LES CHENEAUX ISLANDS ASSOCIATION
98th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
August 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 P.M.
LCIA President, Mike Patrick

OPENING REMARKS
Mike Patrick

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES
Annual Business Meeting, August 6, 2020

MANAGER'S REPORT
Mark Engle

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating	Jim Keighley
Budget & Finance	John Hesser
Environment	Robert Smith, Chair
Fish & Game	Mark Engle, Chair
Historical	John Griffin, Chair
Marine	Steve Honnila, Chair
Membership	Michelle Parsons, Chair
	Phyllis Rusk, Co-chair
Past Presidents	Jim Keighley, Chair
Publicity	Susan Pool, Chair
Social	Linda Schepperly, Chair
Township Liaison	Diane Patrick, Chair
Water Safety & Youth Boating Certification	Dave Robertson, Chair

Old Business
1.
2.

New Business
1.
2.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 3, 2021, Hessel School House, 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION
2020/2021 LCIA OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & COMMITTEES

OFFICERS

President	Mike Patrick
Secretary/Treasurer	John Hesser
First Vice President	Paul Tabor
Second Vice President	Linda Schepperly

ADMINISTRATION

Board Secretary	Esther Engle
Manager	Mark Engle

DIRECTORS

Term Ending 2021
Barbara Augenblick
Gretchen Mahoney
Susan Pool

Term Ending 2022
Nina Abnee
John Bentley
Rosemary Conroy
Dan Reelitz

Term Ending 2023
Barbara Favret
Sean Murray
Dan Totonchi

COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance
John Hesser, Chair
Esther Engle
Jim Keighley

Environment
Robert Smith, Chair
John Bentley
Neil Williams

Fish & Game
Mark Engle, Chair
James Keighley

Historical
John Griffin, Chair
Carol Duncan
Charles Fels
Valerie Wolters

Marine
Steve Honnila, Chair
Mark Engle
James Keighley

Membership
Michelle Parsons, Chair
Phyllis Rusk
Nina Abnee

Nominating
James Keighley, Chair
Barbara Augenblick
Diane Patrick

Past Presidents
Jim Keighley, Chair
John Ashworth
Mary Baker
Mark Clymer
George Covington
Jack Edwards
John Griffin
Joan Holwadel
Charles Letts
Diane Patrick
Ed Rusk
Janice Williams
Sherri Young
Dave Robertson

Publicity
Susan Pool, Chair
Nina Abnee, Paul Tabor, Jan Tabor
Boating Safety Posters - John Griffin/Dave Robertson
Boat Show Booth - Barbara Augenblick
Calendar of Events, July/August - Rosemary Conroy
Facebook/Website - Alan McCord & Anne McKee
Fourth of July Parade - Susan Pool

Social
Linda Schepperly, Chair
Pat Anshutz
Barbara Augenblick
Mary Baker
Jane Dunn
Louise Francis
Martha Harding
Karen Johnson
Gretchen Mahoney
Jeanine Wall

Township Liaison
Diane Patrick, Chair
Mary Baker
Mike Patrick

Youth Boating Certification & Water Safety
Dave Robertson, Chair
John Griffin

Minutes of the 97th Annual Business Meeting of the
Les Cheneaux Islands Association
August 6, 2020

The Zoom video conferencing meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

Call to Order / Opening Remarks, Jim Keighley, President:
J. Keighley called the meeting to order and welcomed members to LCIA's 97th Annual Business Meeting.

Keighley recognized and thanked LCIA inspectors: Rich Barr, Jim Eberts, Vaughn Rye, Larry & Jim Sherlund, and Dave St. Onge. Inspections start every year with one in September and two each month thereafter through May. Inspectors make every attempt, through any means possible, to get to island and mainland properties, making visual inspections for break-ins, wind damage, downed trees, unlocked doors, windows/doors blown open, ice/snow accumulation on roofs, etc. Inspectors report their findings to Mark & Esther Engle, who report to the property owners. Keighley reminded members that these inspections do not take the place of a hired caretaker or security system.

