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Dave Wright (left), Bill Fleming (center), and Mike England (right) each bagged 8 point bucks during the 2013 Bow Season!

MEMORANDUM October 19, 2013

TO: Board of Directors, Lost Lake Woods Club
FROM: Chairman, Tellers Committee
SUBJECT: Results of ballot counts for election of board of directors, and for four (4) proposals to change the bylaws.

1. The Tellers Committee performed its duties on Saturday, October 19, 2013 in accordance with the bylaws.

2. The total number of ballot envelopes in the hands of the Tellers Committee at 8 a.m. was 601. During the validation process 10 ballots were rejected for the following reasons:

No identity	3
No signature	5
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3. After opening the outer envelopes, the number of ballots remaining to be tallied was 591. This exceeds 100, the number of members required for a quorum.

4. The 3 candidates elected, with the number of votes, were:

Jim May	391
Joel Blohm	326
Joe Boelter	254

The other 2 candidates, and the number of votes, were:

Mike Hailer	221
Dwight Gay	220

5. The tally for bylaw change proposal (Extended Family Privileges):
Yes - 401 No - 173 This proposal passed.

5. The tally for bylaw change proposal (Legacy Membership) was:
Yes - 354 No - 202 This proposal passed.

5. The tally for the bylaw change proposal (Majority Vote) was:
Yes - 281 No - 227 This proposal failed, since a 2/3 super-majority is required.

5. The tally for the bylaw change proposal (Pistol Range) was:
Yes - 471 No - 110 This proposal passed.

6. All ballots and tally sheets are being retained under lock for fifteen days (i.e., until November 4, 2013), unless otherwise directed.

7. Members of the Tellers Committee, all members in good standing, were: Nancy & John Guynn, Joanne Hadash, Marilyn Irwin, Kathy & Dave Koertge, Fred Palin, Becky & Bob Schemanske, Marge Synk, Marty and Jim Visnaw, and Susan Worthley

Ben Synk

Chairman, Tellers Committee



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Sunday

8am-1pm



**NEW MEMBERS
TO
LOST LAKE
WOODS CLUB**

Ingrid Farquharson
Bloomfield, MI

Leanna Springer
Manhaca, TX

2013 Calendar of Events

November

- 1 Promotions Meeting-8pm
- 1 Haunted Hayride & Weenie Roast 6pm
- 2 Dinner & A Murder & Family Dance —Murder Mystery 6pm
- 7 Future Planning Meeting-5:30pm
- 9 Board of Directors Meeting-8:30am
- 9 Conservation Meeting-1pm
- 11 House & Beach Meeting-1pm
- 15 Rifle Season Begins
- 15 Hunters Roundup
- 16 Bucks, Burgers and Brats
- 28 Thanksgiving/Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet
- 29 Black Friday Sale

December

- 2 Cyber Monday—all day
- 3 Lodge Decorating 9am—All Welcome!
- 6 Promotions Meeting-8pm
- 7 Conservation Meeting-8am
- 7 Finance & Audit Meeting-9am
- 7 Cabin Owners' Christmas Party
- 9 House & Beach-1pm
- 14 Board of Directors Meeting Regular & Organizational-8:30am
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve

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Cabin Owners Corner

CABIN OWNERS CORNER

The Cabin Owners met on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. It was the last meeting for 2013 and we had the best attendance. The major topic of discussion was the proposal for Cabin Owners to become a committee of the Club to ensure that the board members and anyone volunteering for any of our activities have liability insurance coverage. All of the preliminary investigative work on this issue was done by Jim Youngblood. The Cabin Owner Board voted to submit the request to the Board of Directors.

On another issue, we are desperately in need of individuals to volunteer for organizing social activities for our group. We are open to any ideas you may have. These activities would be held in the spring, summer and fall of 2014. If the spirit moves you, please contact our president, Nancy Guynn, at 736-6545 or our vice-president, Maureen Castern at 335-4112.

Marilyn Lighton

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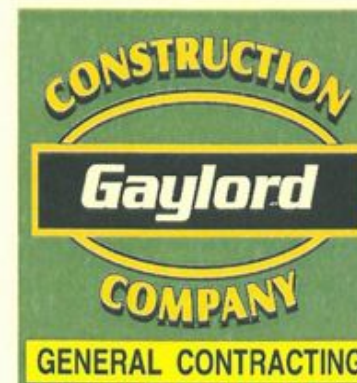


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Be a Hero!

The Lost Lake Woods Club Annual Rummage Sale is NOT going to happen next year! Unless.....

Our current, hard-working Chairpersons have fulfilled their promise of serving two years on the Rummage Sale. Crystal & Bob Ruess and Diana & Rene Feys became our Heros in 2011, when the Rummage Sale was threatened to be cancelled, stepped up to the task, did a wonderful job in 2012 and 2013, and are now “retiring” from this position. We thank them profusely for their contribution!

We are again in danger of not having a Rummage Sale next year! Think of all the items you’ve been able to purge from your home with little effort, without leaving the club, year after year. What if you had to drive to Alpena to get rid of your “stuff”?

What about the camaraderie shared by all those hours spent with other members, sorting and pricing, and setting up and tearing down, for the benefit of Lost Lake Woods Club?

Speaking of benefits: Do you have any idea how the funds raised from the Rummage Sale has benefitted Lost Lake Woods, and therefore each and every member, including YOU, year after year? The list is a long one!

Won’t you consider the ‘agony and ecstasy’ of being Chairperson of such a worthy event? Please contact Jim Braden, 736-6550, or Ron Lamrock, Manager, if you are interested in saving the Rummage Sale. Step up! **Be a Hero!**

President’s POV (Point of View)

“November 15”

There are many dates in a year that stand out for reasons both good and bad. Independence Day, Christmas, September 11, December 7, Easter, to name just a few. But in Michigan, November 15 is special in its own unique way.

It’s Opening Day.

Deer hunters like me will check a new calendar at the beginning of the year to see what day it falls on and right away start thinking about what days are needed to be off from work. Small businesses in the state plan shutdowns, and some schools will close for that day so that kids can be part of the hunt. In the play “Escanaba in da Moonlight” it’s said that opening day is like “Christmas with guns!”

