

# Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

June 17, 2017

**Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.** (As Terry Allison opened the meeting on a beautiful sunny morning with the lake water level up!)

**Present:** Patrick Allison, Terry Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Sean Fitzpatrick, Rick Game, Al Gerth, Heidi Gerth, Claud Gingrich, , Corinne Julian, Dene Karaus, Kevin Morris, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, John Thatcher, Carolee Thatcher, Mary Kay Tucker, Tom Webb, Jay White

**Guest:** Sam Suffern

**Absent:** , Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland , Gary Gray, Barry Pappas, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, , Richard Stewart, Ray Stebbins, Andy Strawhand

The minutes of the May 20, 2017 Board Meeting were approved unanimously with the correction of motion to spend up to \$250 on a gauge not \$75,000 to conduct a survey and correct, if needed to ensure proper lake level readings using the gauge on the bridge that connects Lamoka and Waneta Lakes.

The minutes of the May 27, 2017 Public Meeting were approved as written.

**Old Business: No Old Business**

**New Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Corinne went over the LWLA Balance Sheet as of June 17, 2017.

Total Assets – \$28,702.94

Checking Account Balance - \$2,152.23

Savings Account Balance - \$19,187.13

Total Fixed Assets - \$7,363.58

The activities since the May 27, 2017 public meeting included money was transferred from the savings account to the checking account to cover the purchase of LWLA clothing. The Association received donations totaling \$75 in memory of Benita Clarkson on Wixson Road.

**Public Meeting Feedback:**

Members shared the following feedback:

- Loved the bags that were handed out
- Not enough of the “find my boat” stickers. (This is being looked into and hopefully will be able to obtain more to be handed out at the next Public Meeting in August.)
- Dave White, Recreation Specialist, NY Sea Grant and Assoc. Director—Great Lakes Research Consortium—presentation was very good and very informative.
- Roger Ort & Laurey Peck's presentation on Solar Energy was also very informative.

Terry was contacted by Mike Kay from Loon Lake regarding the propane gas prices. Mike wanted to know if the residents of Lamoka and Waneta would be interested in a Co-op with Loon Lake.

Corinne reminded members that the problem with a co-op is you need to use a large amount and often times need to purchase your own tanks.

Other members mentioned that there are a couple of co-ops currently around the lake, but it would not hurt to check into this one. Terry will continue to check it out and get the information on the website, facebook, and if enough interest a letter to members.

### **Weed Control – Guest, Sam Suffern**

Sam explained that our lake is a eutrophic lake with a lot of nutrients and there are “new kids on the block” like parrot feathers, zebra mussels, etc. along with the history of the lakes have always been “weedy”. Our approach to the problem has always been to use chemicals, but the nutrient flow is still the same. Sam believes that the use of chemicals is an engineering solution to a biological problem. Sam is willing to do a literature search on the use of grass carp. This will be several hundred hours of researching, but he believes there is another approach to using chemicals. He only asks that if he finds that grass carp is a viable solution that the Board backs him with the legal and governmental work to present to the DEC. We would also need to do a feasibility study of the where, how to obtain them, and the stocking rate. We would need to run the costs and see how much to purchase, but the cost is up front. Once you purchase the fish the next year is no cost. Sam believes if his results are what he thinks they will be the Board build an informed consent document to go to the state to tell them what we want to do and why to get an informed consent process.

Sam cited various sections of the country having success with grass carp to control the weeds.

Members asked Terry if she had heard of other lakes in the area using this method. She was not aware of any, but will begin to ask at the October NYS Federation of Lake Association Meeting.

There were some questions and concerns raised. Gordon explained that the process Sam is proposing is exactly what the association did when they hired an outside consultant to do the research and the recommendation was the chemical treatment we are currently using.

After much discussion members felt that it is worth investigating further and see what we are up against. Sam is willing to do the literature search at no cost to the association and present his findings. Being there is no cost or risk to the association Terry asked Sam to pursue the idea of grass carp and come back to the Board with his findings and further discussion.

Terry thanked Sam for his willingness to undertake this project for the good of the lakes at no cost to anyone, as many other members volunteer their time to read and post the lake levels, etc. All to make the lakes a better place.

**Lake Treatment 2017:** Gordon did not have the official data of the result of the recent treatment. He did mention that a dock near the channel showed some improvement of less weeds after the treatment.

