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**The Great Lakes Log Crafters Association**

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**GLLCA**

**25 YEAR**

**HISTORY**

**GREAT LAKES LOG CRAFTERS ASSOCIATION  
(GLLCA)  
HISTORIAN REPORT**

Here is the history of the Great Lakes Log Crafters Association (GLLCA) as written by Duane & Kay Sellman as they reviewed the collection of newsletters published by the Association that Duane has saved. This summary is for every member of the GLLCA to read and reflect on the reason and purpose of founding the GLLCA.

The first newsletter on file is from September, 1983. **The first get together of log home builders was at Barry Bissonett's home in Ely, Minnesota in March of 1983.** At this early meeting, a handful of log home builders agreed that hand-building log homes was a unique profession – a profession and product little understood by the general population. This population often confused homes built with six-inch milled tongue and groove logs, with homes handcrafted using sixteen inch red pine. There was also a strong feeling that log-building was a profession that merited the sharing of ideas, resources, techniques and the responsibility of publicizing what real log buildings are all about. By the end of their get together that March evening, it was decided that they should find out if there were others in this line of work that were interested in this concept of sharing ideas and techniques of log building.

With the help of a few phone calls and letters, a group of nearly 20 log home builders showed up at Bissonett's near Ely, Minnesota in April of 1983 for an informal gathering. The first few hours were spent roaming around getting to know everyone. It became apparent during this time that all in attendance felt a real need for an organization of log home builders. Specialized tools, saws, and pictures of recent structures slowly found their way out of cars and were passed around. "Log ponies", PQ-57, locking notches, 032, hammer-beam trusses, and differential settling were some of the terms and numbers that floated through the air. It was pleasant to talk to people who spoke "logese."

After some discussion, they sat down to collectively mull over the possibilities for this organization. They listed the following reasons to stick together:

1. To get to know other people who make their living building with logs.
2. To share knowledge on:
  - A. Building techniques
  - B. Design considerations
  - C. Tool procurement and use
  - D. Bidding buildings
  - E. Contracts, insurance
  - F. Finding future business
  - G. Locating and preserving good sources of logs
3. General promotion of the trade:
  - A. Developing a public awareness of hand-crafted log buildings
  - B. Seminars or written handouts for the public
4. Establish a set of building codes for members

5. Credibility through organization:
  - A. Credibility for the log builder as an individual
  - B. Credibility for the log building profession
6. Maintain a newsletter as a mode for communicating throughout the year – basically a log-builders' clearinghouse.

After theoretically agreeing on the need for this organization, they tried to get down to some of the basics. For example, what should they call the organization? Some people wanted the word "scribe" or "scribe-fitted" in the title. Others felt that nobody but a log-builder would know what scribe was. After a good bit of light-hearted discussion, they settled on calling themselves the **"The Minnesota Logcrafters Association (MLCA)."** The newsletter acquired an equally creative ring – Minnesota Logcrafters Association Newsletter. Karen and Mark Rosen volunteered to edit the newsletter for the first year. It was decided there was no need for officers at this time but the following individuals were assigned a few simple chores:

1. Mark and Karen Rosen would take care of any official communications.
2. Barry Bissonett would establish a Post Office Box in Ely, Minnesota for any correspondence.
3. Mike Palmer of Logsmiths promised to get out some news releases about the new group.
4. Dan Paris volunteered his home for the meeting site for the next get together.

Following is a list of the first members of the "Minnesota Logcrafters Association":

1. Barry Bissonett of Ely, Minnesota
2. William Godlin of Ely, Minnesota
3. Daniel Paris of Bigfork, Minnesota
4. Lowell Olson of North Branch, Minnesota
5. Mike Wepsala of Grand Marais, Minnesota
6. Duane Sellman of Minneapolis, Minnesota
7. Mark Hattendorf of Ely, Minnesota
8. Jim Johnson of Ely, Minnesota
9. Mike Palmer of Ely, Minnesota
10. Deane Hillbrand of Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota
11. Tim Magni of Northome, Minnesota
12. Mark Tidd of Walker, Minnesota
13. Mark and Karen Rosen of Cloquet, Minnesota
14. Chuck Blaisell of Ely, Minnesota
15. Steve Lampman of Ely, Minnesota
16. Ken Whiteman of Gheen, Minnesota
17. Ron Brodigan of Minneapolis, Minnesota
18. Peter Edmunds of Minneapolis, Minnesota
19. Daniel Eng of Harris, Minnesota

**The next meeting of the Minnesota Logcrafters Association was scheduled for September 24, 1983 at Dan Paris' Mello Bello north of Grand Rapids, Minnesota.** General sharing of information and photos took place.

**The next meeting was March 17, 1984; Deane Hillbrand hosted a meeting in Scandia, Minnesota.** A tour of the home Deane, Mark & Karen Rosen, and Duane Sellman built for Al Kunze was given.

**The next meeting was on August 18, 1984 at Mark Rosen's building yard in Cloquet, Minnesota.** At this meeting, Mark Rosen was elected President, Barry Bissonett was elected Secretary/Treasurer and Rob Chambers was elected the Newsletter Editor. There was a discussion of developing a color brochure extolling the benefits of scribe fit log homes.

The members decided to have two meetings per year near the equinoxes, and two newsletters per year near the solstices.

**The next meeting was March 30, 1985 at Lowell Olsen's in North Branch, Minnesota.** The group decided to adopt the Canadian Log Builders Association's (CLBA) Log Building Recommendations of 1985, with the appropriate revisions to meet the needs of Minnesota builders. Consensus was the CLBA recommendation set specific guidelines for quality log buildings while not restricting anyone's creative endeavors building with logs.

1985 dues were \$15.00 for the year.

**The next meeting was October 5 & 6, 1985 at Minnesota Trail Bound in Isabella, Minnesota.** At this meeting, the membership spent two hours going over the CLBA recommendations. We tried to fine tune them with such details as changing  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch and similar minor changes. Then after two hours, we decided this was a waste of time and decided to accept them as they were written by the CLBA. This put an end to some heated discussions.

We had a log builder, Peter Haney, all the way from Colorado attend our meeting. Duane demonstrated how to cut a "wave shrink fit" notch to compare to the butterfly notch demonstrated at the last meeting.

**The next meeting was May 3, 1986 at Larry Nelson's in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.** A tent was rented and a pig was roasted. The dues were raised to \$25.00 per year for builders and \$15.00 for subscribers. Balance in the checking account after paying for the Spring Newsletter was \$450.00.

