LES CHENEAUX ISLANDS ASSOCIATION
97th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

AUGUST 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING REMARKS
LCIA President, Jim Keighley

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES
Annual Business Meeting, August 8, 2019

MANAGER'S REPORT
Mark Engle

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Old Business

1.
2.

New Business

1. Using Zoom video conferencing for future board & business meetings, in addition to in person attendance when COVID allows.
2.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 4, 2020

Adjournment

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION
2019/2020 LCIA OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & COMMITTEES

OFFICERS

President	James Keighley
Secretary/Treasurer	John Hesser
First Vice President	Mike Patrick
Second Vice President	Paul Tabor

ADMINISTRATION

Board Secretary	Esther Engle
Manager	Mark Engle

DIRECTORS

Term Ending 2020	Term Ending 2021	Term Ending 2022
Steve Honnila	Barbara Augenblick	Nina Abnee
Susan Van Zee	Gretchen Mahoney	John Bentley
	Susan Pool	Rosemary Conroy
	Linda Schepperly	Dan Reelitz

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

Marine
Steve Honnila, Chair
Mark Engle
James Keighley

Membership
Phyllis Rusk, Co-Chair - Membership
Michelle Parsons, Co-Chair - Membership

Nominating
Dave Robertson, Chair
Barbara Augenblick
Diane Patrick

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

Publicity
Susan Van Zee, Chair
Nina Abnee
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
Virginia Calven
Jane Dunn
Louise Francis
Martha Harding
Karen Johnson
Gretchen Mahoney
Peggy Patrick
Carol Peltari
Sara Tayor
Jeanine Wall
Judy Williams
Lynn Williams

Township Liaison
Diane Patrick, Chair
Mary Baker
Mike Patrick

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

Minutes of the 96th Annual Business Meeting of the
Les Cheneaux Islands Association
August 8, 2019

The annual business meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. in the Commons Room of Les Cheneaux Community Schools.

Call to Order / Opening Remarks, Jim Keighley, President:
J. Keighley called the meeting to order and welcomed members to LCIA's 96th Annual Business Meeting.
Keighley reviewed LCIA's Vision Statement and actions in support of vision:
LCIA was founded in 1922 and focuses on the following programs:
(1) Navigational aids – placement and maintenance of over 120 private buoys, marking shoals and rocks; providing another layer of boating safety over the Coast Guard buoys.
(2) Property inspections – Conducts inspections of members' properties in their absence; one inspection in September and two per month from October through May.
(3) Water quality – Supports the monitoring of lake water quality for recreational use through scheduled water sampling/analysis and contributes to water centric efforts in the area.
(4) Boating safety – Sponsors youth boating safety certification classes, adult refresher classes and vessel safety checks.
(5) Local government interaction – Encourages LCIA representation at public township meetings and involvement in local planning and regulatory issues.
(6) Member communication – Keeps members up-to-date on pertinent news, current conditions, and important local issues through quarterly newsletters and LCIA's Facebook page.

Keighley recognized LCIA inspectors, Rich Barr, Jim Eberts, Vaughn Rye, Larry Sherlund, Jim Sherlund, and Dave St Onge. Keighley stated the inspectors make every effort to get to all properties twice a month, from October thru May, which can require a truck, a boat, a snowmobile, and snowshoes. Keighley noted that the LCIA inspectors do not take the place of a local caretaker or surveillance service; they make an inspection of the exterior of the buildings reporting open doors/windows, wind damage, snow/ice accumulation on roofs, visible break-ins, downed trees, etc. Keighley thanked the inspectors for their efforts.

Keighley also thanked Managers, Mark & Esther Engle, the LCIA Board and Committee Members. Keighley also recognized Al McCord for his work on LCIA's Facebook page and the Social Committee for their work organizing the annual dinner which follows the business meeting.

