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*Please join us for
Little Traverse Conservancy's*

**35th Annual Meeting
Tuesday, August 7, 2007**

**University of Michigan Biological Station
on Douglas Lake**

10:00 am – coffee and rolls

10:30 am – meeting

12:30 pm – lunch

Optional afternoon field trips will follow lunch:

- Colonial Point Memorial Forest
- A tour of the UMBS property
- A tour of the UMBS CO₂ Monitoring Station

To register, please complete and mail the form below.
For questions, please call 231.347.0991.



Directions to the University of Michigan Biological Station:

From I-75, take exit 322 and go west 3 miles (5 km) on C-64/Robinson Road to the entrance.

From U.S. 31 in Pellston, go east 6 miles (10 km) on C-64/Robinson Road to the entrance road.



Please complete and clip this form with a check (made to Little Traverse Conservancy) and mail to:
Little Traverse Conservancy
3264 Powell Road
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____

_____ # of people will attend the annual meeting (no cost)
_____ # of people for soup/sandwich/salad buffet (\$15 each)

Total amount enclosed: _____

Field Trips: (no cost)

_____ # of people for the Colonial Point hike
_____ # of people for the UMBS property tour
_____ # of people for the UMBS CO₂ Monitoring Station tour



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*Little Traverse Conservancy
2006 Annual Meeting Minutes August 1, 2006*

The Annual meeting of the Little Traverse Conservancy was held at Castle Farm near Charlevoix. Board Chair Jim Bartlett called the meeting to order with some 120 members in attendance.

Treasurer John Fischer reported that the Conservancy's finances have been reviewed by our auditor and went over finances from the past year. The financial statements are in our annual report.

Staff reports covered the Conservancy's major activities over the past year. Land protection continues to advance with additional preserves and conservation easements coming into our care every month. Our land protection staff members report continuing interest on the part of land owners in using their property rights to protect conservation values.

Stewardship staff reported that LTC is now managing nearly 10,000 acres of nature preserves and just over 11,300 acres of conservation easements. The Conservancy now has 88 volunteers serving as preserve monitors and trail stewards.

In education, Alison Berry noted that the Conservancy's job is not to teach science and math skills, not to put pressure on children to "save the world" or "save the rain forests," but instead to simply offer opportunities for hands-on awareness and appreciation of the outdoors. She quoted Richard Louv's book, *Last Child in the Woods*, and noted that our children are the first generation raised without meaningful contact with the natural world. She noted a trend toward children being more indoor-oriented and concerned with computer and video screens than the natural wonders of the outdoors. She noted that an emerging "nature deficit disorder" is being found in children, and related why outdoor experience is good for children, summing up by saying that, "it doesn't matter what topic you set out to explore, you always walk away learning far more than you ever anticipated."

In the executive director's report, Tom Bailey noted that when watching world events on the various news services, it's a natural reaction these days to start looking around for signs of hope. He suggested that although much of the news today comes from far points in the world, we need not look to the Middle East nor the capitals of Europe for hope, nor to any other far-off land. Hope is right here, he said, embodied in the work of the Little Traverse Conservancy which is made possible by people who generously donate time, talent, land and money to make a better world. He quoted one of our founders, Dave Irish, who observed that "the Conservancy's mission is not to save the world, but just to work on our little part of it." If we can do that and if others will do so, Bailey suggested, perhaps the world will in fact be saved.

Nominating Committee Chair Mark Paddock thanked outgoing Trustees Terry Gamble Boyer and Al Polk for their service on the board. Nominated for renewed three-year terms on the board were Joey Arbaugh, John Baker, Jack Batts, Frank Ettawageshik, Michael FitzSimons, Richard Oelke, Jim Offield, Mark Paddock, and Carlin Smith. Nominated for new terms on the board were William T. McCormick, and R. Hamilton Schirmer. On a motion with support, nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot was cast for the nominees.

On a motion from John Fischer, the membership voted to endorse the actions of the Board of Trustees for the past year.

The meeting was then adjourned.

"When we founded the Little Traverse Conservancy in 1972, people wondered why we needed to preserve open space. Now they ask why we didn't start earlier!"

*- John Fischer, one of 7 original founders
of Little Traverse Conservancy*

