

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

October 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Jay White

Present: Cartha Conklin , Ron Dixon, Terry Fisk, Rick Game, Al Gerth, Heidi Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Gary Gray, Corinne Julian, Wayne Lynch, Kevin Morris, Barry Pappas, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, John Thatcher, Mary Tucker, Tom Webb, Jay White

Guest: Dennis Fagan

Absent: Terry Allison, Patrick Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland, Sean Fitzpatrick, Dene Karaus, Don Robbins, Chuch Rybak, Joan Rybak, Richard Stewart, Ray Stebbins, Andy Strawhand, Carolee Thatcher

The minutes of the September 16, 2017 Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented. Mary Tucker asked Board Members to check the Job Responsibilities sheet to see if they are still interested in continuing on their committee. She also asked each member to check and update their contact information. The October 28th minutes will be sent to members electronically for them to reply via e-mail to approve the minutes so they can be posted on the website by November. Otherwise, the next time the Board meets is April 21st and we would be approving the October 28th minutes in April of next year. Board agreed we could approve the October 28th minutes via an e-mail vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Treasurer's Report: Corinne Julian presented the LWLA Balance Sheet as of October 28, 2017. She explained to the members that there were no major changes.

Checking Account Balance-- \$1,351.49

Savings Account Balance-- \$21,616.49

Total Fixed Assets -- \$7,363.58 (no change from last month)

Total Assets -- \$30,331.55

Net Income \$6220.47

Approved as presented.

Corinne told the Board that the Membership Data Base is all up to date and thanked Dennis Fagan for all of his help in checking the list and updating the information.

Don Robbins, Vice President, will take over the membership data base. Corinne will be sending out membership forms December 1st and will help Don as the membership forms are returned.

Corinne will then be responsible for the financial aspects of the organization as Treasurer.

President's Report: Jay shared his information from the NYSFOLA Fall Conference held on Saturday, October 21st at Silver Lake. He went with a lot of concerns regarding weed control, lake levels, etc. There were many speakers from other associations and scientists sharing their experiences. He discovered that everyone believes we are the model association for the state and we are all experiencing the same problems with differing opinions on how to solve them. Some associations believe in cutting others believe that cutting only spreads the weeds.

Chautauqua Lake has a budget of \$1.3 million and owns 6 cutters, cargo barges, trucks, which enables them to cut, haul and dump the weeds. They did say that they did some treating and are trying a natural predator moth and weevils. Weevils will eat the weeds down, but they cannot have a cement shoreline as they need to bore in for the winter.

Gordon reminded the Board that Bob Johnson had made that suggestion when they were doing their research on treating the lakes, but he discovered that they only take a small part of the weeds away and it can take up to 10 years to see any significant results. As for weed harvesting it only spreads the EWM and it becomes worse than what you started with.

Jay asked if we got rid of the zebra mussels population would that prevent the lakes from being so clear that the sun shining on the lake bottom causes the increase in weed growth. No one really had an answer to his question.

Jay shared that some lakes draw down large amounts and it freezes the weeds. Board members concern was will the lake come back in the spring. Other lakes do weed mapping similar to our rake tosses. Keuka is renting a cutter for some of their inlets because of water chestnuts. Jay assured the association that we do not have this on our lakes yet.

Other lakes use students from local colleges to check on the weeds on boats going in and out of their lake. Jay will check with the local colleges and report back.

Jay announced the next Finger Lakes Watershed Alliance Meeting will be held November 20th at 2:00 in Geneva. Claud will check his calendar and may be able to attend the meeting.

Jay presented the **2018 LWLA Calendar** (see attached) The response from members was to have flare night and Boat Parade on June 30th because July 4th falls on a Wednesday this year. Also the calendar reflects the Pontoon Palooza is scheduled August 11th for Lamoka Lake and August 18th for Waneta Lake. This allows residents of each lake to participate in the other lakes Palooza.