Opening day at Lost Lake is special for every family involved. In our family it starts with the chimes rung in the lodge hallways at 4:30am, the same chimes I’ve heard my entire life. The gentle tones as the chimes are pushed up and down the halls of our lodge bring a waking smile to my face despite the “Oh dark thirty” wakeup call.

My Grandfather was the first to say it, and then later my dad when waking us up, but my brother and I would hear “get up, its daylight in the swamp!” and we would roll out of bed and shuffle off into the shower. I’ve carried that saying over to today, and my kids and grandkids have been awakened with a hearty “Its daylight in the swamp!” each November 15th (sometimes by text message).

Then there is breakfast at 5:00am with the talk around the dining room being of bucks, weather, guns, and fun. I still laugh of the time when my then young son, his first opening day to go in the blind with me, was told that when we go into the dining room for breakfast, he wasn’t allowed to eat until everyone had their breakfast and all the hunters stood holding hands and we will all sing the “Deer Hunter’s Song”. You should have seen the horror on his face as we walked towards the dining room. All he could say until we reached the dining room and he figured it out was “I’m NOT singing!” It was hilarious.

There are probably hundreds of similar stories and traditions in each family revolving around Opening Day. A new tradition started last year at the club is Burgers, Buck and Brats. It was a huge success in its first year and our impressive buck pole kept everyone talking and enjoying the evening. Make sure you bring your buck to the event, or if he’s still roaming the woods that night, come and see what’s there and enjoy the fun.

And let’s remember to try and be sportsmen and women while hunting. If you see someone with a deer, offer to help drag him in. Someone’s truck is stuck, if you can, lend a shoulder to push. But along those same lines of being a good sport, we need to still address the situation of phantom blinds and blind disputes.

Up until recently we’ve had a Blind Committee that was charged with resolving blind disputes and rule infractions regarding blinds and treestands. Recently this task has fallen on the shoul-

ders of our Club Manager. For a couple of months leading up to deer season he has been trying to resolve disputes between members over blind locations. In some instances he has had to get the Conservation Committee, myself, and other Board officers involved to help him resolve the dispute.

In my opinion, this is nuts and a total waste of time! Our Club Manger is responsible for running a multi-million dollar business with dozens of employees and thousands of members. It is a waste of his time and talents and our club resources, to have our top employee spend countless hundreds of hours walking through swamps, fields, and forest, trying to figure out who’s too close to who, and who was there first.

The club has always had these issues with blinds and probably always will. But, in years past members would try to resolve the issue by themselves, like sportsmen. But today, it seems all too often as soon as there is a hint of a problem, we call Ron. There should be an effort made by the members involved to try and work it out between themselves. Years ago I was involved in such an issue. I got the tag number, found out who it was and their telephone number, and called my fellow member. During a cordial conversation I learned that the dates he was hunting were different from the dates I was hunting, except for two days. So, I said to him to go ahead and hunt the area that year (it was getting near the season) but to please move for the following year. He did and the problem was solved without shouting, hurt feelings, and no one from club management was involved.

Today, it’s like listening to children in the back of the car on a long ride. “He’s over the line!”, “She’s touching me!”, “Dad, make her stop looking at me!” Except now it’s “He’s too close!”, “I had this spot first!”, and “someone stole my toy (I mean tag)!” We’ve got members that skirt just on the inside of the line to conform to the rule, and think nothing of the lack of sportsmanship, or their fellow member.

We didn’t hire Ron to be a babysitter or to break up playground fights. Most of these disputes can be avoided with some thorough scouting or some thoughtfulness on behalf of your fellow member.

I like to say that just because you can, doesn’t mean you should.

So, I will be bringing it up with the Board of Directors after this hunting season. We need to get Ron out of the blind dispute business and come up with a plan and a committee or group that will oversee and arbitrate these disputes. The only time that our General Manager will be involved, is at the time the committee is stumped, and its dueling pistols at dawn.

And the entire issue of phantom blinds has not gone away. It’s still a big problem for our club and needs to be eliminated. The Board and Conservation Committee has been working and thinking of ways to curb and hopefully eliminate this unsportsmanlike practice caused by a few cheaters in our midst. This will be an issue that will not be soon forgotten and will be taken up by the Board.

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Lost Lake, by Ben Weber, September 2012

Lost Lake is an awesome spot to be. There are tons of things to do, and you never get bored!! I’m going to tell you some of the things we do.

One of my favorite thing to do is to go four wheeling. There are over 10,000 acres of land to four wheel on. There are trails everywhere and it lots of fun!!! At our cottage, there is 14 people in just our house, so we have nine four wheelers. We go on big rides!! Usually we have up to 18 people if you include our cousins. We also go for LONG rides. During the summer, when everybody is up, we go for rides up to 8 hours!!! That’s fun!! Out of all of the trails in the woods, my absolute favorite is a trail called B-Trail. B-Trail is so muddy that my fenders on my dirt bike are completely out under the water!!! It’s awesome!!!!

Up north there are five different lakes. Badger, Deer, Bear, Lost Lake, and Beaver Lake. Badger Lake is the best lake for swimming. It has a full beach with a playground and chairs and a big water slide to go down. Our family goes there very often. We like to swim all the way out to the very middle of the big lake. Our parents only like us to do that with an adult with us. it is still fun though. At the beach, there is a big playground that we like to play on. One of the games we play is called red eyed snake. It is basically tag, but the person who is it has their eyes closed. It is so much fun!!! That’s why we love to go to the beach!!!

The best thing to do up north.....well at least for me is to go hunting! Throughout all of the 10,000 acres there are hunting blinds everywhere. There is tons of game to hunt such as deer, squirrel, partridge, quail, coyote, pheasant, turkey, rabbits and bear. The things that I hunt are deer, squirrel, turkey, and starting this year, Coyote. My grandpa has hunted here for thirty years. He passed away about 3 months ago. It was a very sad thing that happened. But we have kept hunting and kept the tradition going. Since we built the cottage, we have had something called Camp Weber every year. That is when my dad and his brothers get a whole bunch of their friends and my grandpa’s friends and invite them all up to rifle hunt. I have never gone before, but this year I am finally invited!!!! I am so excited!!! Hopefully, I will get a MONSTER deer this year!! Good luck!!