Officers were elected. Randy Campbell as President, Barry Bissonett as Secretary/ Treasurer and Deane Hillbrand as Editor.

As a note of interest, Gary and Kathy Schroeder started their log home supply company around this time frame.

**The next meeting was October 27-28, 1986 at Brooks Minde's**

**In March, 1987, Randy and Mary Campbell from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, hosted a seminar on the Business and Sales Aspects of Log Building.** Everyone who attended left with much to think about to improve their business.

### **SPECIAL PROJECT:**

**In the summer of 1987, the Minnesota Log Crafters Association (GLLCA's original name) built a 30' by 40' picnic table shelter building in Ely, Minnesota** as a community service project. Barry Bissonett was the coordinator of this project. There were more than 23 builders (including 2 brothers from Winnipeg, Canada) for all or part of the 4-day project. It was a four

cornered, six notch structure with large arches between the corners. We used Mackie exploded house idea for the initial construction. With this system, a small square is built then cut in quarters and spread apart to form the four corners of a larger structure. Then longer logs are put on top of the four corners to connect them together to support the roof. A week later four members went back and erected the truss, ridge pole, and purlins.

**April 1987, Rob Chambers hosted** the Minnesota Log Crafters Association meeting. It was held at **Greg Erickson's dove-tailed log house near River Falls, Wisconsin**. We also saw Rod and Marsha Bailey's log house in Woodbury, Minnesota which was crafted by Barry Bissonett from Ely, Minnesota. Both of these homes are real master pieces of construction.

**October 17, 1987 Barry Bissonett hosted** the meeting at his restaurant (the Chocolate Moose in Ely, Minnesota). At this meeting Barry's treasury report gave a balance of \$1,060.00 with an estimated balance of \$700 after paying for the meal and the newsletter printing and mailing.

Also at this meeting, we voted to officially affiliate the MLCA with the CLBA. Now that we are affiliated, we further voted to send our president (or a substitute) as our delegate to the CLBA's annual meetings. We also agreed to pay \$300 to cover the gas expense it would take to get to the meetings. Later it was raised to \$400.

**Randy Campbell hosted the May 1988, MLCA meeting at the McKormicks' store north of Grand Rapids, Minnesota.** Lloyd Beckedorf from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, attended our meeting and demonstrated and explained his double scribed lateral groove with its combination shrink-fit/saddle notch.

We also had a blacksmithing and rock splitting demonstration at this meeting.

It was also noted that the MLCA participated in the first annual Minnesota Forestry Fair at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds. We did a small demonstration of log building and answered questions for students and adults. This forestry fair was directed towards classrooms of kids but there were many teachers and chaperones.

Elections were held. Duane Sellman was elected president, Mike Senty took over the editor's position and Barry Bissonett continued as Secretary/Treasurer. (Barry has been the Secretary/Treasurer since 1983.)

Robert Chambers presented to our group a presentation entitled "Log Building: Business or Life Style?" He talked about finding our direct costs, determining our markup and coming up with a selling price. This has to take into consideration our overhead, our desired net profit and price negotiation. One important point he made was that we should walk away if the clients won't pay at least our bottom line. He also talked on keeping your customer satisfied. (Editor's Note: You may be able to find this 4-page document on Robert's webpage.)

**Duane Sellman (MLCA president) hosted the fall MLCA meeting on October 15, 1988 in Forest Lake, Minnesota.**

Duane had 5 courses completed on his own house. There was a mortgage banker speaking on the specific ways of having a log house approved for a mortgage. Our comparable's list data form is obviously a step in the right direction.

**The May 7 1989, meeting was hosted by Mark Rosen in Cloquet, Minnesota.** Karen Rosen and Deane Hillbrand gave a tech talk on “truss by calculation”. Greg Hallbeck talked on basic beam design and their loads. Peter Edmunds spoke on restoration of logs and more specifically, how to avoid the need for such restoration. Then there was a demonstration by Dave Spell of American Pressure, Incorporated of a high pressure water washer used to peel a red pine log (about 3000 psi).

Elections resulted in Duane Sellman, president, Jim Johnson of Ely secretary/treasurer and Mike Senty – editor.

**October 21, 1989 hosted by Alan Sabatke** at the home of Bud and Judy Arnold in Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin. Alan shared his technique for constructing a beautiful 2-story spiral staircase. The treads were laminated from oak and walnut with iron centers bolted through the center post. All iron hidden of course. The handrail was laminated with seven layers. The mortises for the treads were cut out with a 3 horsepower router using a jig for a guide. It was a beautiful stairway. There was also discussion on the roof structure and installing the wall of glass.

The fall of 1989 Newsletter contained it's first picture and the first MLCA written financial report supplied by Jim Johnson. Checkbook balance as of 10-15-89 was \$303.16. About 40 people attended.

Old Business: There was a discussion of having a calendar made with pictures of log homes for promotion of sales. Gary Schroeder gave a rundown of prices. \$1.25 for black & white or \$2.50 for color for 12” x 18”. There is a possibility of listing log builders on the back side. Bill Lasko made a motion we try for a color calendar for 1991. Motion passed. Bill Lasko will chair the calendar committee of Larry Nelson and Gary Schroeder to work out the details.

New Business: Duane Sellman reported on additions to the CLBAI's log building recommendations. Section 13 included “Where lack of air and weather infiltration and visibly tight green log walls are a requirement, the CLBAI recommends the use of the double scribed lateral groove with internal gaskets”. There was also a discussion on group health plans and on the possibility of the MLCA getting into lobbying legislation for the purpose of insuring small timber sales and insuring there is a sustained yield of old growth timber. Possibly we could join with the timber framer's guild for this purpose.

Note: An information sheet was mailed out on Duane's report from the CLBAI meeting on compression fit notch and shrink-fit notches and the double scribed lateral groove. Also were included were highlights of Tom Hahney's talk on stresses developed within a truss.

**May 6, 1990, Duane Sellman hosted the meeting in Forest Lake, Minnesota.** Treasury report showed a balance of \$85.26. Duane reported on the second Minnesota Forestry Fair in which the Association participated.

**October 13, 1990, a meeting was held at the Hay Creek Log Homes Building Yard hosted by Fred Hensel.** Balance in treasury \$50.00. A discussion continued on building standards. Elections: Dudley Parkinson became President for 1991-92 term. Jim Johnson remained Secretary/Treasurer and Mike Senty remains editor.

