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September 2018

The IKEs Update

Hurray! Two new board members were voted in at the last dinner. **Marlene Salmon** and **Kelly Ann Vredevoogd** will be joining us and adding their fresh perspectives to the mix. We are looking forward to working with them!

It has been such a hot summer that there wasn't much desire for fires, but I think our informal campfires on Thursday evenings may pick up this fall, so let's keep it going. They can be whatever we want. I usually shoot for getting there at 7:00, but you can come earlier or later if you wish. Bring what you want, or just hang out and tell stories. There's a dinner on the 19th and a rental the 20th, so we'll skip it that week, but generally go on through October.

The **Strong Roots** kids are getting set for another season of learning through nature, starting



in mid-September. We have some new kids joining us and some old friends to help show them around. I'm asking them to help plan the rest of the **Border Trail**, which leads through some relatively



unused territory in the NE part of our property. There's a hidden hill and an unknown ravine that need exploring.

On September 15 we've got a couple things going on. It's a **Fun & Fix-it Day**, starting at 9 AM and going to whenever, with a lunch provided. We need to get some trails cleared as well as some of the berm along the pond, to help with water retention and fishing. There are lots of little things that need some help, and it's really pretty

fun to participate.

Then at 1:00, I'll be hosting a **Hammock Workshop!** That sounds relaxing, doesn't it? Actually, we will **MAKE** a hammock together, weaving rope to and fro, to create a hammock for Hammock Hill! This is free for members, \$5 for others. Please send me an email if you'd like to join me for this. It's been so hot I think autumn will be the better time for lying in a hammock, watching the leaves drift down.

Feel free to come to either one of these on Saturday, or make a day of it!

And then **Oktoberfest** is Wednesday the 19th. Lots of fun things to choose from!

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www.michiganikes.org,
www.iwla.org

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BBQ Chicken & Ribs Dinner

Tom Watson

August 16, Also occurring that night were the annual elections of officers and directors (see related article on page 3).

The Kitchen Krew were **Tam Bagby**, **Len Kizer**, **Mike Steghuis** and I.

Joining us for **Klean Up** were **Larry Wilson**, who washed all the dishes, **Sue McMaster** and friend, **Marlene** and **Tom**

Salmon, and the usual gang who flash by me in a flurry as they tied the place.

Ron Waybrant handled the door and **Tammy Lundeen** tended the bar.

Thanks to all for a fun night, especially to those whose names escape me now.



30 or so IKEs and guest enjoyed a tasty BBQ dinner on Thursday,



New Board Members Elected!! Marlene Salmon & Kelly Vredevoogd

Ron Waybrant

The annual election for officers and board members was conducted at our regularly scheduled August meeting, the **Chicken and Ribs** dinner. We are pleased to welcome **Marlene** and **Kelly** to the Dwight Lydell Chapter's **Board of Directors**. They were each elected to a 3-year term. Please welcome and thank them when you next see them.

Barry Gilbertson was re-elected to a one-year term and **Maurie Houseman** was re-elected to a three-year term. All the current officers agreed to run for another year and were re-elected.

Terms of the Officers and Board of Directors begin on September and run until August 31. Following is the current list of officers and directors:

Officers

Ron Waybrant, President - one year term
Georgia Donovan, Vice President - one year term
Fred Eyer, Treasurer- one year term
Jim Schneider, Secretary - one year term
Tom Watson, Membership Chair - one year term

Board of Directors

Len Kizer – term ends 2019
CJ Tasma – term ends 2019
Drew Nelson – term ends 2019

John Stegmeier – term ends 2020
Larry Wilson – term ends 2020
Rick Wylie – term ends 2020

Maurie Houseman – term ends 2021
Marlene Salmon – term ends 2021
Kelly Vredevoogd – term ends 2021

The officers and board members contribute their time and expertise to the chapter without compensation and often face tough decisions. They are often found at our meetings, work days and volunteering during special programs and events. Participation in all the chapter activities is not required, however they are mostly present. Their time and effort is appreciated and essential to the chapter's well being.

