

# Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association

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.

## SPRING PUBLIC MEETING

May 28, 2022 10:00 a.m. Tyrone Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by President Jay White. Jay introduced the LWLA Board Members and their lake affiliation.

**Treasurer Report**—Corinne Julian, Treasurer, presented the Profit & Loss Statement from August 28, 2021 to May 28, 2022. We have a total Income of \$28,549.32; total Expenses \$25,275.87 with a Net Income of \$3,273.45

**Membership:** Bill Hassoldt, Vice President—Currently we have 587 paid members of a total of 980+ property owners. Bill emphasized as an association we take care of the WHOLE lakes and not just certain sections on the lake as some people have commented on “Facebook.” Bill is the point person on Lamoka Lake and Jay is the point person for Waneta Lake. He encouraged members, if they have a question or concern, not to hesitate to reach out to Bill or Jay and they will get back to them as soon as possible.

Bill encouraged members to pay their dues NO LATER than MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure that they will receive their Newsletter and Magnet with all the information and event dates. Dues are \$20 per year.

A question was asked if a person could join the Association as a non-lake owner, EX: Seasonal Rental. Bill assured the members that they do not need to live on the lake to be a member of the LWLA.

Another question was asked if the \$20 membership fee could be incorporated into the waterfront property taxes. Although it would be easier to assess everyone on the lake the \$20 membership fee, no one wants to see any type of tax increase on their bill. There are also some members on the lake that refuse or just aren't interested in joining.

**Update on Septic System:** Josh Cole from Schuyler County –informed members that 135 letters were sent out in March to all residents in Schuyler County that need to have their septic system inspected. Another letter reminding residents will be sent in July. There are currently 28 past due accounts and their names will be turned over to the Town Attorneys. Next year Josh said he will be sending out 250 letters for those who inspection is due in 2023. Josh did mention that it is up to the resident to contact the septic tank pump contractor of their choice and notify Josh or Darrel Sturgis to be onsite for the inspection.

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Josh Cole: 607-535-6869 (Office); 607-481-0440 (cell); [jcole@co.schuyler.ny.us](mailto:jcole@co.schuyler.ny.us)

Darrel Sturgis: 607-535-8147 (Office); 607-481-0567 (cell); [dsturges@co.schuyler.ny.us](mailto:dsturges@co.schuyler.ny.us)

Please do not hesitate to contact either Josh or Darrel with any questions you may have.

Josh also mentioned that they are happy to help people with water sampling. Simply reach out to Josh or Darrel for further details.

The Town of Wayne is no longer participating in the shared services with Schuyler in Septic Inspection. Contact for the Town of Wayne inspector is Jeff Cedarstran, **Town Watershed Inspector** open Tuesday 9:am-4:00 pm, Saturday 9:00am-Noon

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There is a grant available to both Schuyler and Steuben residents to help in repairing/replacing their septic system. The grant covers 50% of the repair/replacement up to \$10,000. Josh Cole explained that he will work with people and help them obtain the grant money if for some reason your septic system fails the inspection.

**2023 Lake Directory**—Terry Allison reached out to members the 2023 Lake Directory will be published and they are looking for businesses to advertise in the directory. Forms were available at the meeting and will also be posted on the website . After the 2023 Lake Directory the updates appear in the Spring Newsletter. The directory is printed every 5 years. Terry also encouraged members to send in any photos that they can use in the Spring Newsletter. [Terryallison94@gmail.com](mailto:Terryallison94@gmail.com) OR 607-425-4245 (cell)

**Lake Treatment 2022** – Dennis Fagan reminded members that we control the invasive weeds on the lake we do not eradicate them.

Treatment will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> or later if the weather does not cooperate. We will be treating 49.5 acres on Mill Pond even though last year Mill Pond was treated, but because of the dilution level it did not take. We did negotiate a price cost shared by the district and the application company to retreat the 49.5 acres on Mill Pond. We will be treating 164.7 acres on Lamoka Lake and 61.5 acres on Waneta Lake.

We will be doing two rake tosses to quantify the bio mass weed distribution 270 sites on Lamoka lake and 170 sites on Waneta Lake. The data gathered from the rake tosses determines where we will treat the following year.

We have used the same firm to do our Plant Study since 2000, Bob Johnson from Cornell. Ten years ago, he retired from Cornell and went on his own. This year he has chosen to retire completely. Bob supplied us with photos and graphs and charged us \$11,000. This year we will be using Adirondack Research Institute who will be charging us \$12,050. So the planned \$144,000 herbicide treatment and rake tosses will now cost us \$156,000.

