

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

October 8, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Present: Terry Allison, Patrick Allison, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Sean Fitzpatrick, Rick Game, Al Gerth, Claude Gingrich, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Carolee Thatcher, Jay White

Guest: None

Absent: Calvin Barnstead, Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland, Jamie Gensel, Heidi Gerth, Gary Gray, Dene Karaus, Barry Pappas, Ed Sharpe, Richard Stewart, Ray Stebbins, Andy Strawhand, John Thatcher, Mary Kay Tucker, Tom Webb,

Introductions: Terry welcomed everyone and wanted to get right into things to let the members of the committees get together at end of meeting.

Old Business: Minutes from September 17 meeting were approved.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report: No physical Treasurer Report because Quickbooks stopped working after Windows 10 anniversary update. Will probably have to purchase newer version of Quickbooks. Once fixed will send report with minutes. Reviewed that only changes were a deposit of 2 donations. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report—Approved Unanimously

Membership: Thank you to Sean Fitzpatrick and Kurt Bischoff for reviewing the Membership Database and training Corinne Julian. Sean had already made the change to only send out Newsletter to paying members and a few other changes Corinne asked for. The Membership applications have been updated to a new format and will be sent out January 1st. We were not prepared to stuff envelopes because member information in database needs to be updated. Corinne started the updates by looking up the address at the Real Property websites for Steuben and Schuyler County for addresses on undeliverable report. Dennis Fagan will be providing a spreadsheet from the counties but basically need to look up each member and confirm accuracy. Ray Stebbins provided an estimated from his company for printing membership, return envelopes, mailing envelopes and stuffing along with postage. It was also suggested to check with ARC who does the newsletters. The options will be evaluated and whatever process decided on documented for the January mailing. In addition, there is a new version of a blank membership application that will be available on the website for people to fill out and send in.

2017 direction for lake treatment/progress of taxation initiative. Gordon Shafer reported on. Millpond areas over 4 feet and the channel will be treated next year. The estimated cost will be \$104,800. May go up a little because Gordon found spots not identified in Bob Johnson report. Waneta and Lamoka still in good shape related to Milfoil. Now the big native plant found in lakes is Water Celery. Total District budget for next year will be \$132,800 (\$15,000 waste water management, \$11,000 for plant study, \$2,000 administration and \$104,800 for weed treatment)

Dennis Fagan submitted proposed District Budget including tax increase to be included in Schuyler Budget. Will be working on submitting to Steuben next week. They are proceeding, as a part of the budget process, to

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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. This will be effective in January 2017 taxes. This will generate revenue of about \$153,000.

Questioned how will know who to send weed letter to for Mill Pond Treatment next year. This letter will need to go to everyone on Lamoka Lake which includes Mill Pond.

Septic Inspection Update: Some board members met with Darrel Sturgis to discuss. Darrel provided information on people who are behind on cleaning septic tanks. This information was handed out at meeting. Darrel committed to follow up focusing first on those who have never had septic tank inspected. Some people indicated they were at lake so little felt they did not need inspection. However, septic tanks that are not used erode faster.

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Committees & Projects:

Clothing- Handed out inventory sheet. Estimated value \$7,082. Cook's took in \$746 this year. He has decided to expand his stand so will not be selling LWLA clothing next year. Someone asked about children's cloths. In the past this has not been a popular item but if anyone has a specific need it can be ordered.

Navigation/Recreation Law committee will be combined with Fishing Tournament Issues.

Last meeting there was a request for Channel Inspection, Fundraising and Membership Development committees. If anyone is interested in starting any of these committees they should document what the goals would be and bring to the April meeting.

Some people were asking about Lake Level Reading. Anyone who is a backup for Corinne's husband, John, should contact Corinne and she will arrange for John to get together with them to review the procedures.

At this point Terry asked the various committees to break into working teams to discuss who would do what. Also each committee should create a folder of protocol, procedures and contact information. Each committee will give an update at April's meeting.

See who is on what committee at the end of this document or BOD job responsibilities document.

Other: Note that July Board meeting is now on July 8 and the Golf tournament moved to July 15.

Chuck mentioned that a person at the public meeting wanted to join the board but was told the board was full. Members did not understand this since Sean asked at the meeting for additional nominations to the board. Chuck will get Terry the name of this person so she can follow up.

Gary Gray provided Terry with info on Golf Carts. The Sheriff said as long as not abused people would not be stopped.

Reminder: if anyone would like to provide information/articles to Newsletter contact Terry at terryallison94@yahoo.com. Terry begins putting the Spring Newsletter together in January.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Tyrone Town Court

Respectfully Submitted,
Corinne Julian

Committees and Members: Please let Mary Tucker know if anything is incorrect or you would like to join a committee

Clothing – Chuck Rybak (Chair), Joan Rybak, Tom Webb, Ron Dixon, Ray Stebbins

Environmental Impact Issues - Al Gerth, Rick Game, Barry Pappas (Who is chair?)

Fishing Tournament Issues & Navigation/Recreation Law - Gordon Shafer (Chair), Jay White, Ray Stebbins, Claud Gingrich, Kevin Morris, Calvin Barnstead

Facebook Page/Group – Sean Fitzpatrick (Administrator), Corinne Julian (backup)

Firehouse Liaison – Al Buckland

Gary Light Memorial Pancake Breakfast – Ed Sharp (Chair), Carolee Thatcher (Publicity, coordinate servers, cleanup)

Golf Tournament – Gary Gray (Chair), Mary Tucker

Goose Control – Andy Strawhand (Chair), Kevin Morris

Grants – Jay White

Lake Testing – Ron Dixon (chair), Jay White, Patrick Allison, Tom Webb, Kurt Bischoff

Lake Level – John Julian (primary), Backups – Gordon Shaffer, John Thatcher, Jay White, Rick Game

Membership Database – Corinne Julian (Primary), Sean Fitzpatrick (backup)

Newsletter - Terry Allison (writes/accepts articles), Richard Stewart (Coordinator to Yates ARC)

Nominations – Sean Fitzpatrick

Publicity – Ray Stebbins

Watershed Steuben & Schuyler – Kurt Bischoff, Cartha Conklin

Web Site - Terry Allison to coordinate with Web Master