Me and my cousin Jacqueline love to go fishing every night. Jacqueline and I mostly fish on Badger Lake. We use nigh crawlers, and baby blue gill for bait. We mostly catch pike and bass, but every now and then, we will catch a small bull head cat fish. Those really put up a good fight!!!! All we really do is cast off of o big dock,,,, but as long as were catching fish, it’s always fun!!!!

We are always doing something, and at night, that something is having bonfires. We have a big fire pit up north, and we have had tons of fires in it!!! When we have bonfires, we invite everyone. All of our cousins, Aunts, Uncles, and close friends. We do lots of fun things such as roast marsh mellow, shoot fireworks, and play games like flashlight tag, it is so much fun. Our bonfires don’t go very late. They usually end around 11:30 for the kids, but the adults stay out really late!! Bon fires up north fires always the best bonfire!!!



In Lost Lake, there is a private 18 hole golf course that only the members can use. It is always in great shape,, and it is pretty tough. I usually shoot between 40 and about 47. That’s on an ok day. Each year the golf course has something called golf camp. That is where all the kids go for 5 days and gets taught golf etiquette, how to swing, how to chip, and how to put. The last two days are called tournament days. That is where you compete with other people your age on the real golf course. It is so much fun!!! This year I came in fourth place, but I was playing with 16 year olds when I was 10. They were very good. I always look forward to golf camp every year!!! It is one of my favorite things to do!!! I love to play golf.

Now that you have learned a little bit about Lost Lake, Maybe you should try going to lost lake come prepared to have a great time. I’m sure you will!!!!!!

Editors Note:

—Ben was 9 years old and a 4th grader in Romeo Public Schools when he wrote the essay.
—His grandparents, (the late) Don and Joyce Weber of Weasel Road joined LLWC in 1975.
—He is the youngest child of David and Michelle Weber. Lauren is now 15, twins Allison and Lindsay are 13, and Ben will be 12 in December.
—Ben DID get his first buck last year (2012 season). It was a 5-point!

In Memoriam

Emery Monroe

February 14, 1920-August 29, 2013

Emery M. Monroe, aged 93, of Lost Lake Woods Club passed away Thursday, August 29, 2013. He was born February 14, 1920 in Detroit to Jesse and Elsie (Carlson) Monroe. Emery served in the Navy in WWII. He married Marie (Susie) Donze on October 18, 1941. He was a tool maker in Detroit for Holly Carburetor and later at Harrisville Tool Company. He was an Alcona County Trustee until 2007. His wife, Susie, preceded him in death in 1979. On February 13, 1982, he married Margaret (Ostrom) Slater at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Elmira, MI by Msgr. David Germund. Emery built a home at Lost Lake Woods Club in 1976 and became a permanent resident of the Club in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ernest, and his sister, Virginia Peters. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, one son Karl (Lorie) Monroe of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, two grandsons, Michael and Jesse, two nieces and one nephew. Emery was an avid golfer and to those who knew him he was a "handy-man" and good friend, and to those who loved him, a good husband, father, provider and someone who will be sorely missed.



John Culver

John Culver, aged 69 passed away suddenly on October 8, 2013. John had been visiting and golfing at Lost Lake for the past thirty years and recently became a member and homeowner of a home on Owl and Panther. He leaves behind his wife Deborah, two daughters and a son, six grandchildren and two sisters. Linda and Bill Gifford have been members since 1982 and were looking forward to many happy years in shared retirement. He will be greatly missed.



(Yvonne) Irene Green

(Yvonne) Irene Green age 75 passed away on October 4th. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Marvin E Green of 59yrs. She is survived by her children Marjory (Walter) Sabat, Monica (Randy) Fazio, Marvin (Marie) Green, and Marlene (Gregory) Rogers. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

She took great pride and joy in raising her four children. Irene was an exceptional homemaker and cook. Where she truly excelled was in the landscaping of her homes. She had quite the talent for growing flowers, trees and plants. Her yards were impeccable!! Irene called Lost Lake her home for 40 years enjoying all the amenities it has to offer. She passed this love on to her children.

HOUSESITTER?

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President's Point of View (POV) Continued

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We are also addressing another unrelated blind issue that is making it very difficult for current members to locate to new locations, or for new or younger members, to find their first hunting spots. It revolves around the timing of when blind tags are issued and the dates of when blinds can be tagged. We have a plan in mind that is being discussed, it is simple, and can be in place for 2014.

Remember we have a limit of 100 antlerless deer to be taken from our woods this year. Try to take one or two if you get the chance. If you don't need or want all of that wonderful protein for yourself, there is the Sportsmen Against Hunger program in our state. You can go online to find a processor that will take your deer and process it for free and the meat will all be donated to a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter. By helping LLWC's deer herd, you will also be helping the less fortunate amongst us.

I hope everyone has a safe and successful hunt. I'll speak with you next month.

Jim May

President, LLWC Board of Directors

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Manager's Minutes

Hunting is in full swing here at the Club. It's been nice to see you up enjoying the property in the past few weeks. The early antlerless, youth hunt, and duck seasons have all opened well. Plans for Halloween festivities look fun and everyone is eager for Rifle Season to get here too. The colors have been a little muted in comparison to last year, but life up north is still beautiful.

Just a reminder to wear orange in the woods this time of year. As a courtesy to hunters, try to avoid dawn and dusk joy-riding in the woods. If you travel at midday and stick to the main trail, most of our hunters will appreciate your effort.

My work is primarily political and hunting/fishing in nature at this time of year. The latest ballot will offer new board members and potential changes in the way we do business, depending on the outcome of the bylaw change proposals. November 15 is the deadline to submit new committee applications for 2014, so if you're interested in serving the Club, please contact me as soon as possible.

In my random look back through old newsletters I selected 1975 to check this month. They had printed the annual reports from that year (approximately two dozen, including the "Air Strip Report") and pictures showing the new golf clubhouse and new horse barn, both the same structures that are still in service today. I found those interesting because we made some fairly substantial renovations at golf this year and our Stable Manager has made some changes in the past two years and is requesting additional changed in the immediate future. Unfortunately, we only fly remote control aircraft on our air strip now. In casual conversation this year I was interested to learn that what I know as the #8 fairway was once the landing strip for airplanes visiting Lost Lake Woods.