Dues at this time are \$25.00 professional and \$10 Associate.

**May 4, 1991, Gary and Kathy Schroeder hosted the meeting in Grand Rapids, Minnesota at Camp Hiawatha.** Topics included building log railings, worker's compensation issues, Sashco sealants, the importance of craft versus profits, reasons behind low attendance, wide range in bid prices, marketing, dues levels, and updated resource list and a manual to assist members with contracts, bookkeeping, taxes, and related issues. Other topics included future log supplies, education of the general public, and the formation of a Board of Directors.

For the MLCA to meet our goals of educating the public and promoting the craft of log building, a new membership category was created of owner/builder with dues set at \$100.00. Members in this category would be on a list sent out to people requesting information on MLCA builders.

The first six Board members were Greg Anderson, Barry Bissonett, Randy Campbell, Brooks Minde, Kevin Myers and Mark Rosen. The President of the Association, Dudley Parkinson, will chair the meetings.

The Board decided at this time to recommend to the general membership that the MLCA name be changed to Great Lakes Log Crafters Association. The reasons given in favor of the name change were: more potential membership, more identification with the name by Wisconsin and Michigan members, more political clout, if we need it, that is it sounds more impressive, and it opens up more resources. The arguments against the name change were: less clout in Minnesota politics, no need, loose credibility, and a lot of trouble.

Dudley will be taking initial steps in getting our log building recommendations to State Building Code officials.

Dues are owner/builder \$100. and Associates \$25.00.

**The fall of 1991 meeting was held at Camp Hiawatha in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, again on October 12<sup>th</sup>.** We think Gary and Kathy Schroeder hosted this meeting.

**December 9, 1991 the Board of Directors got together at Rosen's home for a Board meeting.** Subjects covered included: Contractor's licensing and bonding for builders, possible elimination of secretary/treasurer position in exchange for a business manager (a monetary position to be in Grand Rapids held by Kathy Schroeder). Financial statement amount was \$2,050.00.

Another subject was low appraisals and no comparables, financing and loan institutions.

Ideas on changing meetings to once a year.

**NOTE:** In the spring of 1992, the Great Lakes Log Crafters Association shared a booth with five other businesses in this year's Minneapolis' Home Show. Under the auspices of the Minnesota Wood Promotion Council. It was a little crowded in the booth with all of us but we did get a lot of exposure and passed out a lot of information on handcrafted log buildings and the GLLCA. The booth measured 8' x 20' and, between a beautiful Western Larch log corner (contributed by new member, Jeffrey Merriman), a section of log railing and a couple of log slab tables displaying our literature and photographs of handcrafted log homes, we kind of took over the booth. Nobody seemed to mind, though, because our things were what drew people in. Much thanks to Greg Anderson, Jon Anderson, Randy and Mary Campbell, Steve Greer, Jeffrey Merriman, Hank and Ralph Petit, Duane Sellman, Dell Stubbs and Dudley Parkinson.

**May 9 & 10, 1992, meeting was held at Brantwood, Wisconsin and hosted by Jim and Helen Palmquist at their Bed and Breakfast operation called "The Farm."** (Today, they have a beautiful handcrafted log building for lodging as well as numerous small framed buildings.)

Topics covered included demonstration by a chainsaw woodcarver, Jim Kivela, secrets of sharpening chainsaws by Rene Leahy, wood finishes and wood preservatives, log buildings from an engineering standpoint with Alfred Schneider Engineering, natural forms in log construction by Deane Hillbrand, and Sascho sealants with Debbie Bassett and Morton Newman. The new Prentice Franklin log handling loader truck was demonstrated by Willis Nussburger. Also covered was log grading.

Balance in treasury was \$2,073.39.

At this meeting Gary and Kathy Schroeder were appointed as our Business Manager replacing our former secretary/treasury position.

Recently, three of our Board members made a presentation to three chapters of the Wisconsin Building Inspectors. The inspectors were informed of the procedures and special considerations within our style of building.

Rick Dahlman from the Minnesota DNR addressed our group about the possibility of us volunteering log builders to help construct a nature store on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Sufficient volunteers did not materialize until the following year.

Elections were held. The Directors are Jeff Merriman, Duane Sellman, Barry Bissonett, Kevin Myers, Mark Rosen and Dan or Jerry Wait. (Dan was volunteering his dad!) Dudley is President. Gary and Kathy Schroeder, Business Manager.

This is the first meeting where we gave away a new 026 Stihl chainsaw as a grand prize drawing. As I recall the dealer sold it to us at cost since we were using it for a door prize. That evening we had a hootenanny at "The Farm's" Pick-A-Roon Saloon.

**October 24, 1992 meeting was held at Kevin & Dede Myers near Princeton, Minnesota.** We participated in the Forestry Fair again in April of 1992. (The last time.) Subjects covered included: Dell Stubbs on tool sharpening, Phil Bjork with 10 years of timber framing experience, Brooks Minde gave a rundown on bidding a large project such as the Mega Mall Knott's Camp Snoopy. Dave Karels from Polyfoam AFM Corporation introduced us to stressskin panels.

Duane Sellman was elected President.

**May 1, 1993 meeting was held at Frontier Builders at Land-O-Lakes, Wisconsin and hosted by Dan and Jerry Wait.** Subjects covered were: Quality wood carvings by Dave Harbach, Debbie Bassett with Sascho Sealants introduced Sascho's new stucco product, Softstone, Wisconsin EPS presenting on roof panels, Michigan Department of Labor, Bureau of Safety and Regulation presenting information regarding OSHA inspections, fines and safety rules. Other topics included heating with heat pumps by Steve Stackhaus, the deck doctor, Bob Brown, a specialist in the care and treatment of exterior wood, old & new, and more.



We learned the most common Federal OSHA violations. Number One is not having a written program and Number Two that this program is not on site but back at the office. The next common violations are improper scaffolding and personal safety equipment.

**SPECIAL PROJECT: Nature Store construction for the Minnesota DNR.**

April 15, 1993 we flattened the sill logs for a 24' x 24' (?) scribe-fit handcrafted log building. It was built off site in a parking lot one block south of the DNR main building. Each weekend one to five volunteers fired up their chainsaws and put one to three courses in place except the weekend of May 15<sup>th</sup> – fishing opener. We did not have to peel the logs as the Sentence to Service crew did that for us. In mid-July we moved it on to its concrete slab with a loader truck and a 60' truck crane.