Flowers of the Prairie

Georgia Donovan



Hazelnuts



Monarda punctata



Spotted Beebalm

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Draft Budget

(2017 - 2018 Data as of 8-13-18)

CATEGORY / REVENUE	% Budget This Year (2018-19)		Item Description	Last Year (2017-18)		
	Proposed	Proposed		Approved	Actual	
Fund Raisers	39%	\$11,500		\$11,850	\$11,518	
Annual Banquet			\$9,500	Same as 17-18 Budget	\$9,600	\$9,475
Sport Show			\$1,000	150 Tickets @ \$7 Each	\$800	\$984
Other Fund Raisers			\$200	Matches 17-18 Income	\$250	\$214
Contributions			\$800	Matches 17-18 Income	\$1,000	\$845
Member Activities & Facilities	18%	\$5,350		\$3,350	\$5,391	
Education/Outreach Events			\$250	Same as 17-18 Budget	\$250	\$228
Facility Rentals			\$3,500	Matches 17-18 Income	\$1,200	\$3,550
Social Events			\$1,600	Matches 17-18 Income	\$1,900	\$1,613
Membership Support & Services	21%	\$6,200		\$4,500	\$6,252	
Membership Dues			\$6,200	Matches 17-18 Income	\$4,500	\$6,252
Other Income	0%	\$100		\$1,800	\$2,002	
Interest			\$0	No Interest On Checking	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous			\$100	Typical Income	\$100	\$202
Grants	0%		\$0	Possible Grant	\$0	\$0
Trust Income	6%	\$1,700	\$1,700	Same as 17-18 Budget	\$1,700	\$1,800
From Savings	16%	\$4,850		\$5,600	\$0	
Total	100%	\$29,700		\$27,100	\$25,967	

CATEGORY / EXPENSES	% Budget	Budget	Budget			
Member Activities & Facilities	34%	\$10,000		\$8,100	\$11,231	
Social Events			\$1,100	Matches 17-18 Expenses	\$1,400	\$1,065
Property Maintenance/Improvement			\$4,000	Less Up-Keep Needed	\$3,000	\$5,250
Property and Liability Insurance			\$2,000	Matches 17-18 Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,022
Utilities			\$1,800	\$1200 Propane & \$600 Electricity	\$1,500	\$1,794
Rental Deposit Returns			\$1,100	Matches 17-18 Expenses	\$200	\$1,100
Membership Support & Services	30%	\$8,800		\$6,300	\$8,800	
National Support (Dues)			\$5,900	Matches 17-18 Expenses	\$4,100	\$5,925
Publications and Mailings			\$2,700	Matches 17-18 Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,708
Solicitations, Renewals and Key Mailing			\$200	Matches 17-18 Expenses	\$200	\$166
Mission Related Programs	21%	\$6,150		\$6,650	\$2,551	
Conservation Advocacy			\$500	Same As 17-18 Budget	\$500	\$389
Conservation Contributions/Memberships			\$650	Same As 17-18 Budget	\$650	\$100
Education/Outreach			\$2,000	Same As 17-18 Budget	\$2,000	\$1,062
National Convention			\$1,500	Same As 17-18 Budget	\$1,500	\$0
Scholarships & Grants			\$1,500	\$500 Less Than 17-18 Budget	\$2,000	\$1,000
Fund Raisers	14%	\$4,100		\$5,400	\$4,038	
Annual Banquet			\$3,800	Approx. 17-18 Expenses	\$4,600	\$3,786
Sport Show			\$200	Approx. 17-18 Expenses	\$300	\$197.05
Other Fund Raisers			\$100	Approx. 17-18 Expenses	\$500	\$55.20
Administration	2%	\$650		\$650	\$359	
Miscellaneous			\$300	Approx. 17-18 Expenses	\$300	\$359.14
Stationery & Postage			\$350	Same As 17-18 Budget	\$350	\$0.00
Project Renew	0%	\$0		\$0	\$0	
Conservation Projects			\$0	No Projects Envisioned	\$0	\$0
Alternate Energy Project			\$0	No Projects Envisioned	\$0	\$0
Grant	0%	\$0		\$0	\$0	
Total	100%	\$29,700		\$27,100	\$26,979	

Note: if during the year additional funds are available, or a project is necessary, these can be reviewed and adjusted.

ROGUE RIVER CLEANUP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
HELP LOCAL PARTNERS
CLEAN UP THE ROGUE
RIVER AND JOIN US FOR
AN AFTER PARTY AT
ROCKFORD BREWING!

