



Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association

Board of Directors Meeting

August 12, 2023—Tyrone Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Jay White, President.

The following members were present: Terry Allison, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Dennis Fagan, Terry Fisk, Gary Gray, Corinne Julian, Chuck Rybak, Ed Sharpe, Mary Tucker, Ward Votava, Tom Webb, Jay White

Guest: Steve Tressler

Absent: Calvin Barnstead, Al Buckland, Jamie Day, Claud Gingrich, Patty Gray, Bill Hassoldt, Wayne Lynch, Kevin Morris, Gordon Shafer, Beth Woods

July 8, 2023 Board of Directors Minutes: Motion by Chuck Rybak, Second Terry Fisk. Approved Unanimously, without any corrections.

President's Report: Jay has been asked to attend the Sylvan Beach meeting to explain the difference between the Lake District (taxes collected) and LWLA (\$20 membership dues are collected). Jay will also address this issue at the Fall Public LWLA meeting.

Vice President/Membership Report: Corinne reported in Bill's absence. Currently have 584 individual members representing 59% of possible members.

Corrine explained that an email was sent to the membership reminding them of the Pancake Breakfast on August 3rd. It was discovered that all members did not receive the email. The error occurred because the program only allows you to send an email to less than 50 in a group and 500 in an hour. We currently have 775 emails. The error has been fixed and now that we are aware of how many emails, we can send in a group we should not have the problem in the future.

Treasurer's Report: We had \$2,586 in clothing sales at the August 5th Pancake Breakfast. Currently there is \$5,414.95 in the checking account and \$64,947.34 in the savings account.

Motion to donate \$100 for the use of the fire department for the August 19, 2023 LWLA Fall Public Meeting was made by Corinne and seconded by Chuck. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by Gary Gray to withdraw \$300 from the treasury to be used for Petty Cash at the LWLA Fall meeting, and will be returned to the treasury after the meeting. second by Terry Allison.

Corinne explained the 2022 books were reviewed by Emily Hagan for the purpose the Grants Gateway program requires the treasury books be reviewed yearly. Emily made the following suggestions:

- Consider having dual signatures on checks over \$500 for all accounts or have approval noted in the minutes.
- Consider having all checks with supporting documentation reviewed at Board Meetings along with monthly bank reconciliations, bank statements and deposit slips with supporting documentation.

- Consider having more than one signer on all bank accounts. Board should authorize signers and approve annually. (**We currently have two names on the accounts—Corinne and Terry Allison**)
- Reminder to approve any petty cash withdrawals in meeting minutes as well as transfers between savings and checking accounts.
- Reminder to those submitting invoices for reimbursement to use the tax-exempt number so the association is not paying sales tax.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lake Treatment:

Eric Sinnott from Solitude wrote to Glen Sullivan who responded to Dennis and he had examined the complaints of milfoil still present in the treated areas. *Tyler and I surveyed the entire north end zone and found that 80-90% of the zone had been successfully treated for EMW. The clump that was pictured on the map in the previous email was not milfoil, but a combination of algae covered elodea, narrowleaf pondweed and an unidentified macroalgae. There was a smattering of disheveled single EMW strands across the zone, mainly close to shore between docks. However, all of the big mats we encountered during the treatment have disappeared and are now full of native eelgrass. It was windy today and the water clarity was less than a foot, not allowing us to get eyes on the majority of the zone, as a result, we did a line of rake tosses horizontally across the zone.*

Adirondack Research Institute Plant Survey for the 2024 treatment was done earlier in the week on Waneta and Chuck reported that they were on Lamoka Lake this week.

Some members are still seeing milfoil in front of their property and were wondering if another method other than the rake toss could be used to detect the spread of milfoil? Dennis responded that they have looked into other options, including drones. However, due to the clarity of the lake the rake toss is the most accurate.

NYSEG Update: No report.

Short Term Rental: The committee met with the Town of Tyrone Supervisor regarding the impact of Short-Term Rental on Lamoka and Waneta Lakes. A member asked what the motivation was for the meeting with the supervisor. Terry Allison, a member of the committee explained that they wanted to talk to him about short term rentals and how it affects our lakes to maintain and keep the lakes healthy. The main focus was on the increase use of the rental properties on the septic systems built for 6 people and 10-12 were renting the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

LWLA Fall Public Meeting Agenda: The board put together a draft of the fall public meeting agenda and will send it out for final approval. The LWLA Fall Public meeting will be Saturday, August 26, 2023 at the WAYNE Fire Department at 10:00 a.m.