We would like to thank all that participated from the Great Lakes Log Crafters Association: Len Augustson, Greg Dandendreau, Jim Kirk, Bill Mann, Duane Sellman, Dell Stubbs, Steve Geer, Bob Kleigle, Dede & Kevin Myers, LeRoy & Donna Sellman, Rob Chambers, Fred Hensel, Durel Livaudais, Dudley Parkinson and Jon Strom. The building was dedicated on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1993.

NOTE: The International Log Builders Association held the first ever International log builders conference on September 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>, 1993 at Yellow Stone National Park. Noteworthy is the fact that 20 of our members (plus 8 of their employees) were in attendance.

We also had a great showing in the notching competition with Duane Sellman taking first place, Dan Wait placing third and Deane Hillbrand placing fifth. Topping if off with second place was Kim Blair from Alaska, who was from Minnesota 10 years earlier.

**The fall meeting was held October 2, 1993 at the DNR Nature Store in St. Paul, Minnesota at the State Fairgrounds.** Subjects covered included Woodmaster Foundations by Wayne Kimber. Topic of business was “Should the Association have a constitution and by-laws?” (Later at a Board meeting it was decided that Duane would start working on this.) The subject of “Should the Association decrease the number of yearly meetings from 2 to 1?” There were 18 members in attendance due to the last minute notification of location and date.

The treasury balance as of October 1, 1993 was \$1,775.29.

Three new directors were elected: Steve Greer, Fred Hensel and Bob Bristol. Joining the remaining directors Mark Rosen, Jeff Merriman and Dan & Jerry Wait.

**The next meeting was April 23, 1994 at the University of Minnesota Forestry Center in Cloquet, Minnesota and hosted by Mark and Karen Rosen.** Subjects covered included Dell Stubbs sharpening drill bits, curved chisels and drawknives. Other topics were window splines and Wisconsin EPS. Jerry Wait explained his process of developing a contract for his clients. There were 25 in attendance.

Treasury Balance was \$2,580.72 on 4-23-94.

We toured the Cloquet Park Building constructed by the Rosens.

**The next meeting was October 1 & 2, 1994 at Barry Bissonett's "The Chocolate Moose" in Ely, Minnesota.** Subjects covered were sales tax by Mike Senty, presentation on Minnesota OSHA by Wayne Page and Myles Butler, and toured 4 homes in the area.

Elections: Steve Greer was elected President and Kai Allen and Duane Sellman became new directors. The others were Bob Bristol, Fred Hensel, Jeff Merriman and Dan & Jerry Wait.

**The next meeting was April 29, 1995 at the log home of Greg Booth and Vickie Kettlewell in Brainerd, Minnesota.** Subjects covered were sales tax information by Rick Benham from the Minnesota Department of Revenue, Sascho introduced their new finish called Symphony, Marvin Windows, and demonstration of a log peeler and a Mini Sawmill 600 produced by Jonsered. The log home tour included the Sherwood Forest Lodge built in the 1920's, a Swedish Timber House imported from Sweden and the Nathan and Mary Tuomi handscribed Norway Pine log home. Also on the tour we saw Dave LaPage's timber frame cabin on Gull Lake and Bob & Brenda Allen's handscribed log home north of Brainerd.

Meeting had 22 members. Treasury Balance on April 28, 1995 was \$2,955.08.

**Motion rescinded.** At the spring meeting of the GLLCA, a motion was passed "To limit professional members to producers of handcrafted, handscribed or chinked log homes or handcrafted components, or general contractors for handscribed or chinked log homes." The motion was passed with an 8 to 5 vote. In a follow up letter sent to all Board members, a majority vote rescinded that motion. After consideration, thoughts were that we, as a group, might not want to get into the legalities of such a move.

**Next meeting was back to "The Farm" in Brantwood, Wisconsin on October 14, 1995 hosted by Jim and Helen Palmquist.** In addition to the regular business meeting, Duane Sellman and Steve Greer gave a presentation on Ed Shure's style of constructing a log truss as described in the Log Building News #17, February, 1995. Steve Greer gave a presentation on bidding a log project.

Treasury Balance as of October 13, 1995 is \$2,590.58.

Elections: Steve Estola was elected as a new director.

**NOTE: The Spring 1996 meeting** did not take place because we all attended the International Log Builders Association meeting held in Duluth, Minnesota.

**The next meeting was held on October 12, 1996 at the Rod and Gun Club in Ashland, Wisconsin.** Subjects covered included Mike Senty explaining his system to flatten the plate logs to accept the roof structure of dimension lumber or panels. This system is fast and precise. The second subject was restoration of log homes. Neil Shucha of Treecraft Builders shared his experiences with restoration work.

Elections: Jerry Wait was elected President. Rick Barron and Wayne Koniecki became directors joining Steve Estola, Jeff Merriman, Duane Sellman and Mike Senty.

**The next meeting was held on May 10, 1997 at the Cloquet Forestry Center.** There were 25 registered members plus 11 family members and 11 guests totaling 47. Subjects included Peter Edmunds on preservation and restoration of log buildings, Steve Kemper gave a presentation on log home finishes, Steve Wilson of Rapid Garage Door talked about overhead doors for log

structures and showed samples of stainable fiberglass doors. Other topics; Duane Sellman reported on Joyce worm gear screwjacks for use in log buildings, Wayne Summons and Morton Newman of Sascho showed samples of Capture, a new water based stain for logs. Jeff Knutson gave a presentation on computerized job costing and demonstrated a computerized tool for estimating from blueprints. Steve Estola talked about his custom-built Spar Log Peeler. Duane gave a report on the CLBAI meeting.

At this time, Jeff Merriman resigned as a director and the Board appointed Harold Polster to fill this position until elections at the fall meeting.

Treasury Balance was \$3,532.66 on May 8, 1997.

**The next meeting was October 18, 1997 in Seely, Wisconsin near Hayward was hosted by Dan and Ruth Dums.** Subjects covered were: Steve Greer talked about Carpentry and the Log Home. Dan demonstrated a Makita chipper or electric chisel he uses to cope his lateral grooves. He also showed a safety helmet with a face shield complete with a battery pack to supply filtered air to the hood attached to the helmet. Rick Baron demonstrated some basic cutting techniques and spoke on efficiency of cutting. Rob Chambers spoke about “selecting the next log” and presented a variety of problems and how to solve them.