SEPTEMBER 15 | 8AM - NOON
7800 CHILDSDALE AVE NE ROCKFORD, MI

*WADERS OR WATER SHOES REQUIRED



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LODGE CALENDAR 2018

September 11 Board Meeting 7:00 PM

September 19 Oktoberfest

September 20 Ethan Anderson Rental

September 22 Sally Triant Rental

September 29 Ethan Anderson Rental

October 4-6 Jim Schneider Rental

October 9 Board Meeting 7:00 PM







October 17 Chili Cook Off

October 20 Ethan Anderson Rental

Send us your fishing, camping or other outdoor stories and we'll publish them in the newsletter. Send plain text and/or photos in jpg format to Tom at: twwatson@comcast.net

Deadline for the October issue is Monday, September 17 at 8:00 A.M.

IKES MEMBER BENEFITS

-  Monthly Award-Winning Newsletter
-  Gate Key to 39 Acres
-  Nature Trails
-  Catch/Release Fishing
-  Free Camping
-  Lodge Rental (\$75.00 per Day)

LUCILLE GRANT, longtime member and wife of Bud Grant, passed away on Thursday, May 24, 2018 in Perrysburg, OH. Her Obituary can be found in the Grand Rapids Press: <http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/grandrapids/obituary.aspx?n=lucille-cla-rie-grant&pid=189109260>

DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER of the IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE of AMERICA DRAFT CORE EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2018

NOTE: This is a draft schedule. Especially for late year events you can check for updates in our newsletters and on our website along with notice of special events that come up on short notice and are not listed on this Event Schedule. Also additional information about these listed events can be found in the newsletter and on the website.

Schedule	Event & Location
January 27, Saturday	Winterfest Family Outing, 10AM-3PM @ CC
March 3, Saturday	Conservation-Awards-Fund Raiser Banquet
March 15 thru 18	Ultimate Sport Show-Grand Rapids
April 14, Saturday	Fly Fishing Workshop, 10AM-2PM @ CC
April 19, Thursday	Fish & Game Dinner & Program @ CC
May 5, 12, 19, 26 - Saturdays	Kids Fishing, 10AM-1PM @ CC
May 5, Saturday	Fix up/Clean up Day, 9-?, work, eat, play, campfire @ CC
May 17, Thursday	Steak Dinner, Annual Elections @ CC
June 13, 20 and 27, Wednesdays	Kids' Fishing at Versluis Lake, 6:30pm - 8pm
June 23, Saturday	Summerfest Community Family Day, 10AM-3PM @ CC
July 18-20	2018 IKE's National Convention, FredericksburgVA
July 21, Saturday	Native Plants for Everyone, Tear Drop Island (@ CC)
August 16, Thursday	Ribs Outdoor Cooking Competition @ CC
September 15, Saturday	Fix up/Clean up/play, 6PM @ CC
September 19, Wednesday	Oktoberfest @ CC
October 17, Wednesday	Chili Cook-off/Potluck @ CC
November 8, Thursday	Game Dinner @ CC
December 6, Thursday	Christmas Potluck @ CC

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Mailing address is: **Izaak Walton League, PO Box 541, Belmont MI 49306**

Conservation Needs a Friend Ask a friend to join the IKEs!

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SPOUSE _____ CHILDREN & AGES _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ SPONSOR _____

___ **Individual - \$62**, ___ **Family - \$87**, ___ **Student (18-21) - \$31**, ___ **Youth (under 18) - \$16**

Mail to Izaak Walton League Membership, PO Box 541, Belmont MI 49306. Checks payable to IWLA-DLC. Email Tom Watson at twatson@comcast.net for more information. **Note:** Term of membership is the calendar year. A gate key is available to you upon request after membership is processed, which takes 4-6 weeks. Contact Tom if you need to borrow a key sooner. Please enjoy the 39 acres!

Indicate which of these important committees you're interested in working on:

Natural Features Stewardship _____ Finance _____ Membership _____ Building & Grounds _____

Conservation _____ Programs _____ Every Member Dinners _____

The Izaak Walton League of America – a non-profit conservation organization – is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code.



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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15TH**

**HELP OUT,
HAVE FUN
AND
MAKE
FRIENDS!**

Oktoberfest



Be on your
"Wurst"
behavior at our next
dinner coming up
September 19th

**Chili
Cook Off**



**Wednesday,
October 17th**