Of course we only had nine holes and no air strip in the woods at the time, but I continue to be fascinated by our history and hope you are too.

In closing, I hope to see all of you soon, whether it be at the Woods Gate on Opening Day, the Buck Pole on Saturday night or the following week at Thanksgiving Dinner. Don't take this Club for granted, it's a very special place because members made it that way.

Have a great November everyone!

Ron Lamrock, Manager

Board of Director Meeting Minutes August & September

Board of Director’s – Regular Meeting Minutes - APPROVED Saturday, August 17, 2013	
1. OPEN FORUM	
2. CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL: May, Blohm, Ruess, Christopherson, Bishop, Braden, Feys, Hurt-Mendyka and Youngblood.	
3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA	
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – July 20, 2013 Tammy Hurt-Mendyka amended the minutes of July 20, 2013 to read as follows, under 8. Discussion B. “...Golf carts are driven by youths up and down the roads unsafely with more passengers than what the carts are meant to accommo-date. ” Joel Blohm moved to accept the minutes as amended, John Bishop supported, all approved.	b. Manager’s Report - Ron Lamrock reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the purchase of tax sale lots by the Clubupcoming fascia board replacement on Pavilion, deck railing and step replacementcompletion of the Maintenance GarageLLWC 5k Run/3k Walk went wellEmployee/Member Golf Tournament went wellMember/Member Golf Tournament went wellGarden Walk at the Club went extremely well and may be some of the best advertising of the Club recentlyClub has had some family reunions, weddings and outings latelyEmployee Day is upcomingLabor Day activities coming upAlcona Arts Retreat during first of SeptemberSwim Raft recently flipped over and has been removed from the waterApplication in the works for 50/50 raffle permit for the Hunter’s Round Up RaffleYouth Waterfowl Weekend is 9/14-15/13Youth Hunt “Liberty Hunt” is 9/22-23/13Disabled Hunt “Independence Hunt,” by lottery is 10/17-20/13
5. OLD BUSINESS *	
6. NEW BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. New Applicant Readings – All approved.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Leanne Springer – Jim Bradenb. Communications<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Correspondence<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Doug & Linda Wing - Class Reunion – Letter read, positive letter thanking Club for wonderful experience.2. Rick Minton - Variance Request – Objection received in regard to Variance Request so request was denied.ii. Committee Minutes/Reports<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Conservation - 08/03/20132. Finance & Audit Committee - 07/27/20133. Future Planning - 07/18/20134. House & Beach - 06/10/20135. Promotions - 07/12/2013 & 08/02/2013c. BARS<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Conservation - Setting Antlerless Quota: Joel Blohm made the motion to set a limit of 100 antlerless deer to be harvested during the 2013 hunting season; Jim May supported, all approved.ii. Staff - Ballot Approval – Jim May made the motion to approve the ballot as presented to be presented to the membership for vote in October 2013. Joel Blohm supported, all approved.iii. Finance & Audit - Budget Amendments – Norma Christopherson made the motion that the 2013 Budget be amended as presented to reflect the additional income from the dues increase and the extra expenditures authorized by the Board in light of the dues increase; Joel Blohm supported, all approved.iv. Cabin Owners - Insert in Billing – Rene Feys made the motion to authorize the inclusion of the “Cabin Owners Membership Form” with the January billing statements mailed to the Membership. If there are already additional correspondences in the January mailing, the Cabin Owners would be allowed to select another month to achieve their goal, thus avoiding added costs. Tammy Hurt-Mendyka supported, all approved.d. Forest Management-Qualified Forest Plan – Joel Blohm made the motion to authorize the enrollment of the Club in the State of Michigan’s Qualified Forest Plan, Jim May supported, all approved.	c. President’s Report - Jim May reported that we are in desperate need of Shooting Sports Committee members as well as Shotgun Committee and Campground. He also reported that we are now members of the NRA. Membership in the NRA was approved in May 2012, but application had not been followed up until recently.
7. REPORTS	
a. Treasurer’s Report - Norma Christopherson reported on the finances of the Club and reminded the Committee Liaisons to get the Budget Requests to Linda McMillan by August 30 th .	

(weather permitting). Hope to see you then.

This year’s Gotta Regatta was not well attended but we were able to have a winner: Keith Toro and daughter, Katie! Next year’s Regatta will have no theme so members can decorate however they want. We will try a new event with it. Keep watching for details.

A new fishing derby was held on Labor Day. Very well attended and fun was had by all.

The Guest Membership we put into place has worked; we gained a few members, and still counting. The Family Extension Program and the Legacy Membership will be voted on. If these pass we should end up with more new members.

Burgers Bucks and Brats was a great time. The buck pole was filled to the capacity. We are adding room for five more deer to hang on display for all to see. Can’t wait to see you all again this year. Be safe, And good hunting.

We have asked for a budget this year to continue to add amenities for the family to enjoy, and to increase membership here at Lost Lake Woods. Our club relies on members new and those that have been here all these years. Thank you for your years of loyalty, and remember say hello to some of the new members.

Respectfully submitted
Robert A. Janes, Promotions Committee Chairman

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17, 2013 Board of Director’s Meeting. John Bishop supported, eight approved, one absent/excused.

5. OLD BUSINESS — None presented.

6. NEW BUSINESS
- a. New Applicant Readings – Eight approved, one absent/excused.
 - i. Scott Dibert - Hurt-Mendyka
 - ii. Scott Schwab - Hurt-Mendyka
 - iii. Timothy & Susan Moffit - Hurt-Mendyka
 - iv. Ann Cunningham - Jim Youngblood
 - v. Donald Cochrane, Jr. – Jim Braden
 - b. Communications
 - i. Correspondence – Bacci – letter presented to be responded to by Ron Lamrock and Jim May
 - ii. Committee Minutes/Reports
 - 1. Cabin Owners - 8/10/2013 – Jim Youngblood reported on the Cabin Owners’ activities.
 - 2. Conservation – 09/07/2013 –Ron Lamrock reported that the Conservation Committee discussed Rules Violations, the upcoming Hunters Roundup in November and Raffle Tickets that are available for purchase.
 - 3. Future Planning - 08/15/2013 – Jim Youngblood reported that the committee has received the 5 year Committee Reports and are reviewing them. The front gate system proposal will be presented to the Finance Committee. Jim Braden made a request that a drawing of the proposed gate be posted for the members to view.
 - 4. Golf - 08/09/2013 – John Bishop reported that the course is in great shape. The Golf Committee is working on a BAR to change the golf coupon book process.
 - 5. House & Beach - 08/12/2013 – Rene Feys reported that the Lost Lure door kick plates have been installed. They are working on cement pads installation for various items for Club use. The House & Beach Committee is still exploring bike rentals for the Club. The Committee is considering new valances and carpet for the Dining Room.
 - iii. Grossman Forestry – Recommendation to Close 2012-2013 Sale. Ron Lamrock had extended the sale of the lumber through Sep-

