LLCC a positive part of the Boyne area community. One example of this was the Boyne Country Service Project held during June 2013.
- David encouraged cottagers to consider how they might make a financial tribute to LLCC. He specifically noted the option of “naming a newly constructed cabin” with a donation of \$31,000. The goal is to construct 9 additional cabins over the next few years as funding allows.

Announcements, Good and Welfare, Miscellaneous:

- Be sure to keep your boats out of the swim areas of the county park and the camps
- Be sure to avoid driving boats through milfoil patches and be sure to inform cottagers and guests to do the same.
- Please inform all cottage guests and renters of our efforts to control the spread of milfoil.
- Be sure to close the dumpsters securely

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Hazle

Cottagers’ Council August 2012-15 secretary

Lake Louise Cottagers' Council Meeting: August 14, 2013

President Kathy Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Kay Melvin provided inspiration at the beginning of today's meeting by sharing a story, "Remember the Golf Balls," reminding us to make things like family time, friendship, worship and reflection, and concern for others the "golf balls" in our lives—that is, the things which come first.

Roll Call of the Plats: No Sunset View, Island Trail, or Cove Point. All other plats were represented.

Minutes of the June 22, 2013 meeting were approved.

Jane Hazle shared John Marshall's Treasurer's Report.

- ✓ No new expenses since the July 2013 meeting
- ✓ Balance as of August 14, 2013 = \$5148.23

Kathy Gilbert presented the 2014 proposed calendar:

Date	Event	Notes
Saturday, June 21	6 PM Cottager Potluck 7 PM Cottagers' Council meeting	Our program will again address Lake Louise environmental issues.
Saturday, July 5	8 PM Boat Parade	Join an evening cruise on the lake with fellow boaters of all stripes as we celebrate the "stars and stripes"!
Friday, July 11	6 PM Pizza Party at the Public Beach	Don't cook dinner—join your fellow cottager pizza lovers of all ages for some fun at the beach.
Saturday, July 19	9 AM Town Hall Meeting	Hear Dave Gladstone's "State of the Lake" presentation.
Saturday, August 2	12 noon Lake Louise Golf Scramble	Bring your guests and golfing friends to tee 'em up! Join golfers for fun, fellowship, and dinner at Black Bear at 6 PM.
Sunday, August 3	3 PM Sailing regatta	Gather by the public beach and sail away. No rain or gale winds allowed!
Wednesday, August 13	7 PM Cottagers' Council meeting	Program to be determined

Environmental Committee Report and Milfoil Update presented by Tom Gschwind:

- ✓ Tom gave an update on the water—high and low water temperatures, water clarity, water levels
- ✓ Tom commended the cottager volunteers for their time and hard work on addressing the milfoil situation

- ✓ Tom presented an update on 2013 milfoil activities:
 - 61 mats of varying sizes have been placed over existing milfoil patches
 - 150+ sandbags have been used to hold mats in place
 - Plans remain to remove 1 milfoil-filled tree
 - Purchased: 8x10' milfoil suction barge, 4-step ladder for barge, 2 buoyancy compensator vests for divers, 1 used 20' pontoon boat for collecting, stacking, and storing mats.
 - Pulled most of the milfoil in the channel east of the Horner Island bridge
 - Installed 5000 weevils at the boat launch site and on the 1st beaver lodge near Camp Kinawind

Renewal of Chapel Benevolence presented by Ruth Jameson:

- ✓ Cottagers unanimously approved supporting the local Manna Food Project. Food collection box is available each Sunday at chapel. Donations may also be dropped off at the Camp Office.

Informational Q and A session regarding financing the purchase of Lake Louise cottages facilitated by Cottagers' Council Vice President Mike Townsend:

- ✓ Mike answered several questions posed by cottagers regarding why potential cottage buyers encounter difficulty obtaining conventional 30-year fixed mortgages when trying to purchase Lake Louise cottages. Mike shared that there are other financing options available through the Bank of Northern Michigan.
- ✓ David Gladstone and Trustee Doug Vogel assured cottagers that the Board of Trustees is working diligently on this issue.

Several announcements to cottagers were made, including:

- ✓ David Strong's update on purple loosestrife—used to be a major problem, but is now nearly eradicated.
- ✓ Kathy Gilbert reported that 60 cottagers attended the dinner at Black Bear following the golf scramble on August 3.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15. After the meeting cottagers enjoyed a tour of the new structures on the camp grounds, particularly the Vogel cabin and new outdoor chapel cross donated by the Pankratz family. The evening concluded with ice cream sundaes in the Retreat Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Hazle
Cottagers' Council August 2012-15 secretary