Jay again contacted the DEC regarding the issue of dredging. They continue to be extremely busy with Lake Ontario and assured Jay that when they are done they will get back to him. They did tell him they are concerned with the plan to dredge near the dam and will be getting back to him to talk.

Jay again requested they consider sending a representative to the Spring Public Meeting and also getting a representative on the process and cost of personal dredging in front of homeowner's property.

Jay presented the Town of Wayne, NYSEG Project referred to as the "Little Lakes Corridor" using Grant money to acquire land along the Waneta to Keuka corridor and to develop trails and public access. This will open up the corridor to public hiking trails, open spaces, waterfront access and public access points. The group has submitted the proposal in the past and been denied funding. Dennis recommended to the committee that if they receive the funding they would need to do a planning study and he recommended that they fill it in to choke it down to a small channel so it wouldn't be as smelly as it currently is.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CLOTHING: Chuck was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted the inventory as of October 22, 2017 with an estimated retail value of \$9,108. (See attached report)

GOOSE CONTROL: No Report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Next year's Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, July 14th.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT—No Report

LAKE TESTING – Ron Dixon reported on the last two surveys he took.

Waneta Lake

August 25, 2017

Calm & Clear Day

Sound Depth – 35'

Secchi Disk – 4'

Air Temp: 64 degrees

Water Temp. Depth – 73 degrees

Temperature in Degrees	Depth in Feet	Oxygen Reading
74°	5'	98%
71.5°	10'	95%
71°	20'	94%
70.8°	30'	80%
70°	35'	17%

Lamoka Lake

August 10, 2017

Moderate, Partly Cloudy

Sound Depth – 41'

Secchi Disk – 10'

Air Temp: 68 degrees

Water Temp. Depth – 73 degrees

Temperature in Degrees	Depth in Feet	Oxygen Reading
71°	5'	99.6%
68°	10'	98%
65°	20'	95%
62°	30'	85%
52°	40'	4%

Ron is using the original gauge. He ordered parts and totally rebuilt it. He found that it works best if you go to the bottom and work up.

NAVIGATIONAL & RECREATIONAL LAW – No Report

STEUBEN/SCHUYLER WATER QUALITY REPS – Nothing new to report. We still do not have a representative for Steuben Watershed/Lake testing.

OTHER—

- Winter Projects: If you have any projects you feel the association should be addressing, please let Jay know.

- **Weed Treatment Update:** Dennis Fagan reported that Waneta has not been treated in the last two years and research shows the treated year and year one after the treatment shows remarkable decrease in weed growth, but in year two weed growth returns. This year the proposal is to treat 124.3 acres on the north end where the growth is fairly extensive. There will also be some limited treatment on the southerly east and west end. Dennis recommends that next year we set aside money to treat the south end. Dennis is hoping to submit the proposal to the DEC next week to get everything approved and to begin to treat Waneta the week of May 14th. Dennis asked the Board at what level do we want to put the stop logs at. Currently we had one stop log. We want to prevent the flow out until the end of the treatment. Board members asked how many logs we need for treatment. Dennis believes it will not affect the area because the area is at the north end of Waneta, well away from the dam. The last proposal we requested to drop the lake 6" to 1098.0. Rick asked if we are treating well north of the dam, could we drop it only 3" to 1098.3. Dennis will check the past data and if it is feasible will request to drop only 3".

Lake Level:

- Rick reported that the current level is 1098.1 at the launch and the gates are open 30", however we are expecting 2-3" rain in the next couple of days.
- He expects the level to go to 1097 ½ and the normal winter level is 1098. Board members felt we should keep the level as low as we can until the snow falls.
- Gordon reminded the Board that once we get down to 1098 the draw down begins to slow down. Recommend we leave it open as long as we can.
- Rick reminded the Board with the top of the log leveling lake @ 1098.6 in the summer a couple of dry weeks could hurt and he recommends 1098.8
- Jay would like to know exactly what we need to know regarding the gages and data to prevent hurting anyone's lake property.
- Al Gerth contacted an individual from Elmira Heights to look at monitoring cell towers that would allow a solar lake level gage to be installed at the dam, boat launch, and north end of Waneta Lake. The gages would transmit the data on the lake level to NYSEG, and our website. He also looked at installing a solar ray gage with deep water batteries to control the gates to open when the level is high and close when the level reaches the appropriate mark. The Board felt it may be too large of an expense for us to take on, but encouraged him to put a proposal together and submit it to NYSEG. By having everything automated through the gages, NYSEG would no longer have to send a representative to open and close the gates. A Board Member had a concern about vandalism to the gages, but the gages would be located in wired cage enclosures.