tember 2013 and all logs are off property. Jim May made the motion to close the lumber sale for 2012-2013. Joel Blohm supported, eight approved, one absent/excused.

c. BARS - None

7. REPORTS

- a. Treasurer’s Report - Norma Christopherson reported on the finances.
 - b. Manager’s Report - Ron Lamrock reported the following for Lost Lake Woods Club:
 - Ballots have been mailed out, Members to return them by 8am on October 19, 2013
 - Southline Road easement has been recorded
 - Committee Applications are due by November 15, 2013
 - Annual Committee Reports are due in October 2013
 - Deck railing project is half way completed. The remainder should be completed soon.
 - Maintenance Building addition has been completed.
 - New back steps at the beach and cement pad by the House & Beach Committee should be done soon.
 - Campground power panel now has a roof over it.
 - Rob West won the Championship and Super 16.
 - A big “thank you” extended to those member volunteers who made this year’s Employee Day possible.
 - Woofminster Dog Show was a big hit over Labor Day this year.
 - Alcona Arts Retreat went well.
 - Woodside Ladies Retreat went well.
 - Youth Hunt/Early Antlerless, Disabled Hunt coming up.
 - Libby Group at the Golf Course today.
 - Bow Season begins October 1st.
 - Cabin Owners will be sponsoring Oktoberfest.
 - Halloween Celebrations to include a Haunted Hayride and a Murder Mystery.
 - Rifle Season begins November 15th and will include the Hunters Round up and Bucks, Burgers and Brats.
 - Will be offering Bird Shoots this year.
 - Blind Tag cut offs will be October 15th.
 - Property Maintenance Guidelines are being reviewed—Jim Braden to present project guidelines shortly.
 - c. President’s Report - Jim May reported that Hunting Season is upon us. Blind Disputes should be handled between members before involving the Manager. Please vote in the upcoming Ballot. This winter, please do not drive snow machines on Skeet and Trap grounds as doing so degrades it.
 - d. Rummage Sale Report – Bob Ruess began with a general Call for Volunteers for the Rummage Sale Committee for the upcoming year to ensure the existence of a Rummage Sale. Current Year Sales Revenue (July 11, 12 and 13, 2013) was \$11,651.25—a decrease of almost 17% from 2012 Sales Revenue. Approval of requests was read. All money requests needed to be made, in writing, by a specified date. Items requested went unchallenged with the exception of \$4,000 for a slip and slide project to replace the water slide currently in use due to liability questions (to be explored and reported on at the future date).
8. DISCUSSION
- a. Property Maintenance Guidelines – Jim Braden reviewed a power point presentation of proposed Property Maintenance Guidelines that may be considered for implementation.
9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
10. ADJOURN – Jim May made the motion to adjourn, Joel Blohm supported, eight approved, one absent/excused.

Annual Reports

range relocation.

We tried but to no avail of getting involved in the USGA Drive, Putt & Chip Competition for our youth. Both Jim Dennis and Greg Rogers had no success contacting the USGA. We feel this is still a worthwhile task and will try and reattempt next year.

Next year's goals are to enlarge driving range practice tee and to put a berm behind the driving range. This will help keep our range balls from getting lost in the woods. Expand our putting green (in front of the club house), and add a chipping area. This will enhance our practice facility, as well as help in our Jr. Golf program. Complete the bunker project with new sand on the front nine. Drainage tile added to combat excess water on #10 tee.

We are exploring the opportunity in starting a weekly nine hole after work golf league, and currently seeking a secretary to run and organize this. Maintenance is in need of a fairway mower, as our current one is in old and in need of constant repair. We would like to see a 2yr expiration date of the 9 & 18 hole coupons sold through the golf shop. The course is in dire need of trees to be planted, and we need to find funding for this. We will also be helping the Promotions Committee in working the Michigan Golf Show in March. This is just another avenue of promoting our club through the golf course. We understand the importance of gaining new members and golf members.

It needs to be noted that we have one of the TOP golf courses in Northern Michigan! This I know from the numerous golfers (both members and guest) I have talked with during the season. From tees through greens our course is in excellent shape. The outstanding effort and energy by our entire golf staff and volunteers have made this possible. By promoting the quality of our course we are promoting LLWC. With the strong backing from our Board of Directors Lost Lake Woods Club can continue to move its golf course to higher standards!

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Rogers, 2013 Golf Committee Chairperson

HOUSE AND BEACH COMMITTEE REPORT

1. A beautiful new bar was added to the dining room. The lacquered black walnut bar top was beautifully done by Brian Holmes & crew. Four bar stools and lectern were purchased, as well as a twiggy hat rack for the convenience of our hat wearing patrons (No hats allowed in dining room!).
2. New clear plastic storage bins with lids were purchased for storage of our Christmas décor to replace the old cardboard boxes.
3. New kick plates were added to the doors of the Lost Lure Lounge that swing both ways from the Auditorium and get kicked open a lot by wait staff with their hands full.
4. New ceiling tiles in the lobby, vestibule and exterior ceiling. It all looks so-o-o-o much better!
5. Regretfully, the raft had to be removed from Badger Lake for safety purposes. Management is looking into a style of raft that is stationary and cannot be tipped over.
6. A request was made to DNR for permission to add sand and gravel into the shallow area of Badger Lake in the beach area. This will probably not happen until next spring.
7. A new cement pad replaces the cracked and uneven cement pad in front of the barn at the beach, making it much safer.
8. A new cement pad was added to the lake side of the Lost Lure Lounge exit, connecting two existing cement pads, making a nice place to catch some fresh air (or a smoke).
9. After many disappointing delays, work has finally commenced on the deck railings and stairways. We had been told that they were

going to be done before last years' end, but it didn't happen. The old, wooden & rotten stairs were replaced with Aztec material that won't rot or fade. The deck is now enclosed in tinted glass for safe use of the deck without impeding the view of the lake one bit.