Approve Agenda
A motion was made, supported, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Approve Minutes
Copies of the Minutes of the August 9, 2018 Annual Business Meeting were provided to those in attendance. A motion was made, supported, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

J. Keighley called for the Manager's and Committee Reports:

Manager's Report: Mark Engle:
LCIA Buoys: M. Engle thanked Steve Honnila for handling and maintaining LCIA's stock of aids to navigation. Steve was able to set buoys this spring in a timely manner despite some tough weather conditions. We purchased 25 new buoys and 500 feet of chain and shackles. We currently have about 120 buoys with additional buoys stored as back-ups.

LCIA Property Inspections: Engle thanked the inspectors and noted that they endured one of the most difficult winters in recent memory. Engle stated it has been a long time since conditions required snow/ice removal from roofs to the extent that existed this past winter. After conferring with inspectors and area contractors who are familiar with conditions in outlying areas, the need for roof shoveling was so widespread we emailed a warning to all members regarding the

dangerous conditions and posted it on Facebook. Engle advised members to have a local caretaker or contractor lined up prior to the winter season in case of extreme winter weather and the need for snow/ice removal.

Fish & Game Committee: Mark Engle, Chair:
Engle reported Michigan DNR's annual Les Cheneaux fish assessment was carried out last October for the 50th consecutive year making it the oldest study of its kind in the country. The study results showed a large northern pike population, a stable smallmouth bass population and a yellow perch population that seems to be healthy. There appears to be a lot of 5-6" perch.

Engle added that 30,000 splake were planted in Hessel under the ice. Splake have become a target for an increasing number of anglers. Though we had some huge mayfly hatches this year, herring numbers seem to be way down.

Engle reported that at the spring fisheries annual workshop, the DNR reported there was a 90% increase in the cormorant numbers in our area since cormorant control was stopped in 2016. Bob Smith has been monitoring cormorant nesting on Crow Island for the past two years. He has noticed more nests there than anywhere in the region. The waters to the east have typically been home to herring, so Engle feels there could be a connection between the increase in cormorants and the lack of herring.

Nominating Committee, Dave Robertson, Chair:
D. Robertson reported on behalf of the committee which includes Barbara Augenblick and Diane Patrick:

Officers: D. Robertson stated there will not be a turnover of officers for the 2019/2020 year. Jim Keighley will remain president for another year as well as Secretary/Treasurer, John Hesser, First Vice President, Mike Patrick and Second Vice President, Paul Tabor.

Directors: Robert Smith has completed two 3-year terms. Rosemary Conroy and John Bentley have completed one 3-year term and have agreed to serve another 3 years.

D. Robertson then nominated Nina Abnee and Dan Reelitz for 3-year terms as directors.
There were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made, supported, and carried unanimously to accept the slate of directors as presented.

D. Robertson thanked the officers and directors for their service to the LCIA.

Social Committee, Linda Schepperly, Chair
Schepperly reported the following: The Social Committee began planning for this year's annual dinner event last year at their wrap-up meeting. They are always striving to make any changes necessary to make it function more smoothly. This year they have moved the beer, soft drink, and water to the main room to help with the congestion at the bar. She stated the committee always welcomes input and suggestions.

Linda reported there are 15 members on the committee who work very hard to make the annual dinner a great social event. Many of the spouses also help with the set up and take down. Local businesses and friends have again been very generous with donating items for the raffle.

Karl's Cuisine will be providing another wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings and the guest speaker is from the Carmeuse Lime and Stone Quarry. The committee wishes everyone a very enjoyable evening.

Schepperly remarked the LCIA is dedicated to keeping boaters safe, keeping our environment healthy, remembering its history, watching over our properties in the winter and helping the community so that we can enjoy this special place for years to come. Thanks to all of you, the members, who make this all possible.