Future Meeting with Mr. Ives (RG&E Regional Representative)

- Jay has requested a meeting with Mr. Ives to look at the data on lake levels and stop logs along with the gages. Mr. Ives knows the lakes and has been down to the area quite a few times. NYSEG expected to divest all of its power plant property, including the dam after they obtained the non-power license several years ago. They would like the association, the DEC or some other environmental organization to take over the responsibility of the dam. It was the feeling of Board Members that this would be a big liability, and given the age of the dam would be cost prohibitive and would not even be considered by our County attorneys. Dennis suggested that if Mr. Ives wants to know if we could take over the dam we need to ask if they are they willing to pay for a new dam.
- Mr. Ives is willing to change the logs and the Board was reminded that it is our call on what we want the lake level to be at what time of the season.
- When Jay meets with Mr. Ives he asked the Board if we could compromise of having the lake level at 1098.7 and then revisit that number in the spring. The Board felt that 1098.7 would work.

- Jay will be calling Mr. Ives to set up a meeting and opened it up to any other members who would like to be included in the meeting.

- The following Board Members volunteered to attend the meeting with Mr. Ives.
 - Jay White, LWLA President
 - Dennis Fagan
 - Terry Fisk
 - Rick Game
 - Al Gerth
 - Gary Gray
 - Gordon Shafer

Calendar of Events:

- Board of Director's Meetings: **April 21, 2018** (All meetings are held at the Tyrone Town Hall at 10:00 a.m.
Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Tucker, Secretary

Lamoka Waneta Lakes Association Logo Clothing

Inventory as of 10/22/2017

Estimated Retail Value **\$9,108**

Tee Shirts \$14					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Gray					1
Navy		3	3	3	3
Red		11			
Yellow		2			1
Golf Shirts \$30					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Tan		3	1	1	
Navy		1	3		
Gray		1		2	
Green		3			2
Fleece Vests \$36					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Navy	1	5	8	2	
Full Zipper Fleece \$39					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Navy		2	4	1	3
1/4 Zipper Fleece \$39					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Navy		2	5	1	4
Visors \$13			Totes \$17		
Red	White	Navy	Tan		
3	3	2	0		
Hats \$14					
Tan/Gr	Tan/Bl	Camo	Pink		
3	4	11	4		
Aprons \$18					
Red	Green	Blue			
4	4	3			

License Plate Holders \$5 - 100 est

Can Holder \$4 - 22

LWLA Magnets \$2 - 46

Electronic Flares \$30 - 5 (3)

NEW Tee Shirts \$14				
<i>Sailboat</i>	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Grey	3	3	7	2
Blue	3	4	7	3
Red	1	1	3	
<i>Trees</i>				
Grey	3		7	2
Blue	2	2	5	3

Ladies Tees \$17					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Blue	4	4	1	4	4
Blue	2	6	5	6	3

Sweat Shirts \$29					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	2X/3X
Gray	6	2	1	6	5
Navy	2	8	9	3	
Red	2	5		5	
Tan					5

Hoodies \$39					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Red	2		2	1	
Navy	1		1		
Gray		1	2	1	

Zipper Hooded Sweats \$40					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Navy		2	4	1	2

Jackets \$34					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Royal		3	3	2	2

Denim Shirts \$36					
Colors	Sm	Med	Lg	XL	XXL
Navy		4	3	2	2

Water Bottle \$4 est 50

Palouzza Tees \$14 - 28