10. Two chairs in the teen game room were reupholstered by our own Anne Milewski with fabric bought on sale at 50% off!
11. The Rummage Sale Committee responded to our request for funds for exterior Christmas decorating by giving us \$2,000! Look for more exterior lights and other décor this holiday season.
12. We completed a new Five Year Plan for the Future Planning Committee; including renovation of the 4th floor apartment, replacing carpeting in the dining room, and furniture for the lobby. We are waiting for results of the Lodge Renewal Committee before planning anything more.
13. We regretfully accepted the resignation of Joette Baxter and welcome her replacement, Merle Potts.

Our dedicated committee members: Cheryl Bartholomew, Bonnie Braden, Judy Deutschel, Susan Worthley, and Crystal Ruess—are currently busy working on our proposals for next year's projects; which include new carpeting in the dining room and cleaner, bug and cobweb free exteriors at all the entrances to the lodge. We are listening to your comments!

We also extend a sincere "Thank You" to our Board Liaison, Rene Feys, and our Manager, Ron Lamrock for their advice and counsel.

The House and Beach Committee would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff members who maintain our interior, exterior and beach facilities; our housekeeping, kitchen, and wait staff and all those who staff the front desk. Without their dedication to performing their daily tasks, our facilities would not be as inviting as they are. And we cannot forget to thank the Garden Gals, who are not a part of our committee, for the absolutely gorgeous landscaping we have in front of the lodge. It is positively incredible what they have accomplished!

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Braden, House and Beach Chairperson

PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Promotions Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Directors, in regard to promoting Lost Lake Woods Club. This committee is comprised of six LLWC members and a Board of Directors Liaison: Jim Youngblood, Board Liaison, Robert A. Janes, Committee Chairman, Earl Potts, Jim Wander, Gordon Brinker, Teresa Oke, and new to the committee is Lori Grush. We meet the first Friday of each month, and meetings are open to the membership—there they can voice opinions and ideas in matters of promoting LLWC. You opinions are valuable.

We attended the Outdoorama/Cottage and Lakefront Living Show in Novi, MI last February. Over ninety thousand people attended the show that weekend. Our volunteers spoke with and met a few thousand people. We obtained over three hundred contacts, and subsequently have invited them to come and see LLWC in person. We are still working with these potential new members. LLWC will attend the same show again in 2014 as well as the Golf Expo the following weekend in the same building, same booth.

Trout Derby/ Winter Fest was a big success in 2013. No one caught the five tagged trout this year so we will be adding five more tagged fish to the lake for 2014's Trout Derby/Winterfest—ten tagged fish—the odds keep going. A few new contests for all to enjoy in 2014: ice drilling, human powered and unlimited gas powered. Tricked out ice shanty, flat screen, recliner and all the fixings. Winter golf on Badger Lake.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lost Lake Woods Club could not function without it's many dedicated volunteers. For that reason I want to thank each and every one of you for your time and talents you have freely given to make our club what it is today.

And to our dedicated employees, thank you for your service that is always given with a smile. You are the backbone of this organization and each of you work very hard to make Lost Lake our place of fun and relaxation.

This past year we were able to pass an operation al dues increase, the first in many years. This increase is bringing in the needed revenue to restore the lost services and manpower. Because the increase is spread out over three years, the restoration and improvements will come back gradually, but for this year we were able to improve club security and to address the dust control problems, to name a few.

We were also able to fix the problem with the multiple memberships and bring some needed relief to some members that were unfairly burdened.

The club may receive some tax savings through the Qualified Forest Property Tax Savings program. While the details for this program are lengthy, in short, it means we will be able to realize some substantial tax savings by managing our forest in exactly the way we do today. The Conservation Committee is still completing the details, but his program should be in place soon.

We had a report in April of this year from Steve Kohler, our Engineering Consultant hired to review our gas wells. We learned in the report that the wells continue to produce but are on the decline. Though no one can predict the future price of natural gas, the educated projection is that we may stop receiving income from the wells, in about 18 years. Of course this does not mean the wells are dry, just the economic feasibility of the extraction will not make sense.

We also received the State of the Forest report in January. The wild lands habitat management program continues to work well to benefit our wildlife and future woodcuts will continue.

Earlier this year we were able to fill the Executive Chef position by hiring Laura Claire. Laura brings with her years of restaurant and hospital-ity experience and she has survived her first summer season at Lost Lake. And now that she has gotten her feet wet with these first months of service to the club, we are looking forward to more improvements and many new and exciting ideas to enhance our dining experience.

This past spring of 2013 we exhibited for the first time at the Outdoorama trade show in Novi. This first adventure into marketing our club drew interest from over 350 families. While we were unable to generate any new members from this first endeavor, the buzz generated from this event was outstanding, and we are planning to exhibit again in 2014.

I am the chair of the ad hoc Lodge Renewal Committee that has been made up of members with professional skills, each with their own expertise that has a direct relationship needed for the committee's purpose. This is a large and important undertaking and therefore, it mission will continue at a slow measured pace. But, progress is being made with the selection of an architect firm, and initial discussions have begun. Funds to hire this firm for the next step have been proposed to the Finance Committee and are awaiting Board approval. There is much yet to be done. Now work will be done to the lodge without membership approval.

Even though our nation's economy has suffered greatly over the past five years, it appears we have weathered the storm. Our membership numbers have declined, but in comparison to other clubs in the state and nation, we are well ahead of the curve. In my opinion, I believe we have stemmed the tide of decline and will be looking to reverse the trend. The Board and various committees will continue to work to promote and market the club to increase membership.

Many of the new events that were introduced in the past year were well attended and received. Look for many of these events, and new events, to be held in 2014 and I encourage everyone to participate in as many as you can. One hunt event that will need reworking for the next year will be the pheasant hunts as participation has declined. Ideas for increased usage are being discussed and we should see increased usage of this event.