J. Keighley thanked Manager, Mark Engle, Board Secretary, Esther Engle, and LCIA Board of Directors and Committee Members for their time and efforts throughout the year. Keighley also recognized and thanked Al McCord and Anne McKee for their time and social media expertise as administrators of LCIA's Facebook page and website.

J. Keighley announced that LCIA's float entry in this year's 4th of July parade won first place. Keighley recognized and thanked Susan Pool and volunteers who decorated the trailer and participated in the parade.

Approve Agenda:
A motion was made by B. Augenblick, supported by L. Schepperly to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes:
There were no corrections or additions to the Minutes of the August 8, 2019 Annual Business Meeting. A motion was made by L. Schepperly, supported by S. Murray, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report:
Mark Engle reported LCIA property inspections will begin on September 15, and we have an experienced Inspection crew ready to do the job.

Engle reminded members to have their green property identification sign posted visibly, not just for inspection purposes but also for emergency situations. Also, the white LCIA $500 Reward sign and plastic card holder should be visible and located on or near the main building to be inspected. Last year substitute inspectors were at times required to do property checks and some properties were difficult to locate and identify.

M. Engle reported LCIA's aids to navigation were in place shortly after Memorial Weekend. He noted that high water and high winds can affect buoys in some locations, and if anyone notices a buoy that has moved off its mark, please report to him or to Steve Honnila.

Committee Reports:

Fish & Game Committee, Mark Engle, Chair:
M. Engle reported cisco, commonly known as herring, have become a threatened species. A high tech research effort is underway in the LCI area in an effort to understand a downturn in cisco populations in northern Lake Huron. The LCI study is being conducted by GLATOS (Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System). Acoustic telemetry is the process of using sound and distance to determine approximate movements of fish. Researchers can surgically implant a transmitter in the fish's body cavity and release the fish into a body of water where receivers have been deployed. As the fish swims,

movements can be tracked from receiver to receiver, showing the amount of time a fish spends in one area. In Nov. 2019, eighty-eight ciscoes were night shocked and implanted with battery operated transmitters and returned to the water. Receivers are attached to anchors which have been placed around the islands. Hopefully, this research can aid in helping to improve a struggling cisco population.

Nominating Committee, Dave Robertson, Chair:
D. Robertson made the following nomination for new officers and directors:
Mike Patrick, President
Paul Tabor, First Vice President
Linda Schepperly, Second Vice President
John Hesser, Secretary/Treasurer
Directors for a three year term: Barbara Favret, Sean Murray, and Dan Totonchi

There were not further nominations from the floor. A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the slate of officers and directors and presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Social Committee, Linda Schepperly, Chair:
L. Schepperly stated the fifteen members of the committee were disappointed but in agreement that we had no choice but to cancel the annual dinner this year due to the covid pandemic. Schepperly stated Karl's Cuisine has agreed to cater the annual turkey dinner again next year and the speaker who was lined up for this year, a representative from the Soo Locks, has agreed to postpone his presentation to 2021 as well.

Publicity, Susan Van Zee, Chair:
J. Keighley reported S. Van Zee is working on updating the LCIA banners and logo items.

Budget & Finance, John Hesser, Chair:
J. Hesser thanked Esther Engle for preparing financial reports.
Hesser reviewed the Statement of Cash Revenue & Expenses for Year End, June 30, 2020, noting some concern that membership dues were down $1,340 from the prior year. Hesser stated he hopes this will not continue to be a trend and will monitor the situation to see if a slight increase in dues may be necessary. Hesser thanked members for their generous donations totaling $7,365. Overall, revenues of $62,619 exceeded expenses of $59,181 and the year ended with a gain of $3,438.

