

LPLA Annual Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2025 Lakeside Golf Club

Board Members Present: Mary Bader, Andi Bucholz, Bob Kochmann, Ken Krajsa, Gary Layman, John Martodam, Mark Sivertson, Kay Harper, Daryl Kowitz, Ryan Jundt

Board Members Absent: Ray Ehly, Madge Murphy, Randy Long

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM by President of LPLA Ken Krajsa.

Guest Speakers on Hwy 51 Culvert Project

Ken introduced the guest speakers and informed participants they were here to provide information only.

- Krysten Foster, an Engineer from OTC Highway Department, introduced herself. She indicated she was here as a kickoff to the Hwy 51 Culvert Project. OTC is contracting with Houston Engineering after the county and MN DOT's annual bridge/culvert assessments revealed that the culvert on LPL is in poor condition and needs attention. There is no timeline for the project yet. It may be as early as 2027 but most likely within 5 years. Fieldwork will begin with Houston Engineering this summer gathering data so decisions regarding the scope of the project can be made. OTC will be working with the MN DNR to obtain permits for the project and MN DOT for funding through state aid allocations and State of MN grant funds. There will be a meeting in August or September for people to provide input.
- Nick Kludt, MN DNR introduced himself and indicated he would be participating in the project to provide information on fish movement. He indicated the DNR will always evaluate the human constraints on waterways and the impact made on the environment. Nick discussed the culvert in relationship to fish movement with water flows, and currents to vegetative growths. Nick indicated after data collection and analysis, decisions can be made for the culvert project that will take into consideration water flow, fish movement/spawning, costs, etc. Case studies of flow splits going back to the original state will be researched. Members provided some insights into the history of the culvert, historical spring water flow issues, and questioned the water flow on the NW side of the lake if there is change and brought up the Little McDonald Lake pump and potential water flow impact. Nick stated there would be "considerable public involvement" on the project.
- Luke Schalekamp DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor introduced himself and indicated he has moved into this position after longtime Fisheries Supervisor Jim Wolters retired. Luke fielded a question regarding the recent fish die off on LPL. Luke indicated it is hard to determine without timely specimen analysis.

Board Members, Officers, and Beach Captains were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Approval of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Members were provided a copy of the prior year's annual meeting minutes. Motion was made to approve the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes by Gary Layman and seconded by Ryan Jundt. Voice vote approved the motion to accept the Minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Sivertson

The Treasurer's report was given by Mark Sivertson. The \$12,000 reserve fund for invasive species remains, with \$11,820.19 in the general fund for an account total of \$23,820.19. Cash Flows from 7/1/2024 to 3/31/2025, the check register from June 1, 2024- June 5, 2025 and a United Community Bank statement were presented for member viewing. As of June 14, 2025, 147 members had paid with more expected. 2024 had 202 paid members. Daryl Kowitz moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and his motion was seconded by Bob Kochman. Voice vote approved the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Lake Improvement District (LID) Update- Daryl Kowitz

Daryl provided updates on the LID which included: An increase in camping sites for Big Pine Resort along with gas availability on the lake, water quality testing continues to show good results. Two sites are monitored on both Big Pine and Little Pine Lake. The Annual LID meeting is July 26, 2025, and all are encouraged to attend.

Boat Parade Information- Andi Bucholz

Andi provided information on the 2025 boat parade voting on the LPLA website July 4th page and displayed the website for members to see the links and an example of the voting survey. Members were also encouraged to submit ideas by the end of the meeting for the 2026 Fun Theme, to be selected via survey on the littlepinelake.org website. Voting for the 2026 fun boat theme will end July 2, 11:59 p.m. Information will be in the second newsletter distributed by beach captains. Andi discussed the board's plan if there is inclement weather on the boat parade day: decision to postpone will be made 2 hours before parade start and information provided on the LPLA website. If postponed, the parade will be scheduled for 4 pm the same day. If the weather continues to be poor and expected to continue, the decision to cancel can be made at 3 pm. If cancelled, there will be no rescheduled date that year. There were no questions or comments on the board's plan.

Boy Scout Cross Lighting- Ken Krajsa

Ken reported on his work with the Perham Rotary Club regarding the Boy Scout Cross lighting. Plans are to change lighting from solar to hard-wired. Ken had done some investigating on the Boy Scout's Cross project and its current lighting situation. It is solar powered and has had several outages this year which were noticed by lake residents. Permanent wiring and monthly fee support is a project the Perham Rotary is interested in donating to. Plans are to have the cross hard-wired by next year.

Fish Limit- John Martodam

John Martodam updated members on the new possession limits for crappies (5), and sunfish (10). These limits are in place for Mud Lake west of County Hwy 51, and up to 425th Avenue. The culvert and bridge by Zorbas are included in the waters for these limits.

State DNR officials are working on walleye limits for all MN lakes with probable implementation in 2026. John informed members that he and Ray Ehly had met with DNR Officials last year and have been maintaining communications in an effort to support voice representation for decisions that may impact LPL.

Otter Tail County Updates

Dan Bucholz, OTC Commissioner for District 1, gave information on the following: county allocations from the state had not yet been determined, EMS funding remains an issue throughout the county with possible state allocations coming to OTC, Otter Express will have increased service throughout the county, County Rd 8 from The Market to the Dairy Queen will be resurfaced in 2026, a new county

garage next to the Perham City Garage will be completed fall 2025, and a bypass lane at the golf course road and County Road 8 will be completed this fall.

Board Member Updates

Ken acknowledged outgoing board members Mary Bader and Jason Jundt, recognizing the time and dedication they have had to the LPLA.

Nominees Randy Long and Jon Chose were presented for open board positions and attendees were asked to voice any other nominees. None were presented. Gary Layman motioned to accept Randy Long and Jon Chose to the LPLA Board of Directors and re-elect John Martodam and Ray Ehly. Daryl Kowitz seconded this motion. Voice approval obtained by members. BOD terms are 3-years.

Signage for LPLA- Ken Krajsa

Ken informed attendees that the board approved \$450 to spend on 10 new signs to place around the lake for the annual picnic (5 signs) and annual meeting (5 signs). Signs were ordered and will be placed in locations to best support event awareness.

Meeting Adjournment-Ken Krajsa

Ken thanked people for coming to the meeting, encouraging them to visit with the guest speakers if they had questions for them. Gary Layman made a motion to adjourn and Mark Sivertson seconded with voice vote approval.

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Secretary, LPLA