In conclusion, I strongly believe the club is doing well financially, managerially, and the membership is enjoying our gift. With continued support of the membership's time, talents, and treasure, Lost Lake will continue to prosper and grown. This does not mean that we do not have issues and concerns, as we do, but as a team between members, Board of Directors, management, and employees, we continue to find solutions and ways forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim May
President, LLWC Board of Directors

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

I would like to thank the membership and my fellow board members for the honor of serving as your board vice-president. I also want to thank Jim May for attending every board meeting this year, which made the job that much easier.

I also want to thank our Manager, the Club staff and my fellow member volunteers for keeping Lost Lake Woods the truly great place it is! Working with the Lodge Renewal Committee on the future of the Club has been exciting as well. I am hopeful that the membership will protect and grow this Club for others to enjoy for many years to come.

In closing, I want to thank candidates for the Board and Committee Volunteers specifically. Service to the Club in this capacity is always a challenge and I hope everyone appreciates the time and effort that these people commit so that the rest of us can enjoy the Club.

Respectfully,
Joel Blohm, Vice-President
Lost Lake Woods Club Board of Directors

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following is my report for the BOD Annual Meeting October 19, 2013.

Once more in spite of the efforts made by committees and members of Lost Lake Woods Club, the membership has fallen and as of September 30th of this year it stands at 1,052 members.

This compares with the membership numbers being 1,069 in 2012, 1,085 in 2011, 1106 in 2010 and 1,163 in 2009.

The Accounts Receivable Group consisting of Manager Ron Lamrock, Board of Director's Secretary Bob Ruess, and Board of Director's member Jim Braden has continued to put forth many hours to resolve delinquent accounts, provide options to members and attempt to offer

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plans for maintaining or reestablishing accounts thus offering them a chance to remain as a member.

Although this is my last year as Director, I feel that the Accounts Receivable Program is productive and should remain in existence in the future.

Respectfully yours,
Bob Ruess, Secretary

TREASURER’S REPORT

First, thanks to the members for approving the dues increase effective April 1, 2013. As of September 30, 2013, our Operating Budget shows a Net Loss of \$31,600. This Net Loss is because of a decrease in revenue due to several factors: loss of regular memberships, loss of season golf memberships, vacant sites in the campground, lodge rentals and a general decrease in usage in all Club activities and facilities. One of the biggest impacts on our Operating Budget over the last several years has been the tremendous loss of memberships. We approve new members at every Board of Directors meeting; however, they are just replacing current members and we are not adding new members. In the last two years we have lost 35 members and the last 10 years we have lost 175 members. We have gone from a high of 1400 members approximately 15 years ago to 1052 as of September 30, 2013. Hopefully the members will approve the two new types of memberships being voted on today in an attempt to increase our membership and to allow younger members to belong to our Club. It is extremely difficult to project what our Operating Budget will be at Year End. We can control our expenses in certain areas but do not have any control over revenue when so much of it is dependent on usage. If usage meets budgeted projections, we expect to be \$30,000 behind budget at Year End.

Norma Christopherson, Treasurer

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

2013 has been another busy year full of activity for your Conservation Committee. The committee has been privileged to work with the support of a tremendous Manager, an understanding Board of Directors, and a supportive and engaged membership as we planned and executed these activities. Lost Lake Woods Club continues to contract and utilize the services of LeMarbe and Associates and Grossman Forestry, the expertise, guidance and continuity they provide is extremely valuable to our committee and our club. It is truly a privilege to work with such a great group of enthusiastic people.

Forest Habitat Management is our primary focus and includes the preservation and improvement of all our natural resources which include the waters, woods, wildlife, and forest management. We will continue the planned harvest of our over-mature aspen, establishment of new forest clearings, existing field planting and fertilization to provide winter forage for our wildlife. We also started an aggressive program to eradicate some of the invasive species on our club starting with the phragmites around the duck pond (dam between Lost Lake and Beaver Lake on B-Trail) with oversight and DNR permits being pulled from our biologist Megan LeMarbe. This will continue for the next couple of years until the invader is under control.

The 2012 deer hunting season resulted in the harvest of 146 deer (87 antlerless and 59 bucks), all disease free. This was an increase of 27 deer over the total from the 2011 season. The weights of the deer continue to increase and so have the size of the bucks being taken from the club. The Conservation Committee continued the sponsorship of the Hunter’s Roundup meal and meeting which was sold out on the evening of November 15,. We also were lucky enough to see some of these deer and camaraderie on display at the inaugural Bucks, Burgers and Brats Buck Pole sponsored by the Promotions Committee on November 17th. We look forward to another Hunter’s Round up and a better Buck Pole this season.

We will continue to expand our turkey feeding program by feeding our turkeys and not the deer herd. With the success of our trail “Cattle Guard” style feeders keeping deer out last year, we added a few more of these style feeders in the woods. These will be closely monitored with trail cameras to ensure that we are not feeding deer. Our committee continues to work with our local Michigan Conservation Officer in order to keep this option for feeding turkeys viable.

These are the highlights of our year’s activities, and efforts in each (as well as others) will continue into next year. None of this would be possible without the help and support of the Board of Directors and the membership. The Conservation Committee would like to thank all of you for your continuing support and we hope to see you at one of our meetings or around the Buck Pole.

Ed Thompson, Chairman

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

In addition to the general oversight, monitoring and budget function of the Finance and Audit Committee, we worked on three main projects in 2013.

They were:

- 1) Continue to monitor club investments, including quarterly meetings with our investment advisor and administrator.
- 2) Changing the Accounting Policy Manual section on disposition of assets to improve efficiency and increase the yield to the club from such disposals.
- 3) Developing a standard form for the submission of budget requests. This greatly improved the efficiency of the Budget Workshop process.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Wander

FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Members of the Future Planning Committee this year are Joe Boelter, Robert Schemanske, Bonnie Braden, Jim Wander, Robert Janes, Dwight Gay, Laura Claire, John Broman and Tammy Hurt-Mendyka (BOD liaison). Our committee had meetings in March, April, May, June, July, August and. September. We have two more meetings scheduled for October and November. The Future Planning Committee is made up of 3 Members-at-Large, a Board of Director Liaison and a Representative from each of the Standing Committees. We have also asked for Representatives from other Committees to join us and provide their input as well (Cabin Owners and Lodge Renewal).