Environment Committee, Robert Smith, Chair:
R. Smith addressed water depth, water clarity, temperature, and relative weed presence during the meeting:
(1) Water quality was excellent in 2019 and there appear to be no matters of concern this season. Areas that typically have clear water where visibility extends to the bottom in 35 to 40 ft of water have remained clear, and sample stations that are historically turbid due to phytoplankton growth have been expectedly somewhat cloudy. Monthly water sampling will continue through September and samples will then be delivered to the Univ. of Michigan Biological Station at Douglas Lake for analysis.
(2) Water temps at the sample sites continue to be lower than in years past which could be due to the weather in general or the greater amount of colder water flowing into our channels from Lake Huron. This year the Lake Huron level is 67 inches higher than it was during our record low level in 2012.
(3) Deeper water inhibits shoreline plants such as the invasive cattails and phragmites from growing to the extent we experienced in the 2005-2012 period. Some cattail and phragmites patches have totally disappeared due to the higher lake level. Less light penetration in deeper water is reflected by a shift in the plant species and in the density of those species that grow within our channels. We have a totally different spectrum of dominant rooted water plants during these times of high water than we experienced in times of low water. With over fifty different rooted plant species growing in our channels, our aquatic plant ecosystem is well populated and resilient enough to endure times of high water and low water stresses.

Historical Committee, John Griffin, Chair:
Griffin noted that history continues to repeat itself. Native American tribal lore explains that you can expect the high water levels to start receding when all the foliage that grew up between the mature trees and the low water along the shoreline when the water levels were down, gets drowned out and dies. Griffin stated you can see evidence of this natural condition as you drive along M-134 between Cedarville and Hessel, looking out on Mackinac Bay and witness the dying trees. Indications are, next year we'll start to see water go down.

Griffin reminded members dead and dying spruce trees (due to spruce budworm infestation) pose not only a danger to buildings and power lines, but a fire hazard as well. Griffin encouraged members to remove dead and dying spruce trees from their properties.

Griffin stated the area continues to have large mayfly hatches which is a good indicator of a healthy environment.

Griffin also commented that it's great to see 4th & 5th generations now taking over some of the family cottages in the area

Marine Committee, Steve Honnila, Chair:
J. Keighley referred to the financial report noting the buoy program is the association's second largest expense. Buoy costs continue to increase.

Membership Committee, Phyllis Rusk, Chair:
P. Rusk reported the following: The committee, comprised of Michelle Parsons and herself, continues to solicit new members. Inviting younger family members of current members to join as Associate or Supporting members remains a committee focus, as LCIA encourages/needs the support of the next generation. Also, extended family members are encouraged to become Associate Members ($10) or Supporting Members ($55). In addition, we continue to encourage local real estate agents to share the benefits of LCIA membership with new owners.

The committee is also cross-checking Les Cheneaux Yacht Club members to see if they are LCIA members as well.

Membership numbers for 2020 remain consistent with past numbers although there are some changes in categories due to existing members electing a different level of membership. Currently, there are 342 Inspection Memberships, 58 Supporting Memberships, 43 Associate Memberships and 34 Commercial Memberships.

Please contact Michelle Parsons (906-484-1533) or Phyllis Rusk (906-484-3404) if you have additional ideas for increasing the LCIA membership numbers.

Past Presidents Committee, Dave Robertson, Chair:
D. Robertson stated he held a gathering in 2019 for past presidents and spouses and talked about doing that again this year, but due to covid concerns has not made any plans.

Youth Boating Certification & Water Safety Committee, Dave Robertson, Chair:
D. Robertson reported in person boating safety certification classes were not able to be held this year due to the Covid pandemic. The link to the Michigan DNR on-line class was posted on Facebook and in the LCIA Newsletter. Area youths who took the on-line class were encouraged to bring in their certificate to receive a complimentary LCIA life jacket. The life jackets are embroidered with the LCIA logo and paid for through the Trip Abnee Memorial Fund established by Nina Abnee. Thank you to Nina for her continued support of the program. J. Griffin reported 16 people came to his office with their certificate from the on-line class to collect their PFD.

D. Robertson thanked John Griffin for his help on the committee and invited anyone who is interested in joining the committee, to contact him.

D. Robertson stated he will monitor the Covid meeting recommendations over the winter and spring to determine if in person classes can resume next summer and will be looking for a suitable venue.