Mike Senty talked about building log trusses. This was the highlight of the meeting. He handed out a two-page report.

Elections. Steve Greer was made treasurer as Gary and Kathy Schroeder have decided they should retire from their position as Business Manager. Thank you Gary and Kathy for your years of hard work and support. Bill Olson is now the newsletter editor.

**NOTE:** The Association decided to try one two-day meeting in June instead of two one-day meetings in the spring and fall.

**The next meeting was June 19 and 20, 1998 at Keweenaw Mountain Lodge near Copper Harbor, Michigan was hosted by Rick Baron.** The keynote speaker was B. Allan Mackie. He shared his ideas on the log building industry, the schools within the industry and some of his preferences for building techniques. Subjects included: Michigan OSHA by Jerry Midler. He stated that the most common cause of deaths is falls with electrocutions in second place. Glen Larkin from the Michigan Institute of Technology discussed the properties of wood with respect to drying, shrinkage and wood movement. Mike Senty led a discussion on the business of log building (small versus big), general contracting, advertising and quality of work. Jerry Wait spoke on contracts, several tools were demonstrated and Duane Sellman reviewed Wayne Sparshu’s log yard efficiency talk. Marjie Rozumalski spoke on log home design and the use of CAD programs. We had a two hour sunset cruise on the Isle Royale Queen.

Tools demonstration included wooden log horses, steel all thread screw jack log horses, rotating laser beam with a remote control, radial arm saw jig for turning the ends of spindles down, curved sole Makita planer, groovy tool designed by Wayne Sparshu for cleaning the lateral groove out, airmate 3 air filter helmet, carving bar with tip the size of a dime on an electric Makita chainsaw and Makita electric chisel.

There was discussion on press releases. Number one is timeliness. We should all write a press release for our local paper when we get home from our conference stating “we had a Great Lakes Log Crafters Association meeting in such and such and we did such and such.” This is free

publicity for you and the Association. Just tell “who, what, where, when, and how” and the paper can even write the article for you. The more you get your name out there, the more you are known.

Elections: Rick Baron was elected president and exiting president is now on the Board as the out-going president. New directors are Dan Dums and Deane Hillbrand joining Duane Sellman, Jerry Wait and Harold Polster. Duane was re-elected as a director.

It was decided that the Association should purchase ball caps and t-shirts with the GLLCA logo and sell them.

Treasury Balance of \$4,879.30 as of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

**NOTE: DOVETAIL WORKSHOP HALLOWEEN WEEKEND – OCTOBER 30 & 31, 1998.** Location was Frontier Builders in Land-O-Lakes, Wisconsin. Leading the workshop was Smokey Bailey from North Carolina. 20 members showed up to learn. Smokey used homemade jigs that fit over log ends and when aligned on log centerlines and fastened can be used to guide a “padded saw” and turn out true cuts time after time.

**The next meeting is June 11 and 12, 1999 at Superior Shores in Two Harbors, Minnesota and hosted by Brooks Minde.** Brooks demonstrated his Minde truss jig on his truss cutting deck to make clean and accurate joinery for log trusses. We also saw Minde’s log peeling machine and his custom made pipe scaffold system. Ed Larson of PermaChink demonstrated chinking with his products. Steve Greer and Rob Chambers demonstrated a piece-on-piece cutting jig. Mike Hintzman of Tenonizer Technology demonstrated his jigs and tools for spindles, railings and stairways. Mike Senty demonstrated cutting a double cut lateral groove. Deane Hillbrand showed timber joinery with round logs. Bob Norland spoke on traumatic injury first aide. Ray Koveck from Axzel Noble Company told us Sikkens is number one. David Linner spoke on how and why to use an architect as well as pointing out some common problems with log structures. Catherine Cartrette entitled her presentation “Building less to get more.” Basically saying small can be nice, not to mention economical. About 30 people in attendance.

The Treasury report is about \$6,600.00.

The fundraiser auction at the meeting on Saturday night with 22 people in attendance raised \$1,700.00 for the Association.

Elections: Jerry Wait was elected as president. Jerry Koski and Kai Allen were elected as directors joining Duane Sellman, Brooks Minde, Dan Dums, Deane Hillbrand and Rick Baron and Steve Greer as Treasurer

**FUNDRAISER PROJECT – October 31<sup>st</sup> weekend 1999 at Frontier Builders, Land-O-Lakes, Wisconsin.** This project was a small building using Rob Chambers accelerated log building technique. Rob taught us his system and we all worked to fine tune it. We constructed the majority of the building. About 6 logs were left to cut when we had to leave. Rick Baron came back and finished cutting these. Jerry Wait had the building pre-sold. The logs came from Arizona. The Association needed a profit of \$5,000 to 8,000?? It was a terrific moneymaker for the Association and a great social and learning experience for all of us.

**The next meeting was held on June 23, 2000 in Seely, Wisconsin and Dan & Ruth were our hosts.** The Board decided to put some of our money into CDs, to apply for a “not for profit”

status with the government as well as become incorporated. The Board also decided to register with the State of Wisconsin with Dan Dums being our “agent of record” until Neil Shucha replaced Dan about 2005.

**The next meeting was held on June 15 & 16, 2001 at Telemark Resort in Cable, Wisconsin.** The subjects covered were Mike Stolpa from Lafarge Corporation speaking on cement and concrete in general. The seconded speaker was Dave Kliefgren from Waterproofing, Inc. He spoke on foundation coatings and drainage. Wayne Sparshu’s talk entitled; “People buy you first” came out on top of our survey of speakers. Ken Lallemond spoke on chainsaw maintenance and safety. There was a panel discussion on various log building subjects. In “tech talk” Frank Vanderveur demonstrated his giant lathe for turning 14” diameter logs into turned posts. Deane Hillbrand gave a talk on a roof structure he recently completed. Ed Larson spoke on PermaChink Products. Jim Grieb impressed everyone with his Gearhead scribe. Cary Johnson demonstrated cutting a typical wall notch. In fact, the 4’ log he cut out was scribed on Thursday and put on the building the following Monday. Wayne Sparshu demonstrated his notch. Fundraiser auction raised \$3,483.00.

The Treasury Balance on April 23, 2001 was \$23,535.55.

