

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

September 17, 2016

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Terry Allison, Patrick Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland, Cartha Conklin, Sean Fitzpatrick, Rick Game, Claude Gingrich, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Chuck Ryback, Joan Ryback, Gordon Shafer, Ray Stebbins, Carolee Thatcher, John Thatcher, Mary Kay Tucker, Tom Webb, Jay White

Guest: Dennis Fagan

Absent: Ron Dixon, Jamie Gensel, Al Gerth, Heidi Gerth, Gary Gray, Dene Karaus, Barry Pappas, Ed Sharpe, Richard Stewart, Andy Strawhand

Introductions: Terry welcomed all new and returning Board Members and asked that each member stand, give their name, lake location, and share a little something about him/herself.

Terry started the meeting with the purpose of the Association as set forth in the by-laws:

- To diligently work toward the environmental protection, enhancement and enrichment of the Lamoka and Waneta Lakes' ecosystem.
- To work toward developing environmentally beneficial land uses and land controls in the Lamoka and Waneta Watershed region.
- To promote, encourage, and enhance the quality and variety of recreational opportunities in the Lamoka and Waneta Lakes region.
- To contribute to the economic viability of the region through greater recreational opportunities.
- To advocate for support from public and private bodies for assistance in the advancement of the above stated goals and other goals.
- To foster cooperation among various entities, including towns, counties, and residents & property owners, in order to advance the above stated goals.

Terry reminded the Board of our Mission—As lake property owners, we all have an obligation to adjust the way we live to protect Lamoka-Waneta Lakes rather than to adjust Lamoka-Waneta Lakes to protect the way we live.

We are here for the lakes, the lakes are not here for us. Whatever lives and thrives in our lakes (fish, turtles, etc.) we must protect the quality of their life.

Terry announced that as of Friday, September 16th the website is up-to-date and running.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report: Corinne Julian thanked Kurt for his previous service as Treasurer then went over the LWLA Balance Sheet as of September 17, 2016, Reviewing deposits from last meeting and highlighting below items.

Checking Account Balance-- \$11, 550.88

Savings Account Balance-- \$5,183.49

Total Cash -- \$16,734.37

Total Fixed Assets -- \$7,363.58

Total Assets -- \$24,097.95

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report—Approved Unanimously

Calendar of Events: Terry reminded the Board that the Calendar of Events is on the Public Website and the website is maintained by Katy Tomlinson that was hired two years ago. Katie is a stay at home mom who is our web page designer and updates our website as requested.

Terry reminded the Board that if they have any items they think would be important regarding the lake association and should appear on our website to send the information to her and she will pass it along to Katie.

2016-2017 LWLA Calendar of Events:

- May 27 & August 26 Public Meetings @ Tyrone Fire Hall
- July 1 (9:30 p.m.) & September 2 (8:30 p.m.) Flare Nights
- July 1 (2:00 p.m.) Boat Parade (Lamoka, meet at Baptist Camp, Waneta meet at South end of lake.)
- July 8 Golf Tournament *** *the date may be changed to the 15th as the new owners of the golf course do not allow tournaments a week before or after the July 4th holiday. A few of the Board Members will be reaching out to the golf course management and report back at the October 8th meeting.*
- July 22/23 Lamoka Lake Rummage Sales/July 29-30 Waneta Lake Rummage Sales
- August 5—Pancake Breakfast 8-11 a.m.
- August 12 – Pontoon Palooza 2:00 p.m.
- Board of Director's Meetings: September 17, 2016, October 8, 2016, April 15, 2017, May 20, 2017, June 17, 2017, July 15, 2017, August 19, 2017, September 16, 2017, October 21, 2017 (All meetings are held at the Tyrone Town Hall at 10:00 a.m.)
- NYSFOLA Fall Conference October 15, 2016 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Association) Meeting. Terry encouraged Board Members to join her as the President to attend the NYSFOLA meeting to be held on October 15 at the Moonwinks Restaurant a mile north of Cuba, NY. The topics include:

--Charles Knauf—Retired Head of Monroe County Health Lab—Monroe County Remediation Projects
--Mitchell Owens—Brockport Graduate Student—Aquatic Invasive Species Survey
--Mark Emmerson—President of the Silver Lake Association—Effect Ways to Increase Association Membership
--Roxanne Razavi, PHD Post Graduate Student at FLI—Finger Lakes Institute’s Mercury Project
--Dr. Bruce Gilman—FLCC professor and Director of the Muller Field Station—Cornell University Study at Honeoye Lake on Climate Change and its Impact on Algal Blooms

Terry asked any Board Member interested in attending the meeting sign up with her at the close of the meeting.

Committees & Projects:

Terry went over the LWLA Committees and explained that three new Committees have been added to the list. The new committees included: Grants; Environmental Impact Issues; Navigational & Recreational Law. The Grants Committee responsibilities would be to investigate possible grants that would bring in money to the association to address the needs of the LWLA.

The Navigational & Recreational Law Committee would address some of the abusers of the laws regarding jet skiers, boats driving too close to docks, large fishing tournaments lining the boat launch road making it difficult to get by them on the road. This committee would work closely with Sheriff Yessman.

Board Member asked if the Board had talked about the cleaning up of the channel to allow Waneta people to go to Lamoka. Gordon Shafer responded that the DEC was contacted and they went through the channel and said it was fine and does not need clearing. Gordon also reminded the Board that they had obtained a permit to clear the channel and anyone can move debris to the side of the channel. The Committee could continue the discussion and report back at the monthly Board Meetings.