**Boater Safety updates and classes**-- Sherriff Allard was unable to attend the meeting, Jay announced that anyone born before on or after January 1, 1998 will need a boating safety certificate when operating a motorized vessel in 2022. They must be 14 years or older to operate a Jet Ski. Boater safety courses are available in the area and encouraged people to look

on the internet for classes and times. The course may also be taken online.

**“NO WAKE ZONE” signs** will be posted at the boat launch between the lakes and on Facebook when we have a “No Wake Zone” announcement due to flooding. Jay felt that people who do not follow the No Wake Zone warning is they do not know when it is in effect not that they don’t care.

**Goose Control Programs**—Kevin Morris explained that they scare the geese out of their nest in the Spring and spray the eggs with corn oil which prevents oxygen getting to the eggs. We need to increase the addling on Red Bank Island and the Marshland. We are looking for volunteers for next Spring and have asked people to contact Kevin at [morriskt@corning.com](mailto:morriskt@corning.com) OR 607-368-1853. He also reminded members not to feed the geese!

**Environmental Impacts Committee:** Calvin Barnstead explained that NYSEG owns the canal and the DEC has a 100-year lease for the canal. He has applied for a permit to look into leveling the two lakes so when the gates are open Lamoka does not have to wait for the water from Waneta to flow into the lake and suffer with a low level.

Calvin explained that we cannot go in and dredge the canal without the proper permission and permits. We are allowed to go into the channel and clean and remove obstacles that inhibit the channel staying 20 feet from each side. If anyone is interested in helping with the project, please contact Calvin Barnstead at [crb221008@yahoo.com](mailto:crb221008@yahoo.com) OR 607-742-3951 (cell)

Jay explained that we are constantly filling in the lake every time it rains the silt comes into our lake and the zebra mussels cleaned out the lake making it clearer for the weeds to grow. We are a shallow lake so filling in is faster than a deeper lake like Cayuga Lake. The LWLA has set a long-term goal of decreasing the bio mass in our lakes. Calvin and Jay reminded lake owners not to throw anything into the lake such as grass cuttings, leaves etc. it simply sinks to the bottom and adds to the filling of the lake.

**Lake Steward**, will be located at the boat launch between the two lakes to check boats and trailers for invasive species. If there are have invasive species on your boat/trailer a collection of the species will be bagged and tagged and you will be told to wash your boat before using the launch site.

**Invasive Species, Asian Jumping Worm** — Jay White reported on the Asian Jumping Worm. When they invade the area they consume and degrade soil which threatens the future of gardens, forests, and lawns. They are often spread by people through mulch, compost, and gardening tools. We will attempt to post more information on the LWLA Website regarding the Asian Jumping Worm.

**Gypsy Moths**—LWLA Members shared what is working for them... one item shared was to wrap the tree trunk with burlap and saran wrap and spread it with Crisco that traps the caterpillars and prevents them from getting up to the foliage. Others have used “tanglefoot” they ordered from Amazon that works the same way as the burlap and saran wrap. The

caterpillars are usually gone by mid June.

**HAB** Terry Fisk reminded members that HAB are hazardous to humans and animals. The warmer the weather, little rain, and wind are prime conditions for HAB. If you see it, stay away from it. Contact Bills Hassoldt (607-284-4130) on Lamoka Lake and Terry Fisk (607-292-6808) on Waneta Lake. The pea green or blue streaks are typically seen in July to early Fall with the warmer weather.

**LWLA Golf Tournament** – Gary Gray announced the LWLA Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 25th. Currently have room for 8 more teams.

**Pancake Breakfast**—Tyrone FIRE Hall, Saturday, August 6 from 8-11 a.m. \$8 per person. Ed Sharpe reminded members he is looking for help in setting up on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and also the day of the breakfast. Please contact Ed Sharpe at [waneta4072@aol.com](mailto:waneta4072@aol.com) OR 607-583-6505

**How can I get involved in the LWLA?** On the back of the agenda is a list of the Committees and Events that are always looking for help.

**Reminder:** July 4<sup>th</sup> Events: will take place on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Boat Parade begins at 2:00 p.m. Lamoka meets at Baptist Bible Camp, Waneta meets southeast end of the lake. RAINDATE for Boat Parade – Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Flare Night, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 p.m.

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### **Next meeting**

**Board of Directors—June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, 2022 at the Tyrone Town Hall @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Fall Public Meeting –August 27, 2022 @ Tyrone Fire Dept. 10:00 a.m.**