

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

May 19, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Corinne Julian in Jay White's absence.

Present: Patrick Allison, Terry Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland, Cartha Conklin, Terry Fisk, Sean Fitzpatrick, Al Gerth, Heidi Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Barry Pappas, Gordon Shafer, Mary Kay Tucker, Tom Webb

Absent: Ron Dixon, Rick Game, Gary Gray, Dene Karaus, Wayne Lynch, Don Robbins, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Ed Sharpe, Ray Stebbins, Richard Stewart, Andy Strawhand, Carolee Thatcher, John Thatcher, Jay White

The April 21, 2018 Minutes of the LWLA Board Meeting were approved as written.

President's Report: No Report

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

Checking Account Balance-- \$1,808.64

Savings Account Balance-- \$31,334.85 Total Fixed Assets -- \$7,363.58

The activities since the April 21, 2018 meeting included:

- LWLA Annual Property Insurance for shed/accidents \$599.88
- LWLA Employee Dishonesty Bond (paid every 3 years) \$100
- Donation to the Tyrone Fire Department for the use of their building for the LWLA Public Meetings and Pancake Breakfast. \$400. Corinne sent a donation last year to the Tyrone Fire Department and it was never cashed. After further investigation, the check was lost in the mail. The Board agreed to having Corinne send a second \$400 donation to cover the 2017 check that was lost in the mail.

Membership: No Report (Don Robbins absent)

NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lakes Association) No Report (Jay White absent)

Lake Treatment Update: Gordon reported that the treatment took place on Monday, May 14th and Tuesday, May 15th. The treatment went well in spite of a small issue with the lake level being at 1098. DEC was upset and was not going to allow the treatment to take place. With the help of Dennis Fagan and the many phone calls he made, permission was finally granted to go ahead with the treatment. There are two numbers that determine the lake level for treatment: NYSEG Rule Curve and the FERC levels of a document that was developed in 2002. Gordon spoke with an individual from NYSEG and they are going to get together and update the FERC level document. The Rule Curve is what we basically follow. DEC and U.S. Fish & Wildlife are the only ones interested in the lake level numbers. The reality of the treatment of the lake level this year at the lower level was better. The lake was sampled on Wednesday, May 16th and Gordon had not seen the results. Dennis will be at the Public Meeting on Saturday, May 26th for the Lake Treatment update.

Gordon told the Board that they will need to begin looking for a replacement for Dennis and himself. They have been working in this position for many years and it is time to find someone new to take over. Gordon recommended the individual be someone who will coordinate with the two counties, DEC, and spearhead grants for the LWLA.

Gordon also brought up the topic of dredging. He feels that dredging is still an issue and NYSEG is not interested in doing it or contributing toward the process. Gordon believes the problem still exists with shallowness due to the silt buildup. It was suggested that dredging be put on the June Board Agenda.

Septic System Update: Darrel Sturges, Watershed Inspector, who is coordinating the grant will be at the Public Meeting on May 26th.

LWLA Public Meeting, May 26th Agenda: Jay requested the following items be added to the agenda: Calendar Update reminding people of two Pontoon Paloozas will be held this year (one on each lake); Water Level Overview; New Public Policies. Corinne requested that the Directory and Directory Supplement also be added to the Agenda. Jay will also be contacting Darrel Sturges to speak on the Septic System Grant. Hilary Mosher, Program Coordinator for the Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (FL-PRISM). A collaborative program designed to address the threat of invasive species. Housed within the Hobart and William Smith Colleges Finger Lakes Institute (FLI), contacted Kurt and they are looking for individuals around the lakes to take samples of invasive species. The Institute will supply the rake & bucket. PRISM programs are administered through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The Board agreed to have Kurt contact her and invite her to the public meeting.

Red Bank Island: It has been reported by the volunteers that do the egg addling that the Island is full of trash and was wondering if the Association could organize a “clean up”. Gordon reminded the Board that the Island is private property owned by NYSEG and cautioned the Board to get involved in sponsoring such a “clean up”. Terry asked if we could put out a statement from the Board that if you use Red Bank Island to please take care of picking up as a responsible resident on the lake. Some of the Board members felt that even such a statement would jeopardize the Association because of it being private property. NYSEG has no interest in the property as owners and has never objected to people using the property. It was agreed that if anyone is aware of using Red Bank Island that you remind them to clean up before they leave.

LWLA Website: Terry reminded the Board that three years ago they hired “Katie on the Bluff” to develop and maintain our website. The cost of the development and maintenance is minimal. Terry and Jay recently received a letter from Katie telling the Association that in order to continue with the software she uses they no longer are able to purchase the software program updates, but must pay a yearly fee of \$595 for updates to the program. In the past she was able to purchase the update and own the software, but Apple is now going to a leasing agreement with updates on a yearly basis. Katie currently works on LWLA website, FLFAA website, and Town of Tyrone website. The increase in this cost is not cost effective to lease the new software and has contacted her website clients to see if they would be interested in paying for the program lease. It was recommended that Jay contact Katie to see if the other two clients would be interested in splitting the cost of the lease agreement. Terry said many programs are going the lease route. You can no longer “own” the Microsoft product out right, you lease it and the program is downloaded to your computer. Corinne mentioned that there are other products out there and that Jay was checking into the matter. The Board felt that the website is essential and does not want to lose it. Corinne shared that we currently pay \$179 to IPower; \$17 for domain name and \$125 for Katie to maintain the website on a yearly basis.

A motion was made by Barry that we authorize Jay to pay up to \$300 to reimburse Katie for 1/3 of the cost of the software lease. Kurt Seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The LWLA Website update will be on the June Board Agenda.

Committee Reports:

Clothing: No Report (Joan & Chuck absent)

Environmental Impacts: Barry said that the Environmental Impacts Committee will be looking into dredging and other alternatives in weed control. DEC is now requesting that a permit be obtained to put down weed mats. Gordon believes that the DEC in Albany is looking into streamlining the permit process on line and they are deferring the permit process for weed mats until this is completed.

Goose Control: Reminder: 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: It was discovered during addling on Red Bank Island that some of the eggs were destroyed by muskrats.

Golf Tournament: Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 14th.

Lake Testing: No report (Ron absent)

Pancake Breakfast: Pancake Breakfast is August 4th, and will begin organizing in June.

Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps: Kurt reported the EPA, in collaboration with other Agencies is seeking demonstrations of the use of data and information from nutrient sensors to inform and improve decisions and actions that address nutrient management. The total prize amount for this Challenge is \$100,000; up to two winning teams will share the prize. This is Stage II of the challenge; Stage I was a call for action plans, which was completed September 2017. This Challenge is open to all communities and organizations in the United States regardless of participation in Stage I.

The Board felt that this would be a great way to see how much run off is coming into our lakes. Kurt will get more information and get back to the Board.

Other Business: There being no other business, Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Gordon at 11:12 a.m. Next Board of Directors Meeting will be:

Saturday, June 16th
Tyrone Town Hall at 10:00

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tucker, LWA Secretary