* Sam Rahaim opened the meeting promptly at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was available via Zoom.
* Sam, President, welcomed the members and guests. He introduced the current Bear Lake Association Board members: Brian Bower, Treasurer; Cheryl O’Brien, Secretary; and Jeff Shull, Vice-President. John Beers, Trustee, was not able to attend. He also introduced the Bear Lake Township Supervisor, Bud Banker. There were no new members in attendance.
* Sam asked for input on the day and time of future Annual Meetings. The consensus of the attendees was that Monday morning, Memorial Day weekend was acceptable.
* Health of Bear Lake *(See the presentation for details)*
  + 2022 PLM Survey Results & Treatment. The overall health of the lake is very good. PLM started a new treatment for EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil) which appears to be very effective. Sam noted that native species cannot be treated unless it becomes a nuisance. The native variety of milfoil can usually be found east of the boat launch. EWM tends to grow as the temperature increases and can be found in shallow water, less than 15 feet deep. If you notice EWM, notify Sam through the Bear Lake Association website/email so that PLM can look for it and treat it. PLM plans to complete the first treatment next week. They will put up a notice on the lakefront property where the treatment occurs. PLM treats the lake three times from June through September.
  + 2022 AuSable Institute Results – Bear Lake is doing well!
  + 2022 CLMP Results – In addition to explaining last year’s CLMP results (See Presentation), Craig O’Brien explained the possible cause of the increased cloudiness of the lake this spring being calcium carbonate, a natural component of the lake, precipitating out of solution as the water warmed up. The lack of rain also likely contributed to the cloudiness.
* Board of Directors Members Terms & Voting
  + Jeff Shull volunteered to serve another term and was unopposed. Marge Knable made a motion to elect Jeff Shull to another term, Joe Knable supported the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
* Treasurer's Report
  + Association Account – Brian Bowers reported that we have a healthy account.
  + SAD Account – Sam reported that based on the minimal treatment of the lake and estimated PLM expenses, this year’s fee is $22.
* Related Lake Information – Sam presented information about invasive species, lake water levels, fish stocking, and other information about Bear Lake. If you see EWM, DO NOT attempt to pull it out! Inform Sam through the Bear Lake Association website/email so that PLM can treat it properly. If you see Purple Loosestrife, please pull it out and dispose of it in a garbage bag; do not just toss it on the shore.
* Loon Report – Mary, Our Loon Ranger reported that we had one Loon chick survive through the summer, but since it hatched so late, it did not leave the lake until November. The loons have had trouble breeding the last few years because of all the activity near the nesting loons. Please heed the signs and stay clear of the area during the nesting time. It is just for a couple of weeks until the chicks hatch. Once they hatch and leave the nest, they never return to it during the summer. They may be nesting at this time. It was reported that the male loon aggressively chased an eagle away from the area. It may be difficult for the Loons to access the lake from Eleanor Bay because of the low water levels. We’re asking association members to help by politely informing our lake visitors and anyone you see anchored near the entrance to Eleanor Bay and the nesting site to keep away. Kim Schneider, a photojournalist here on Bear Lake, had a nice photo and article in the Michigan Loons Magazine. Sam provided a link to it in the presentation. Check it out! There was also a nice article about renesting (platform nesting) which was tried but didn’t work for our loons.
* What You Can Do – Read the presentation to see what you can do to help keep our lake beautiful!
* Other Comments – The high-speed boating hours are now posted on a larger sign on the west side of the launch. Please make sure your boats are clean before launching.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl O’Brien, Secretary