Budget & Finance Committee, John Hesser, Chair
J. Hesser reviewed financial reports submitted by E. Engle.
The reports reflect the following information:

- At year end, June 30, 2019, account balances totaled $41,419.61.
- Last year's Annual Dinner brought in $1,477.49.
- The 2018/19 fiscal year ended with total income of $58,800.67 and expenses of $55,040.79 resulting in a gain of $3,759.88.
- Payroll was increased by 3% over the previous year and there was an increase in the amount typically spent replacing buoys. 25 buoys along with new chain and shackles were purchased.
- The LCIA remains in good financial condition.

Environment Committee, Robert Smith, Chair
R. Smith reported the following:
Three water sample collection trips have been made this year; 12 sites from Marquette Bay to McKay Bay. Water temperatures were 5-6 degrees lower during May's sampling than temperatures measured since 2001, but waters warmed quickly, and July temps were on par with previous years. A report on all water quality parameters will appear in LCIA's Winter Newsletter.

A number of island residents have reported white or beige foam on the water a few times this season. The typical cause of this foam is the result of algae die off. When free-floating algae populations die, their DNA and cell contents are released into the water. These components are made of protein and waves resulting from windy days whip the protein into a foam. We have 30 different types of free-floating algae in the islands and each of their life cycles is different which is why we see the foam at different times of the season. LCI residents need not be concerned about highly dense algae populations nor toxins produced by algae.

The LC Watershed Council is conducting a zebra mussel survey to assess their general population since the high populations of the 2000s declined. The survey's purpose is to simply develop a benchmark to follow trends in zebra mussel presence.

Historical Committee, John Griffin, Chair
J. Griffin recommended the book entitled A Brief History of the Les Cheneaux Islands, written by Frank R. Groover, published in 1911; republished twice since then. Of interest, the book includes a chapter entitled "Origin of Names of Islands and Places of Interest;" names and places that have now become common to us.

Griffin noted history of water levels of the Great Lakes is on everyone's mind as we experience higher water again in 2019. 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 and decide for yourself when the water levels will start to go down. Your guess might be that we are looking at another season or two of high water levels before all the foliage dies.

Marine Committee, Steve Honnila, Chair
S. Honnila remarked that it was an interesting spring trying to get buoys in on time as ice lingered into May. He stated there are 120 buoys in and he has not received any complaints regarding their location. Additional buoys (25) were needed this year to replace old, damaged buoys; keeping the inventory up-to-date.

Due to the high water level, there has been lots of floating debris. Honnila cautioned everyone to continue to watch for debris and, if possible, take it to shore.

As a volunteer for the Clark Township Fire Department, Honnila urged all members to have their property numbers visible on their boat house or dock.

Membership Committee, Phyllis Rusk, Chair
P. Rusk stated the committee, comprised of Michelle Parsons and Phyllis Rusk 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.

Rusk clarified: "Associate Membership" @ $10.00 is for additional family members or co-owners who would like to receive LCIA information, emails, mailings, newsletters, etc. A "Supporting Membership" @ $55 is for those who do not require property inspections but want to support the LCIA and its projects.

Rusk reported another focus this summer was an outreach to residents of Prentiss Bay. Dan Reelitz shared the LCIA informational brochure and membership forms with residents at a neighborhood meeting and encouraged residents to join since they rely on the LCIA buoys to navigate their bay.

Rusk noted membership number for 2019 remain consistent with past numbers, although there are some changes in categories due to existing members selecting a different level of membership. Also, when a member sells their property, new owners typically become members, which helps keep the membership numbers consistent.

Currently there are 342 Inspection Memberships, 58 Supporting Memberships, 43 Associate Memberships and 29 Commercial Memberships.

Rusk asked anyone with ideas for increasing the LCIA membership numbers to contact her: ruskpa@comcast.net

Past Presidents Committee, Dave Robertson, Chair
D. Robertson stated he and his wife Jeanine Wall, hosted a cocktail party on August 5 for past presidents. Eight out of the 13 living LCIA past presidents attended.

