

Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp - 7:00 – 9:00 - Tuesday, November 27, 2012

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Behring, Kathy Ervin, Howard Hughes, Herb Lenon, Jim Mrozinski, Jon Phillips, Mary Reed, Jim Simons, Al Taylor, Dave VanEerden

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Mary Reed.
2. The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

In Frank English's absence, Mary reported that there had been no change in PLWF account balances aside from a \$100 donation to the Annual Fund and \$80 from the sale of the Watershed's Christmas Tree.

4. The agenda was approved.
5. **WETLANDS COMMITTEE** (*Al Taylor, Howard Hughes, Dan Behring, David VanEerden, DeeDee Miller; Mary Reed serves as secretary.*)

Howard Hughes reviewed committee actions to date which, in addition to reporting on a highly informative recent session with the Grand Traverse Conservancy, related primarily to identifying and understanding all options for preserving and protecting wetland property. The group agreed that conversations about potential wetland acquisitions should remain confidential.

### 6. ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Kathy Ervin gave a brief presentation about the 2007 "Fish Out of Water" fundraiser and requested permission to pursue plans to resurrect the event this coming summer. Permission was granted.

### 7. HARBOR COMMISSION

Jim Mrozinski expressed his concern and frustration that no action has been taken, either at the State or National levels, to address the critical condition of harbors and channels.

### 8. STATE OF THE LAKE

Mary Reed reported that the report from Lakeshore Environmental, Inc., was expected by December 5<sup>th</sup>. She said that a complete update would be provided at our next meeting.

**9. REVISED BYLAWS**

A request to email the revised by laws to members of the Council was made. (NOTE: Copies of the revised by laws were sent *the very next day!*)

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

*Wetlands' Name* - Discussion about the name for the newly acquired wetlands was postponed until the next meeting.

*2013 Retreat* – We agreed that the Council would not hold a second retreat. We decided instead to revisit the Watershed Plan in the near future with an eye toward reviewing, if necessary, current priorities.

**11. DEFER AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairperson Mary Reed decided to defer other agenda items (i.e., budget, SAD expiration strategy, PLWF membership, etc.) as time was at hand to adjourn.

As an aside, Dan Behring agreed to write an article for the PLA newsletter about Watershed activities.

Meeting adjourned – 9:08 p.m.

**NEXT MEEETING**

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Farr Center, Onekama

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Ervin, Secretary