Election: Kerry Staehler and Bob Kenel were elected new directors joining Jerry Koski, Jerry Wait, Kai Allen, Duane Sellman and Steve Greer as Treasurer. Dan Dums was appointed president upon the resignation of Jerry Wait so Jerry can serve on the Board of Directors of ILBA and then Dan was elected for his own term.

Doug Todd gave a description of our web page set up. Presently our yearly fee for our domain name is \$19.00. 50% of our attendees had their own website.

At the Board meeting, it was decided to contract Kay Sellman to act as Business Manager for the GLLCA Incorporated at the rate of \$1,200 to be reviewed each year after Kay establishes her own company with a Federal ID number. It was decided to get 4 CDs valued at \$5,000 each at 3-month intervals. Each will be renewed for a one year term when they come due.

Kay Sellman’s contract amount was raised to \$1,800 to cover the additional work of the financial duties such as writing checks, keeping financial records and checking accounts.

The professional dues were raised to \$125.00.

**NOTE TRUSS BUILDING WORKSHOP AT FRONTIER BUILDERS IN LAND-O-LAKES, WISCONSIN ON OCTOBER 26 & 27, 2001.** Brooks Minde lead this workshop using his mitre truss jig while snapping chalk lines on the cement floor of the building we were working in. The lines represented log surface lines, log center lines, and the joinery cut lines.

**The next meeting was June 21 and 22, 2002 at Telemark Resort in Cable, Wisconsin.** Subjects covered included: Hank Petit spoke on chainsaw sharpening. Kerry Staehler expounded on the virtues of lemon pledge furniture polish to help protect your metal hardware in the building yards from rust and reducing friction on Ronn Hann’s V-block plastic liners cut from recycled oil jugs as well as his original use of it to reduce sawdust sticking to the sanding pads. Mike Senty talked on the Minnesota Energy Code. Doug Swenson gave a presentation on Mobile Crane Safety. Covering the roles and responsibilities of crane operators and owners, crane accidents, load charts in developing pick plans. He also covered the OSHA Standards relating to cranes and the necessary riggings to go along with crane lifting. The crane operator

always has the authority to refuse to make a lift for safety reasons without fear of reprisal. Scott Sheldon presented his “jack and ride” theory pertaining to underscribe/overscribe. Dan Dums and Steve Greer, both having experience with custom made log siding, concluded log siding is not necessarily a cost savings to homeowners. Harold Polster described his one time favorable experience using green treated pine material for constructing railings. Bob Kenel gave an interesting presentation on the junction between log walls and masonry structures. We had 32 in attendance.

Treasury Balance as of June 22, 2002 was \$4,491.83 plus \$20,000.00 in four CDs.

Elections: Bob Kenel was elected president. New directors are Chris Clay, Ruth Dums and Hank Petit joining Kerry Staehler, Dan Dums, Duane Sellman and president Steve Greer.

Because of the increased assets of the GLLCA, it was decided to have the Business Manager writing the checks and keeping the records. The position of treasurer would become one of overseeing the Business Manager’s accounting procedures and reports. This gives a system of check and balance.

It was also decided the president of the Association is authorized to spend up to \$1,000.00 for Association business without Board approval. Any amount over \$1,000.00 requires a majority of Board approval.

Discussions of potential fundraiser projects such as log park benches or planting trees or community service projects took place.

At this time, we have about 30 professional members and 20 associate memberships. The dues at this time were \$125 professional (includes associate membership of \$65 to ILBA which is being paid by GLLCA) and \$25 associate.

**NOTE:** Community service workshop at Sommer’s Canoe Base east of Ely, Minnesota. Instigated by Chris Clay in an attempt to provide the Boy Scouts with a piece on piece Blacksmith shop in the style of buildings found at the early Hudson Bay Post. The logs were white pine salvaged from the BWCA blow down three years earlier. Four of our members worked two days cutting timbers from logs to get the project started. Unfortunately, without enough volunteers not much was accomplished.

**The next meeting was June 20 and 21, 2003 in Ontonagon, Michigan and hosted by Jerry and Linda Koski.** Subjects included: Touring Jerry’s log yard, stockpiling logs and covering with tarps to insure weather protection yet providing ventilation. Jerry’s crew demonstrated how they cut principal rafters fasts but accurately. Tech tips – Ed Larson from Perma-Chink demonstrated a 4-1/2” grinder disc called the “Wood Shark.” It looks like a wheel of steel beads but was sharp and cut fast. Gary Pavlicek demonstrated a circle saw with a blade to cut off 2” angle iron, split ring connectors and the cutter to use with them (these greatly increase the sheer resistance when logs are bolted together). Presentations included Dr. Nenad Vidovick on mold and fungi sponsored by Sansin Corporation and Peter Edmunds on developing a cost estimating worksheet with the help of your computer.

Elections: New directors are Harold Polster, Duane Sellman and Dan Wait joining Ruth Dums, Hank Petit and Chris Clay with Steve Greer as treasurer. Bob Kenel as president.

Treasury Balance as of June 6, 2003 is \$8,345.84 in the checkbook with four CD's totally \$20,446.21.

The professional dues were raised to \$150.00 with \$85.00 now going to ILBA for an associate membership in that organization.

Sponsorship plan packages were presented to the group and accepted. They range from Plan A at \$2,000.00 for two years to Plan D at \$50.00 which was a business card size ad in our newsletter for one year.

Bob listed the things that the Board of Directors had accomplished in the last year.

1. Telephone conference calls for the Board of Directors.
2. Sponsorship Programs
3. The GLLCA website being updated
4. Bids on Directors and Liability Insurance.
5. Log Home Illustrated became a sponsor.
6. Capability of accepting Visa or Mastercard
7. Kay to continue to send out reminders for conferences
8. Yearly calendar developed
9. Computer generated financial reports listed by categories
10. There is a telephone answering/fax machine available for inquiries.

The total income from the 2003 conference after expenses was \$5,709.46. We now have a picture book fund of \$600.00. (This was Bob Kenel's idea for a fundraiser.)