LWLA Board elections will also take place at the meeting. The only two board members up for re-election are Claud Gingrich and Beth Woods. Both individuals agreed to serve another term. Other board nominations will be taken at the meeting. It was suggested that we try and encourage Lamoka Lake members to volunteer for the Board. Currently we have 14 Waneta Board Members and 8 Lamoka Lake Board Members.

NYSFOLA Fall Regional Meeting—Jay reminded the board that LWLA is the host for the meeting and asked for volunteers to serve on the NYSFOLA committee to help prepare and hosting duties for the meeting. Terry Allison, Tom Webb, and Ward Votava volunteered.

2024 Calendar of Events First Draft—Board approved the final draft of the 2024 Calendar of Events with the Waneta Rummage Sales being held in July and the Lamoka Rummage Sales being held in August. These two will alternate dates each year, but will always be the 3rd weekend in July and 3rd weekend in August. Gary Gray will get back to the board on the date of the Sean Fitzpatrick Memorial LWLA Golf Tournament. Mary Tucker will notify the Tyrone Fire Department to reserve May 25, Spring Public Meeting and August 3, Gary Light Memorial Pancake Breakfast. Gary Gray will check with the Wayne Fire Department for use of their building on August 24, 2024 for the LWLA Fall Public Meeting. (The calendar at this time is pending until approval of the dates from the Tyrone Fire Department.)

Committee Reports

- **Clothing:** Chuck ordered more Ladies XL t-shirts and totes with the new logo and they will be available for sale at the Fall Public Meeting.
- **CSLAP:** We have completed 5 testing samples as of August 6, 2023. Terry Fisk reported that the last three years the calcium level is high and we are susceptible to zebra mussels. Terry notified Alene Onion and Nancy Mueller from CSLAP that we have had zebra mussels. The response was, it was never reported. Terry went into the site and corrected the error.
Patrick O'Shaughnessy and Terry Fisk are currently putting together a power point presentation on the 2022 data with the 2020, 2021 comparison. Terry will forward a copy to each Board Member for their feedback. The presentation will also be made at the NYSFOLA Fall Regional Meeting on October 28, 2023 at Briggs Barbeque at the Boat House on Waneta.
- **Environmental Impact Chair** –no report (Calvin absent)
- **Golf Tournament:** Gary is working on a date for the 2024 tournament.
- **Goose Control:** No Report (Kevin absent)
- **HAB Report:** After the CSLAP testing on August 6th and discovering a lake-wide bloom, Terry went around and found a group of people swimming in the Sylvan Beach area. The family was unaware of the HAB and Terry explained the toxicity and told them they should all wash off and clean their bathing suits. Later that evening Terry received a call from the family and the youngest child had experienced illness and throwing up. Another group of renters on Wixson Road were also in swimming and Terry explained the HAB situation to them. The next day, Terry received a call and one of the adults was experiencing a rash.
Terry called Dept. of Health and DEC requesting warning signs that could be posted at

both of the boat launches. Many lake members are aware of HABs as Terry Fisk and Bill Hassoldt post it on Facebook, but the renters are not aware of the postings. It was suggested that perhaps we could look into a magnet on HABs similar to the one we did this year on Boater Safety.

- **Lake Level:** Last week we registered 1099.0 and the gates were opened 18” today, August 12, 2023 the reading is 1098.6 and the gates are closed. A board member asked if we are seeing any change since NYSEG repaired and dredged the dam area last spring. Terry and Jay believe that when the gates are now open the draw down seems to go faster than it did in the past.
- **Lake Management Committee:** No report
- **WAVE:** No report.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** There were 179 people who attended the Pancake Breakfast as compared to 130-140 from 2022. Ed Sharpe asked the Board to agree to the raising of the price of the breakfast. Due to the increase in food costs, it was recommended that the 2024 prices for the Pancake Breakfast will be \$10 for adults; \$5 for children, 5 and under free. Also, recommendation that we look into including home fries to the menu.
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** Both counties will be having their meeting in the next two weeks.

OTHER: Terry Allison spoke with Gordon who was in the hospital and appreciated the flowers that were sent from the LWLA and was sorry he could not put together his report for the August 12th meeting! (Motion was made online to approve the sending of the flowers.)

Ward Votava announced the passing of Ethel Warren a longtime resident of Waneta Lake and the many contributions made to the area by the Warren family.

Having no further business, a motion by Chuck Rybak and a second by Ron Dixon to close the LWLA meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Mary Tucker

Secretary, LWLA