We concentrated on three items again this year. The first was new electronics security equipment for the front gate entrance. Our new design along with the costs were forwarded to the Finance Committee and then on to the Board of Directors in June. The BOD asked us to go

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back through the budgeting process to get the Gate and Security Project included in the 2014 budget. The revised quote for this project came in significantly over the previously approved amount by the BOD. The 2014 budget presentation was done in September. The Finance Committee and BOD will review the additional funds needed for inclusion in the 2014 budget.

The second item we continued to review was Technology for the Club. We had a live presentation from Tim Maylone who is the General Manager and Partner in Cherry Capital Connections to discuss what would be needed at LLWC to help develop an IT Plan. There was discussion on the Club becoming its own “utility” where we would provide phone, internet and media by using the existing fiber optics that is currently in place from Charter and supplementing it with electronics to reliably deliver these services to residents and visitors to LLWC at significantly reduced costs. We presented a proposal to the Finance Committee for Cherry Capital Connection to survey the property to determine feasibility of location and placement of the electronics that could accomplish the objective of better, cheaper and reliable service. After the Finance Committee approval, the proposal was taken to the BOD, rejected and requested that it be reviewed for other possible vendors and it be put through the LLWC budgeting process for 2014. That was done and the budget presentation made in September for inclusion in the 2014 budget.

We are also in the process of updating our Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program for the Future Plan. It should be updated every 5 years. It is supposed to be our duty to gather any Capital Improvement requests from the Committees and prioritize them before sending them on to the Finance Committee. This process takes place at the annual budget review and the Future Planning Committee is now integrating their Plans into the budget process. This was our recommendation in 2013 and is now in place.

We had the help of all the Committees to update their mission statements and goals for the next five years. All the Committees except Campgrounds (not active in 2013) and Shooting Sports did accomplish this. These Five Year Plans were presented to the BOD in July to give them an overview of what would be coming during the budgeting process.

Subsequently, the Five Year Plans were used as supporting documentation for 2014 budgeting and inclusion in the twenty year Capital Plan. Over the winter months, the Future Planning Committee and the constituent Committees will be reviewing their current Plans, adjusting them as necessary based on the budgeting process done in September and October, prioritizing them and the setting strategic goals for 2014 and the next five years. The Future Planning Committee will bring the inputs together to formulate the Plan again in the Spring of 2014 for presentation to the BOD and membership. We expect to institutionalize this process and refine it further in 2014 with coordination with the Finance Committee and BOD.

Joe Boelter, Chairman

GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT

This year’s golf committee members were Judy Delgado-Secretary, Bill Waldeck, Iona Miles, Bob Thomas, Jim Irwin, Dwight Gay, Michael Pacheco, John Studt, and Greg Rogers. Other monthly attendees to the meetings were, John Bishop-Board Liaison, Jim Dennis-Club Pro, and Brian Holmes-Superintendent. Their work and commitment to the Golf Committee deserves a round of applause.

When you drove up to the golf shop this spring the first thing you notice are the renovations to the golf shop. We added windows, remodel-

ed bathrooms, put in additional closet space, and remodeled the golf desk. This job was completed by staff along with the volunteer woodworking skills of Jim Irwin. It adds a nice touch of class to our clubhouse.

April 1st the golf course opened to a loud “swoosh”. Unfortunately it was that of a snowball not a golf ball, 22 more days passed before our first round of golf was to be played. With this in mind it is no wonder our total rounds of golf through September is down 5½% over last year, good news is guest play is up 4½%. National average is down 15% from last year so we are bucking that trend. We have room for improvement yet the news is far from dismal.

Due to the late snow of spring we had some stress of greens with ice damage. Main focus early was to repair this and the greens that were enlarged. Again, due to late freeze we had an ongoing problem with irrigation. The freezing cycles caused numerous irrigation failures. Mother Nature played havoc most of the year in dealing with our turf conditions. The new chemical sprayer that the golf course received has been a tremendous help in keeping our course in the great shape it is now. The difference between our old model and this new one was like night and day.

Drain tile has been installed between the 1st tee and the cart barn and on both sides of #15 fairway. The drainage ditch was re-done along the right side of #18. The tee box on #7 was enlarged to one tee area combing both blue and red/white tees. Cart paths were graded but only received one pass of dust control treatment. The back nine was given new sand in all the bunkers. Two new poles were installed to hold up the invitational signs above the driveway to the golf shop. All tee signs were repaired and installed on their proper holes. Numerous dead trees were cut and removed from the course, most of these were Ash.

All of these projects were completed by our golf maintenance staff as well as working on the numerous daily jobs needed to maintain a golf course of our quality. Yet, most of these projects were done with the help of our work bee volunteers. Lead by Jim Mead, 8-10 gentlemen showed up every Tuesday to dig, cut, haul, throw sand, or jump in and help on the work that needed to be done. Our gratitude goes out to this group! It is another reason why we have one of the premier golf courses in Northern Michigan.

As one drives up to and around the course you cannot help but notice our beautiful flower gardens and beds. This was completed by yet another group of volunteers that donate their time and energy to our golf course. Lead by Iona Miles, these women have upgraded our course and made it pleasant to the eye. We thank this group for their efforts!

All our numerous golf events and tournaments were held per scheduled. The Men’s Invitational Committee was re-established and lead by Bob Thomas. This year teams had the choice of playing either white or blue tees. This was received with positive results. Other events that need to be mentioned were Moonlight Golf which had a waiting list, Jr. Golf which has been recognized as one of the top Jr. Golf programs in the state! The Kameron Sherwood Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing, and Rally for a Cure, Lost Lakers are continually giving back to the community. Woman’s casual golf was again a weekly spot at the course. Lead by Judy Delgado this nine hole gathering was enjoyed by many women golfers.

We are participating in the GAM Exclusive Tee Time program. Where GAM members can call our Pro and be introduced to LLWC via the golf course. This online promotional program has seen some success. After further investigation the committee decided not to pursue driving