NOTE: Gordon sent the following update in an e-mail on June 20<sup>th</sup>, after the Board Meeting:

*We finally got the data, attached, for our sampling of June 7. It looks good, with very little movement of Renovate downstream from the treatment area. Point #250 is in treatment area D in the Bradford Channel and is still showing a good concentration of Renovate. A low concentration did show up inside the dam, but none*

downstream of the dam. Dennis and I will be taking samples in all of the locations again tomorrow----4 weeks after the treatment. Gordon

[..\June 7 Lake Treatment Results.pdf](#)

## Committee Reports:

**Clothing:** A report from Chuck told the members that he recently purchased \$370 worth of clothing merchandise and is very pleased with the new distributor. The new provider is from Watkins Glen and our profit margin should be better with the new provider. He also mentioned that he is looking into getting more women's clothing.

**Channel Inspection Team:** no discussion at this meeting

**Goose Control:** A couple of people have expressed an interest in being added to the permit and have been connected to Andy and their names have been added.

**Golf Tournament:** No Report, Gary Gray absent

**Lake Level:** Rick reported that the Lake Level was currently at 1098.75 in the range of few complaints. The lake is high and clear and unchanged from Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> before the rain. This level should be fine all summer.

**Gauge Discussion:** There seems to be a gauge discrepancy at the boat launch and the back side of Bradford dam. Terry asked members to refer to the power point sent by Terry Fish. The measurements were recorded on June 3, 2017 with no wind following 2 ½ days of no rainfall. Boat launch gauge read 1098.34 = 1098' 4.1" (engineering scale in tenths of feet. Hunt Engineers installed this gauge at the bridge and will be up next week to look at it. Bradford dam is 1099.0' NYSEG gauge at back of Bradford Dam the reading is at 1098' 3.0" (oddly enough, this scale is in feet and inches) Terry will repeat this exercise in the summer during a static water levels period for confirmation.

**Environmental Impact Committee:** Nothing reported at this meeting

**Fundraising:** Nothing reported at this meeting

**Lake Testing:** Ron reported that his lake testing temperatures have not changed since September his readings were:

Surface = 75 degrees	optical 8 feet visibility
10 feet = 72 degrees	optical 8 feet visibility
20 feet = 63 degrees	
30 feet = 58 degrees	
40 feet = 53 degrees	

He was having difficulty with the oxygen meter and has been working on recalibrating it. It might be necessary to look for a replacement. Gordon said the equipment was getting older and that it never really worked correctly to begin with. He recommended that Ron look at Cole Palmer for a replacement, as that is where they purchased the other one. Cartha asked the approximate cost of a new meter. Gordon believed it would be in the \$250 range.

Cartha made a motion that Ron be given the permission to purchase a new oxygen meter.

Seconded – Unanimously approved

Corinne reminded Ron to bring her the receipt for reimbursement.

**Membership Development:** Nothing reported at this meeting.

**Newsletter:** Nothing reported at this meeting.

**Navigational and Recreational Law:** Gordon referred to his e-mail on two gentlemen that were arrested for shooting at fishermen that got too close to their boat.

Gordon recommended that everyone read NYS Boaters & Navigational Guide that is available on line.

**Pancake Breakfast: August 5<sup>th</sup>** --There was a signup sheet available for members to volunteer. Work the Serving Tables 9-11 is filled. They are still looking for volunteers:

- Friday, 3:00 p.m. Set up Tables & Chairs
- Saturday, 7:00 – 9:00 and 9:00 -11:00 to cook Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, French Toast
- Saturday, 7:00-9:00 Setup and replace table settings as needed
- Cleanup Kitchen and put away tables and chairs, sweep and mop the fire hall floor.

Please contact Ed Sharpe at [waneta4072@aol.com](mailto:waneta4072@aol.com) or 607-292-6890

Carolee Thatcher is in charge of publicity for the Pancake Breakfast and has agreed to hang up posters around the area.

**Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps:** No report

**Other Business: None**

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Next Meeting: **July 8, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. Tyrone Town Court

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Tucker, Secretary

**Calendar of Events:** 2016-2017 LWLA Calendar of Events:

- 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 15 Golf Tournament
- 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.
- August 26 Public Meetings @ Tyrone Fire Hall
- Board of Director's Meetings: 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.