Water Safety & Youth Boating Certification Committee, Dave Robertson, Chair
D. Robertson reported the following: One of the missions of LCIA is to promote water and boating safety. LCIA coordinates two water safety classes each year, taught by Marine Deputy, Tom Sherlund. Michigan law requires that young boaters be licensed. Older boaters are also welcome for continuing boating education. Adults who have taken the course all agree the course is valuable, both learning new information and re-learning a few forgotten facts. The 2019 classes were held on July 9 & 10 and August 6 & 7 at the Great Lakes Boat Building School. 50 students, including 8 adults attended the classes this year.

Trip Abnee was instrumental in starting this LCIA program several years ago. Graduates of the class are presented a boating safety certificate and a life jacket, embroidered with the LCIA logo. The life jackets are paid for through the Trip Abnee Memorial Fund established by Nina Abnee. Thank you to Nina for her continued support of the program.

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

Publicity Committee, Susan VanZee, Chair
J. Keighley thanked Susan VanZee for agreeing to chair the committee. Van Zee will be helping B. Augenblick to coordinate LCIA's booth at the Hessel Antique Boat Show and will be working on updating LCIA's advertising information and the LCIA banner.

Township Liaison, Diane Patrick, Chair
Clark Township Supervisor, Mark Clymer updated the audience on township projects:
Cedarville Harbor – The project is coming along good now, however, it did not meet the completion date of July 31. The launch ramp is completed. A $10,000 donation has been received for furniture and Roger Heuck is donating a canvas of the Islington Hotel for the Harbor House.

A parking area on Weston Street in Cedarville is being considered for limited overnight parking.

Grants have been received for upgrades to the Hessel Marina and for purchasing property from John Hessel for off-site parking in Hessel.

Next Meeting
J. Keighley stated the next meeting of the LCIA Board of Directors is scheduled for Friday, August 30, 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the community room at Cedar Cove Assisted Living. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Adjournment
J. Keighley thanked everyone for their attendance. A motion to adjourn was 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, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2020

		2018/2019		2019/2020
REVENUES:				
Membership Dues		50300.00		48960.00
General Donations		6160.00		7355.00
Clark Township Buoy Donation		750.00		750.00
Memorial Donations - Donald Dupre (Goat Island)				800.00
Annual Dinner - Net		1477.49		1985.99
Life Jackets for Boating Safety Class				
Trip Abnee Memorial Fund				2626.20
Interest		113.18		142.05
TOTAL INCOME		58800.67		62619.24
EXPENSES:				
Inspectors/Management				
Payroll	33674.50		35389.95	
Expense Reimbursement	2336.56		2427.17	
Workers Compensation	371.00		212.00	
Computer/Office Reimbursement	500.00	36882.06	500.00	38529.12
Buoys				
Spring Set	3262.50		4098.16	
Fall Lift	4314.61		4848.80	
Supplies	4981.03	12558.14	1654.40	10601.36
Programs				
Water Quality	1498.80		1199.04	
Water Safety/Youth Boating Certification		1498.80	2626.20	3825.24
Contributions				
LCIA Banner - Heritage Park Baseball Field	200.00		200.00	
Frogfest	200.00	400.00		200.00
Insurance				
General Liability	672.00		699.00	
Officers & Directors Liability	450.00	1122.00	450.00	1149.00
Other				
Dues & Fees	100.00		120.00	
Office Supplies	321.09		1191.26	
Postage	305.00		635.75	
Printing/Copying	711.26		889.34	
Publicity	987.44		975.87	
Trailer Purchase			861.03	
Miscellaneous	155.00	2579.79	202.96	4876.21
TOTAL EXPENSES		55040.79		59180.93
GAIN/LOSS		3759.88		3438.31

Les Cheneaux Islands Association - Account Balance Report as of Year End, June 30, 2020

Account Balances - As of 6/30/2020

Account	6/30/2020 Balance
Bank Accounts	
LCIA Checking	5,979.20
LCIA Dreyfus	0.00
LCIA Money Market	37,153.72
LCIA TCD's	2,000.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	**45,132.92**
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	**49,632.92**