

# Lamoka-Waneta Lakes' Association – Board of Directors Meeting

April 21, 2018

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

**Present:** Terry Allison, Al Buckland, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Sean Fitzpatrick, Rick Game, Al Gerth, Heidi Gerth, Patty Gray (for Gary Gray), Julian Corinne, Barry Pappas, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Richard Stewart, Carolee Thatcher, Mary Kay Tucker, Jay White **Guest:** Dennis Fagan

**Absent:** Patrick Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Kurt Bischoff, Terry Fisk, Claud Gingrich, Dene Karaus, Wayne Lynch, Kevin Morris, Don Robbins, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Ray Stebbins, Andy Strawhand, John Thatcher, Tom Webb

The minutes of the October 28, 2017 Board Meeting were approved by e-mail so they could be put on the LWA Website in October rather than wait until after the April 21, 2018 meeting. There were no corrections to the October 28, 2017 minutes.

**Introductions:** Jay welcomed Board Members back for the summer 2018 year, and welcomed Dennis Fagan to update the Board on the 2018 Lake Treatment.

**President's Report:** Jay is still waiting on a meeting with Mr. Ives, (*RG&E Regional Representative*). He will continue to e-mail him and hopefully set up a meeting.

Jay asked Board Members if they have any ideas to be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Tyrone Fire Hall at 10:00 a.m. Corinne recommended that we should remind everyone that there are two Pontoon Paloozas this year for each Lake. Lamoka Lake Pontoon Palooza will be on August 11, 2018 and August 18, 2018 on Waneta Lake.) Jay mentioned that there are some changes from the DEC that will be disseminated at the Public Meeting.

Terry Allison distributed a copy of the 2018 Lake Directory to Board Members. She reminded the Board that the Directory will be mailed to members with the newsletter and magnets. She thanked Ron Dixon for the design on the cover.

**NYSFOLA:** New York State Federation of Lake Association 35th Annual Conference will be held May 4-5, 2018 at the Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center in Lake George. This year's theme is: Protecting Lakes for 35 Years - Our Past, Present and Future. Anyone interested in attending the conference, please contact Jay. The Local NYSFOLA meeting will be held at Silver Lake. Date TBD.

**Treasurer's Report:** Corrinne went over the LWLA Balance Sheet as of April 20, 2018.

Checking Account Balance-- \$2,942.76

Savings Account Balance-- \$29,524.75

Total Fixed Assets -- \$7,363.58

The activities since the October 2017 meeting included:

- Mail in filing for Tax Exemption \$4.75
- 2018 NYSFOLA Membership \$175
- 2018 Rent for Post Office Box \$62
- 2018 Lake Directory Cost \$4,409.72

Corinne also distributed the LWLA Profit & Loss Statement October 21, 2017 through April 21, 2018 showing total income of \$24,980.26, Total Operations \$2,028.44, Total Expenses \$15,280.80 for a Net Income of \$9,699.46

**Membership:** In Don Robbins absence, Corinne reported that we have more than 50% have returned their membership forms & dues.

**NYSFOLA** (New York State Federation of Lake Associations) Conference will be held on May 5 & 6 at Lake Moraine in Hamilton, NY. The first day of the conference will include a lake testing demo with actually going out on the lake. Anyone interested in attending the conference one or both of the days, please let Terry know. Cartha told the Board that this is a great opportunity to network with other lake association members.

**Lake Treatment Update:** Dennis Fagan reported the target date for Lake Treatment will take place on May 15th, subject to draw down of 3", which is better than last year's 6" draw down with no more than 8" depth in the stop logs. The Lake Survey will be done this Wednesday, April 25th to make sure the milfoil is growing for the May 15th treatment.

Rick told the Board that the gates were opened and the lake began dropping and he was hoping it would be closed today at 98.3 in anticipation for the lake treatment on May 15th. Treatment takes place at 1098.25 at the boat launch.

Rick also requested Dennis and Gordon let him know when the concentration point is met so he can share it on Facebook so residents know when it is safe to use the water for their gardens. Dennis and Gordon will send the sample points at the north end to Rick to share on Facebook.

**Septic System Update:** Dennis Fagan shared with the Board that the County has obtained a grant of a couple hundred thousand dollars that will allow residents to replace or work on their septic systems on Lamoka, Waneta, and Mill Pond.

- Dennis believes that there is no income level to apply.
- The money is only for permanent residents on Lamoka, Waneta, and Mill Pond.
- Grant is up to 50% of the repair/replacement, with a maximum of \$10,000.
- Paperwork is involved and Darrel Sturges, Watershed Inspector, is coordinating the grant.

Board recommended that Darrel present at the Public Meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Sean asked if residents who own an aerobic septic system need to be inspected 2x a year by a contractor and pumped every 5 years. Board members who own an aerobic septic system said the contractor who installs the system usually does an inspection two times a year and residents are required to have it pumped every 5 years.

### Committee Reports:

**Clothing:** No Report

**Environmental Impacts:** Barry explained the function of the committee. If the Association were to undertake a project that would bring up an issue with any environmental concern, the committee would look into the issue and come back with recommendations.

Jay has been approached by many residents on the lake asking if we should look into weed cutters as opposed to chemical treatment. Jay agreed to bring it to the Board Meeting for discussion. Members who had a history with cutting on the lakes shared that when they did cutting it only spread the weeds and seeds and it was a “lawn” effect that the weeds came back even stronger.

Dennis said that when the cutting is done it is done at the height of the season when manpower is limited to regular mowing along with weed cutting. In order for cutting to be successful, Dennis told members that you need a properly designed weed cutting system that would cost us considerably more than the current lake treatment. Some of the lakes that are using weed cutting are seeking our advice on our treatment.

Gordon reminded members that individual homeowners need to pull weeds in front of their property.

Jay asked the Environmental Committee to draw up a statement regarding the other alternatives to weed control that can be shared with the members.

**Goose Control:** If anyone would like to be added to the permit, please notify Andy Strawhand. You need a NYS license with a duck stamp. You must be on your property to shoot and make sure you have your paperwork if the DEC were to stop by! What you shoot, you must report! Andy needs everyone to keep written reports. Your name, how many shot each month (even if the number is 0 or none). We need the written reports if we want to renew our permit.

Please contact Andy monthly even if the number is 0 at:

Andy Strawhand  
48 Pencreek Drive  
Webster, NY 14580  
585-671-2613

**Addling of Eggs:** Gordon reported we still have the permit for the addling of eggs, and it can be done anytime between now and the end of June.

**Golf Tournament:** Patty reported that the Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraising:** Corinne reported that we are currently financially stable and at this time there is no need to look into fundraising.

**Lake Testing:** Ron will be putting his dock and boat in soon and will begin testing at that point.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Al reported the date for the Pancake Breakfast is August 4<sup>th</sup>, and will begin organizing in June.

**Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps:** Cartha reported there is going to be a Conservation Day on June 5<sup>th</sup> (June 6<sup>th</sup>, rain date) for area fifth graders at the Millport Rod & Gun Club. They are looking for volunteers for archery supervision of students. The more volunteers the more students will be able to participate in the archery program. Contact Cartha Conklin at [cac1550@yahoo.com](mailto:cac1550@yahoo.com)

**Other Business:** There being no other business, Al & Sean made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Next Board of Directors Meeting will be Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Tyrone Town Hall at 10:00 with the Public Meeting to be May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Tyrone Fire Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted *Mary Tucker, LWA Secretary*