Cartha Conklin reminded the Board that she and Kurt Bischoff served on the Schuyler Watershed Committee but that does not include Steuben County. Later said that they would also cover Steuben County.

A Board Member reminded the Board that next week is “Happy Septic Tank Week” and someone responded no sh...!

Terry then asked Board Members to express their interest in serving on the listed committees. A spreadsheet of the LWLA Committee Members, Lake Address, & Phone will be sent out with the minutes. She encouraged the committee members to reach out to each other and determine a chair, meeting dates, etc. and report back at the Board of Director’s Meeting.

Cartha Conklin asked that the Pancake Breakfast Committee become the responsibility of the Board of Directors. The Pancake Breakfast is a large undertaking and needs many members and it should really be a Board of Directors Committee to help in the organization and day of the Breakfast. Cartha said that Ed & Jackie Sharpe would be willing to Chair the Pancake Breakfast Committee.

Cartha Conklin also requested that the Board be responsible for helping out at the Public Meetings on May 27th & August 26th. She also suggested that committees develop a folder of protocol, procedures and contact numbers in case the Chair can no longer or is unable to serve. The folder would allow the Committee to continue with reference to the Standard Operating Procedures for the Committee. The Pancake Breakfast has such a folder with the list of supplies and amounts, set up, etc.

Board Members all agreed and supported Cartha’s ideas.

Another Board Member suggested that the Navigational & Recreation Law Committee should be merged with the Fishing Tournament Issues as many of the topics overlap.

Board Members agreed.

Kevin Morris asked if it was possible to add a Fundraising Committee. Corinne Julian suggested we might consider merging the Fundraising Committee with the Publicity Committee. Sean Fitzpatrick reminded the Board that we need to keep in mind if we are going to raise money through the Fundraising Committee there is a purpose for the money raised.

Newsletter Committee – some members asked the process of submitting material to the newsletter. Mary Tucker agreed to send out monthly reminders to the Board to send their articles to terryallison94@yahoo.com. Terry told the Board that she begins putting the Spring Newsletter together in January.

Refer to list of Committees & Board Members.

2017 direction for lake treatment/progress of taxation initiative. Dennis Fagan spoke on the next steps.

Waneta Lake milfoil was so infrequent and light that it was decided not to treat Waneta Lake for a second year. Lamoka was heavy in the SE corner, the channel, and the deeper portion of Millpond. They are proceeding as a part of the budget process to increase the District Tax rates by 50%. If you own less than 80 feet of lake frontage your increase will go from \$90 to \$135. Greater than 80 feet of lake frontage your increase will go from \$120 to \$180, lake access will be \$90 and the wetlands \$27.

Today \$102,000 is generated in tax revenues and the increase will bring it to \$153,000.

\$11,000 for Plant Survey

\$15,000 for Septic Management

This will allow sufficient money to treat the lake and mill pond area.

Dennis is hoping to talk to DEC into not dropping the lake level at all for 2017 to allow for better containment. Last year the DEC wanted the lake level to drop 12" and Dennis convinced them to drop only 6". 2017 the hope is not to drop at all or agree upon only a 2" or 3" drop at the most. The issue with the DEC is the containment of the chemicals and the effect on the agricultural irrigation usage downstream. There is no known affect.

2016 Level was 1099 for the treatment level and after the treatment it came up to 1098.3 and continued to decrease due to lack of rain and sun absorption.

Grates do not fit properly as the water flows through, but the sediment and algae do seal the gate.

Jay White shared that some residents were asking why the golf course was able to draw water for irrigation while the lake level was so low. The owners of the golf course were told by the State that they could draw 20,000 gallons a day for irrigation without a permit and with a permit they could draw as much as they want and it would not affect our lake.

Board Member asked about the Timing. Do we need to wait until the weeds begin growing when applying the chemical? Response is yes, you want to treat the first or second week in May when the weeds are robust. The growth of the weeds is dependent upon the type of winter we experience. Last year's mild winter caused early growth.

Question was asked if it is possible to treat the weeds in the Fall. Would treating in the Fall curtail them. Gordon Shafer explained that he had asked the same question and it can be done in the Fall, but the Spring is the preferred time. Also by doing it in the Spring before Memorial Day Weekend there is less usage on the lake as opposed to the Fall where the lake usage is higher so it then becomes a safety issue.

Before treatment begins a survey test is done to see that the plants are growing robustly.

Membership: Corinne Julian will be working with Sean Fitzpatrick to update the Membership database.

Membership request letters will be sent out January 1st. Corinne also reminded the Board that the LWLA is a 501C which allows the dues to be tax deductible.

Corinne is also looking at putting a blank membership form on the website for anyone coming into the area mid-year.

Board Member asked what was the percentage of members was on the residents of the two lakes. It was estimated that we have approximately 500 paid members out of 1,000-1,100 lake residents.

A discussion was held on how to increase membership. Terry Allison explained that they have attempted to increase membership through door to door solicitation, door hanger packets, etc. A suggestion we could concentrate a recruitment membership drive in the Spring as many residents have left the area for the season.

Future Agenda Items:

- Development of a Recruitment Committee
- Development of a Fundraising Committee

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Tyrone Town Court

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Tucker, Secretary