Township Liaison, Diane Patrick, Chair
D. Patrick gave an update of current township activities and projects:

- Both marina facilities are doing well now after a slow start. The dumpster at the Cedarville Harbor is available for use by island residents.
- Recreation Committee is focused on two projects now: Bike Path between Cedarville & Hessel; and Peek-a-boo Trail
- Heritage Park Committee is working on funding for a bathroom facility
- Planning Commission is working on both a noise ordinance to update the existing disturbing the peace ordinance, along with a short term rental ordinance.
- A failing 600' segment of the main sewer line along Blind Line Rd was replaced this summer
- The purchase of two acres of property for off-site marina parking is closing soon, after being delayed by COVID-19, with a MNRTF grant
- The Waterways Pre-Engineering grant for Hessel Marina is on pause until State funding is made available again
- Road millage passed on Tuesday
- A security system has been installed at all Twp facilities
- Cal Burnside was hired this past year as Code Enforcement Officer and is available to assist residents with many issues
- Explorations on a new firehall proposed by the fire department last are on hold, due to COVID-19
- The new contact for recycling has added a few new items

New Business:
(1) Using Zoom video conferencing for future board & business meetings, in addition to in person attendance when Covid allows:

J. Keighley stated he would like to gain alignment that we continue developing our Zoom skills and use Zoom for all future board and business meetings, in addition to in person attendance when Covid allows. The intent is to increase attendance due to everyone's travel schedules.

D. Robertson made a motion to continue using Zoom in addition to in person meetings, the motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
J. Keighley stated the next meeting of the LCIA Board of Directors is scheduled for Friday, September 4. This will be a Zoom meeting starting at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment
J. Keighley thanked everyone for their attendance and stated he enjoyed his terms as LCIA President.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, supported, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Engle
Board Secretary

LES CHENEAUX ISLANDS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASH REVENUE AND EXPENSES
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 AND JUNE 30, 2021

		2019/2020		2020/2021
REVENUES:				
Membership Dues		48960.00		**50330.00**
General Donations		7355.00		**9105.00**
Clark Township Buoy Donation		750.00		**750.00**
Memorial Donations - Donald Dupre (Goat Island)		800.00		
Annual Dinner - Net		1985.99		
Life Jackets for Boating Safety Class				
Trip Abnee Memorial Fund		2626.20		
Interest		142.05		**89.83**
TOTAL INCOME		62619.24		**60274.83**
EXPENSES:				
Inspectors/Management:				
Payroll	35389.95		**36212.56**	
Expense Reimbursement	2427.17		**2598.93**	
Workers Compensation	212.00		**266.00**	
Computer/Office Reimbursement	500.00	38529.12	**500.00**	**39577.49**
Programs:				
Buoys				
Spring Set	4098.16		**5042.80**	
Fall Lift	4848.80		**5064.52**	
Supplies/Buoy Replacements	1654.40	10601.36	**1310.00**	**11417.32**
Water Quality	1199.04			
Water Safety/Youth Boating Certification	2626.20	3825.24		**0.00**
Contributions				
Clark Township - Heritage Park	200.00		**200.00**	
Clark Township - ADA Kayak Launch at Cedarville Harbor			**2000.00**	
LC Watershed Council - Frogfest		200.00	**200.00**	**2400.00**
Insurance				
General Liability	699.00		**462.00**	
Officers & Directors Liability	450.00	1149.00	**450.00**	**912.00**
Other				
Dues & Fees	120.00		**120.00**	
Office Supplies	1191.26		**223.51**	
Postage	635.75		**330.00**	
Printing/Copying	889.34		**630.97**	
Publicity	975.87		**699.08**	
Trailer Purchase	861.03			
Miscellaneous	202.96	4876.21	**100.00**	**2103.56**
TOTAL EXPENSES		59180.93		**56410.37**
GAIN/LOSS		3438.31		**3864.46**

Account Balances - As of 6/30/2021

Account	6/30/2021 Balance
Bank Accounts	
LCIA Checking	1,753.83
LCIA Dreyfus	0.00
LCIA Money Market	45,243.55
LCIA TCD's	2,000.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	**48,997.38**
Asset Accounts	
Buoys	4,500.00
TOTAL Asset Accounts	**4,500.00**
Liability Accounts	
Payroll-FICA	0.00
Payroll-FUTA	0.00
Payroll-FWH	0.00
Payroll-MCARE	0.00
Payroll-SUI	0.00
Payroll-SWH	0.00
TOTAL Liability Accounts	**0.00**
OVERALL TOTAL	**53,497.38**