* Welcome and Introductions:
  + Sam Rahaim, President, opened the meeting at 4:01 PM. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
  + Sam welcomed the members and guests. He introduced the current Bear Lake Association Board members: Jeff Shull, Vice-President; Bob Neaton, Treasurer; Cheryl O’Brien, Secretary; and John Beers, Trustee.
* Board Attendance
  + All Board Members were present.
  + A total of 38 people were in attendance, representing 23 Lake Lots, and 3 visitors representing Eleanor Bay.
* Administrative
  + Agenda Review & Approval – Jeff Shull made a motion to accept the agenda as amended with the removal of the “By-Laws Revision Review and Voting”. Marge Knable seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
  + 2024 Meeting Minutes Review & Membership Voting – Jeff McCarthy made the motion to approve the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes as presented; Maggie Neaton supported the motion. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
  + Bob Neaton presented the Treasurer’s Report (See presentation for details). John Beers made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Joe Knable supported the motion. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
  + SAD Account Review – Sam explained how the SAD fee is calculated. (See the presentation for details)
  + Board of Directors Terms & Membership Voting – John Beers and Cheryl O’Brien’s 3-year terms have ended. There were no new volunteers this year. Both John and Cheryl agreed to remain on the board for another term. Sam Rahaim made a motion to elect John Beers and Cheryl O’Brien each for another 3-year term. Bob Neaton supported the motion. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
* Health of Bear Lake – (See the presentation for details)
  + Sam reviewed the 2024 PLM Survey Results & Treatment.
  + Craig O’Brien reviewed the 2024 CLMP Results. He explained that the lower clarity in midsummer is due to increased levels of plankton, which is expected with higher lake temperatures.
* Related Lake Information – (See the presentation for details) Sam presented information on the following:
  + Invasive Species
  + Water Levels
  + Fish Stocking
  + Check out the Informational Videos available on the “VIDEO” tab at www.bearlakeassoc.com
* Loon Report – Mary, our Loon Ranger, gave an update on our loons.
  + Please talk to your family, guests, and neighbors about protecting the loons. Stay at least 200 feet from them. If you see someone harassing the loons, please speak up.
  + We have not had any loon babies in the last 2 years but are hopeful of seeing some this year.
* Eleanor Bay Dredging – Membership Discussion, Questions and Answers. Darron Farha, Eleanor Bay Project initiator, and Heidi Shaffer, Environmental Consultant from Voice Environmental Group, were present to answer the members’ questions.
  + Eleanor Bay Owners are bearing the cost of the project.
  + According to Sam’s latest information, there will be no tax increase for Eleanor Bay property owners. However, the properties will be included in the SAD, so PLM will monitor lake quality in the bay after the project is completed.
  + The contractors plan to use the road end for dredging equipment access. The sand removed will be deposited on Darron’s property, and any damage to the road-end will be restored.
  + Sam informed the members that the township has a couple of quotes for soil density testing on the road-end to ensure that it can bear the heavy equipment.
  + The Lake Association Board has approved funds for PLM to do nutrient, muck, and flow testing in Eleanor Bay when they come in June.
* What You Can Do - Sam reviewed the list of things we can all do to maintain a beautiful, healthy lake. (See the presentation) You all are doing a FANTASTIC job! We continue to have one of the clearest, healthiest, and most beautiful lakes in Michigan.
* Adjourn
  + Sam mentioned a few communication sources and links. (See the presentation for details)
* Bob Neaton made the motion to adjourn. Jeff Shull supported the motion. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl O’Brien, Secretary

Bear Lake Association