**The next meeting was June 10, 11 and 12, 2004 in Mackinaw City, Michigan hosted by Lyle Kelly.** Subjects included: touring Jim Balmer Charlevoix's log shell which was constructed by one of Bill Lasko's classes. Chris Clay gave a presentation on the "Economics of Log Building". A bus trip to Lyle Kelly's of North Arrow Log Homes building yard and the B52 airplane hanger he builds in. Bill Olson on "Marketing the Building Business," Marc Nard on international building code update, chinking basics by Sjoerd Bos and Dan Trip of Sansin Corporation, and Jim Grieb on spiral stairs. Tech talk: Jim Grieb demonstrated cutting 7-1/4" round tenons on his spiral stair treads, Gary Pavlicek demonstrated using a Mafell drill with a quick change chuck for drilling split ring connectors and sheer plates, and Eric Twigg's version of an electrical box which can be mounted after drilling two holes to receive the box.

At this meeting, Gordon Merritt donated a sign he had built. A beautiful 6' self standing sign with the GLLCA logo.

The Association has filed its first 990EZ form in September, 2002 and again in 2003.

Dues structure has changed. The professional dues are reduced to \$75.00 and no longer include the associate membership with ILBA. The associate dues remained at \$25.00 for the GLLCA.

Elections: Bob is re-elected for two years as president. The new directors are Chris Clay, Bill Olson and Lyle Kelly joining Harold Polster, Duane Sellman and Dan Wait and Steve Greer as treasurer.

Kevin Allen gave a brief run down on his fines from the DOT for short comings on his one ton pickup with a 20' trailer hauling 3 logs.

A mission statement for the Association was selected "Promoting excellence in handcrafted tradition."

Treasurer's Balance of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004 was \$11,789.97 plus CD's worth more than \$20,000.00.

**NOTE:** There was a community service project before this meeting. Two teams competed to construct two picnic tables. These tables were donated to a local park.



**NOTE:** A fundraiser workshop was held in Siren, Wisconsin before the 2005 conference. We constructed a 28' x 36' round notched chinker building using 8 to 10" mid span diameter logs. There was one log interior wall and 1/3 loft with two trusses. Approximately 20 members volunteered their time with lots of good camaraderie. It was auctioned on June 18<sup>th</sup> for \$37,000.00 netting the Association \$19,867.65. RMS of Minneapolis demonstrated their Potain truck mounted tower crane during our entire construction and disassembly. What a beautiful crane.

**The next meeting was held on June 16 & 17, 2005 at the Lodge at Crooked Lake in Siren, Wisconsin.** Subjects included: The Association purchased a Dell projector for making presentations at conferences. Greg Hallbeck talked on design considerations of log buildings from point loads to knee braces shortening spans, Dr. Nenad Vidovic (Dr. Fungi) talked on micro



organisms and wood cell structure, Mr. James Whipple from Wisconsin DNR talked on the topic of log grading, Robert Savinac gave us a rundown on the ICC Code development and Brian Becker presented on insurance.

Elections: New directors are Bill Lasko, Ronn Hann and re-elected Duane Sellman joining Chris Clay, Lyle Kelly and Bill Olson and Steve Greer as Treasurer.

Treasurer's Balance as of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 is \$13,982.36 in the checkbook with more than \$20,000.00 in CD's.

**NOTE:** A fundraiser project was held on June 6, 7, and 8, 2006 at Frontier Builders in Land-O-Lakes, Wisconsin. We constructed a 16' x 20' scribe fit log cabin with two trusses with approximately 15 volunteers. It was auctioned on June 10<sup>th</sup> for \$16,500 netting the Association about \$5,000.00. It will be used as a rustic furniture building school not far from Land-O-Lakes. Following is a picture of the log cabin shell and a picture of most of the volunteers that worked on the project.





**NOTE:** Pre-conference seminar entitled “Bigger Profits thru Targeted Sales” and was held on June 8, 2006 and conducted by three professors from Purdue University. They were Dr. Joan Fulton, Dr. David Downey , Chris Sigurdson and Joy May. About a dozen members participated.

**NOTE:** Pre-conference workshop was held June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and conducted by Ronn Hann on Log Stair Construction.

**The next meeting was held on June 9 and 10, 2006 in Land-O-Lakes, Wisconsin hosted by Dan Wait.** Subjects included: Randy Mattson - UDC Building Construction Supervisor, Inspection Division, Gary Trudell represented Eagle Panels on the “Benefits of Foam Panels,” and Jim Van Grinsven on “Lean Mfg. & Workplace Efficiency.” We toured Dan Wait’s building yard and a building in which he can build inside. He has \$40,000 plus invested in a peeling machine. Below is a picture of the cutter head on this machine. A man controls this peeler head from a pair of handle bars mounted on it.



Bob Kenel reviewed the accomplishments during his four years as president.

1. Advertising in log home magazines.
2. Auction more successful
3. Purchased a power point projector
4. Established credit card capability
5. Kept dues from rising
6. Participated in ICC meeting in Chicago, IL

Elections: Chris was elected president. Two new directors are Tim Bullock and Gordon Merritt joining Duane Sellman, Ronn Hann, Bob Kenel, Bill Lasko and Steve Greer as treasurer.

The Association established a new procedure with three trustees to oversee financial reports. Our trustees are Eric Bos, Bob Egan and Jerry Wait. Their duties will include:

1. Review Quarterly Financial Statements
2. Sign them with their approval after having any questions answered
3. Return to Business Manager to be kept on file
4. Trustees cannot be Board members
5. It will be a four year term
6. This will get more people involved with the GLLCA

Treasurers Balance Sheet as of June 6, 2006 shows a checkbook balance of \$35,178.04 with certificate of deposit balance totaling \$31,220.89.

At this meeting we changed our fiscal year to match the calendar year. Duane Sellman filed the appropriate papers with the government. January 1, 2007 was the beginning of our first calendar year.

**NOTE:** There was a fundraiser project scheduled with Bill Lasko teaching students. This was cancelled due to arrangements not being feasible.

**NOTE:** On June 20, 2007 Ronn Hann led a mitred truss workshop in Marquette, Michigan. Wil Dancy designed the joinery using Detrich's CAD program which he had earlier presented to the group of 12 to 15 members in the morning.

**The next meeting was held on June 21, 22 & 23, 2007 in Marquette, Michigan at the Northern Michigan University.** Subjects included: Patrick Edwards from Timber Products spoke on Log Grading, Joe Varda from Log Home Living Magazine gave a presentation on advertising, Jerry Rouleau gave a presentation on following up on leads, Andy Bonnicotti from Bell Pole gave a presentation on the poles they could supply, Shirley Zimmer gave a presentation on QuickBooks, Bob Kenel gave an update on the ICC Code development, and Doug Anderson gave a presentation on insurance.

