

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes' Association Membership Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How many lake owners are there on Lamoka and Waneta Lakes?** 985 as of July 2021.
2. **How many lake owners are members of the Lamoka-Waneta Lakes' Association (LWLA)?** As of July 2021, 607 or 62% of lake owners are LWLA members by paying their dues. Please note: LWLA is different from Sylvan Beach Property Owners Association which maintains Sylvan Beach area only where LWLA maintains the health of the lakes themselves.
3. **What do I get for being a LWLA member by paying my dues?** You show your support for the LWLA board and the work they do. This is important when the LWLA goes to the DEC, NYSEG and other government agencies to address lake concerns. Also paying members receive the annual newsletter, calendar of events and LWLA Directory.
4. **Are the LWLA board members paid?** No. The board and officers are dedicated volunteers that are concerned about the health of the lakes. Anyone can join the board or attend a board meeting to ask a question or voice a concern.
5. **What period do the LWLA membership dues cover?** January 1 to December 31 of a given year.
6. **Where can I get a LWLA membership application?** Either from the annual mailing that is sent out December 1 of each year or from the LWLA website, www.lamokawaneta.com.
7. **Can I prepay my LWLA dues?** LWLA no longer accepts prepayment of dues for future years. If you prepaid before 2017 you will not lose credit for that prepayment. However, effective January 1, 2017 LWLA no longer accepts prepayment of dues for future years. If you send in more than the LWLA annual dues it will be treated as a donation as of January 1, 2017.
8. **How do I know if I still have prepaid years?** When you receive your annual membership application in December if it has a yes next to where it says "is your membership dues paid for xxxx" (where xxxx is the year), then you have already paid for the current membership year.
9. **Are my LWLA dues and donations tax deductible?** Yes. LWLA is a 501c3 non-profit organization.
10. **Can I pay my LWLA dues with a credit card?** Yes, on the Lamoka-Waneta Lakes' Association web site, www.lamokawaneta.com, under membership. LWLA cannot accept credit cards written on the membership application. Credit cards are accepted online only.
11. **Why is my Owner ID and Property ID not the same?** This is because some people own multiple properties. In the LWLA membership database only 1 Owner ID is assigned to 1 lake owner even if that owner owns multiple lake properties. Therefore, the Owner ID and Lake Property ID cannot be the same.
12. **Why do you not email the membership application?** People change email addresses more often than mailing addresses and there is no way to validate email addresses like with mailing addresses which can be verified by tax record. In addition, several people prefer not to provide email addresses.
13. **How is the LWLA membership database maintained?** This is done in several ways. The most important being you, the lake owners. If your information changes please make these changes on your LWLA annual membership mailing or by emailing to Membership@lamokawaneta.com. Also, if you know of any changes in your neighborhood it would be a greatly appreciated if you emailed these changes too. In addition, LWLA uses the county tax records to keep up with changes in ownership.
14. **Why is it important to keep the LWLA membership database up to date?** The information in the LWLA membership database is not just used for annual membership mailings. It is also used to communicate to you to keep you informed about weed treatments, upcoming events, the LWLA Newsletter/directory and other important communications. The accuracy of the LWLA database also saves money on invalid addresses that are returned and have to be sent again.