Treasury Balance as of December 7, 2007 was \$16,844.87 with over \$33,000 in CD's for a grand total of assets: \$50,130.47.

Thank you for reading the history of the Great Lakes Log Crafters Association. More to come after our 2008 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference being held at Superior Shores Resort in Two Harbors, Minnesota.



## **GLLCA 25th Annual Conference was held on May 2, 2008 at Superior Shores Resort & Conference Center in Two Harbors, Minnesota.**

Elections were held. Two new directors and a president were up for election. Due to Gordon Merritt, a current director, deciding to take a job in the State of Washington, the Association had to elect a third director to take Gordon's position. Out going officers were: Chris Clay, President, Bob Kenel, Director, Duane Sellman, Director and Gordon Merritt, Director.

Bob Kenel was elected president for the 2007/2009 term. As past president, Chris Clay, moves into a director's position. New directors were: Tim Bullock, Brooks Minde, and Duane Sellman.

A discussion was held on the fundraiser building project that was constructed from April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 1, 2008. In four days, between 11 to 15 volunteers constructed an 18' x 26' scribed fit building in Brooks Minde's building yard that was put up for auction on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. A big thank you to all the volunteers. A total of \$15,608.82 was raised from the auction of the building.

Chris asked Duane to give the members a financial report. Duane reported that we have a checking account balance of \$19,173.46 as of March 31, 2008 and that we have \$33,285.58 in CD's.

### **GLLCA's Annual Conference was held on May 9, 2009 at the Telemark Resort and Conference Center in Cable, Wisconsin. This was a special event because it was the first ever joint conference with ILBA.**

There was discussion of the financial reports. Since this was a joint conference with ILBA, a separate joint checking account was established to keep all financial accounting separate from the GLLCA accounting records. Steve Greer gave the financial report. The balance in the GLLCA/ILBA Joint Conference checking account was \$18,447.07. At the end of the joint conference the joint checking account was closed.

Bob Kenel informed the group that Tim Bullock had resigned his position as Director of the GLLCA. Bob then reported that the Board of Directors had asked Gary Pavlicek to fill in for Tim's one year term.

Bob gave a run down on this year's pre-conference activities. This year the Association sponsored a three-day crane course for those who wanted to take advantage of a discounted rate. The course included two days of

intense instructions, with a written test on Wednesday and a practical exam on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and part of Friday

An NCCCO qualified practical examiner was contracted to assist with the crane course. He agreed to do two days of intense instruction for the group and then do the practical examination portion of the testing at Gary's site in Siren, Wisconsin. There were 12 participants that took advantage of this crane certification opportunity.

If an individual were to become certified on their own, the cost of the certification course would have been around \$1,500 to \$2,000. The Association charged \$500 to members in good standing of the GLLCA and subsidized the remaining cost. The Association took in \$5,700 in participant fees. The total cost of the crane certification course was \$10,712.08 so the Association subsidized \$5,012.08.

This was a perfect example of how the Association is providing educational opportunities for their members. The fundraisers that we have had in the past provides us with the funds to offer these benefits to our members.

Bob thanked Gary and his family for their help in making the crane course a success.

Election of new Directors was held. Darrell Jensen and Rich Schneider are the out going Directors. Bob thanked Darrell and Rich for their contributions over the last two years. New Directors for the 2009/2011 term were Chad Westfahl and Frank Vanderveur.

Our GLLCA checking account balance as of May 3, 2009 was \$25,358.16. The balance of our three Certificates of Deposit was \$44,214.29.

**GLLCA's annual conference was held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Best Western Hotel in Siren, Wisconsin.**

It was announced that the GLLCA is now a member of the ICC (International Code Council).

There was considerable discussion on By-Law changes which the directors have developed and are recommending the membership approve. It was decided the members need time to review these changes before voting. Gary Schroeder said it is important to have a copy for members to see for transparency before voting even though we elected directors to run the business aspect of the Association. Bob Egan agreed.

Gary Schroeder made a motion to accept Steve Greer's resignation as Treasurer and appoint Chris Clay as Treasurer. Gary Pavlicek seconded. Motion passed. This is a one year position at this point.

Nominations for president were Bob Kenel and Gary Pavlicek. A vote was taken and Bob Kenel was re-elected as our president.

Nominations for one director to replace Chris Clay were opened. Nominations were Nate Heim, Joe Miller and Zack Jacobson. Nate Heim was elected.

It was reported that the balance in the checking account balance on December 31, 2009 was \$17,912.34 and additional funds in CD's amounted to \$45,571.47.

Gary Pavlicek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Duane Sellman seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

**GLLCA's annual conference was held at Superior Shores in Two Harbors, MN on May 7, 2011.** Bob Kenel called the meeting to order. Duane counted 22 present at the AGM including Board Members.

Bob thanked everyone for attending and donating auction items. At this point, the auction income was reported as \$4,059.43.

Bob reported that the Board approved a financial audit of the GLLCA records. It is nearly complete. There is still outstanding items such as sales tax numbers that need to be filed.

Bob informed the membership that a Board Book has been assembled and distributed to the directors. This is an informative book for directors to have better knowledge of what is expected of a director. It will be helpful to directors on the duties that they are expected to accomplish during their two year term.

Chris Clay gave a Treasurer's report. He started by stating that the Board unanimously voted to have an audit. The audit concluded that Kay and Duane had done a very good job with complete records.

Note: Duane reported to the general membership that the auditor informed the Board that because of Kay and Duane's close relationship it may be considered a "Conflict of Interest" by the IRS. It is not illegal or unethical just a conflict of interest and just so it is pointed out to the General Membership. As such this can cause closer scrutiny by the IRS. Consider this "NOTE" as official notification to the General Membership.

A detailed Board Book was developed by Frank Vanderveur for all the officers and directors.

The GLLCA was put on Facebook, Linked-In and on Twitter. We have two new pages on the website – the Green Page and Owner/Builder's Page.

Elections were held for directors. Nominees were Aaron Hyman, Zack Jacobson, Duane Sellman and Neil Shucha, Gary Pavelicek moved to close nominations. Duane seconded. Our new directors are Aaron Hyman, Zack Jacobson and Duane Sellman.

Bob reported that Bob Egan and Eric Bos have agreed to another 4 year term as Trustees. A motion was made to close nominations for Trustees. Mark Webber seconded. Motion passed. Jerry Koski has completed his first year of his 4 year term. A special thank you to our Trustees.