

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

June 16, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present: Terry Allison, Kurt Bischoff, Cartha Conklin, Sean Fitzpatrick, Corinne Julian, Wayne Lynch, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Tucker, Tom Webb, Jay White **Guest:** Bill Hassoldt

Absent: Patrick Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Al Buckland, Ron Dixon, Terry Fisk, Rick Game, Al Gerth, Heidi Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Gary Gray, Dene Karaus, Barry Pappas, Don Robbins, Ray Stebbins, Andy Strawhand, Carolee Thatcher, John Thatcher

Minutes of the May 19th Board of Director's Meeting and the May 26th Public Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

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 still had not heard from Hugh Ives regarding the update of a plan with the DEC regulations and NYSEG regulations. Gordon did happen to get in touch with him and had the opportunity to speak with him regarding the fiasco with DEC and this year's lake treatment. Gordon believes that the LWLA Committee meet and develop a plan and then meet with Mr. Ives. It would be easier to have a plan to present and then can make the adjustments rather than start from scratch. The following Board Members have agreed to serve on the Committee:

- Terry Fisk
- Rick Game
- Al Gerth
- Kevin Morris
- Gordon Shafer
- Jay White
- Dennis Fagan (Committee requests he be added to the list)

PONTOON PALOOZA: Jay noted that the Pontoon Paloozas were announced with the dates: August 11th on Lamoka Lake and August 18th on Waneta Lake. There were dates, but no times. The TIME for both Pontoon Paloozas is 2:00 p.m. the time will also be noted on the LWLA Website.

Vice-President's Vacancy: Due to the resignation of Don Robbins as Vice-President of the LWLA, the By-Laws allow the Board of Directors to appoint an individual to complete the term. Jay was approached by Bill Hassoldt, after the Public Meeting on May 26th, and he is very much interested in serving on the Board as the Vice President. Jay introduced Bill who has been a resident of Lamoka Lake since the 1960's and wants to get involved in the LWLA. Terry Allison & Kurt Bischoff made a motion that Bill be accepted as a Board Member for the 2017-2018 Calendar year. Approved Unanimously
Terry & Kurt made a motion that Bill Hassoldt be appointed as the Vice-President of the LWLA to complete Don Robbins term for the 2017-2018 calendar year. Approved Unanimously

Finger Lakes Region Watershed Alliance: Jay will be attending the meeting and will report back at the next Board of Director's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne presented the LWLA Balance Sheet as of June 16, 2018.
Checking Account Balance-- \$1,343,47
Savings Account Balance-- \$29,527.51

Total Fixed Assets -- \$7,363.58

The activities since the May meeting included:

- 2018 Donation to Tyrone Fire Dept. for us of facilities \$400
- Flowers for Rybak Family and Rick Game
- Batteries for Flares \$85.97
- Additional Mailing of Newsletter, Directory, Magnet \$20.34
- Ultimate Apparel Clothing Restock \$400

Membership: Corinne asked if there is anyone who has not received their membership packet, and has paid their dues, please let us know. She is also updating the Data Base with changes as she receives in preparation for the yearly supplement to the directory. Those names in the directory that do not have an address it will not include the tax ID number.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lake Treatment Update: Gordon reported that the Lake Treatment Concentration is still high in Waneta Lake. The Renovate concentration at the north end was 43.1 parts per billion and at the south end, 48.6 parts per billion. The drinking water standard for Renovate is not to exceed 50 parts per billion. You can use water from the lake for potable purposes. The next sample will be taken after the July 4th weekend.

Question arose regarding the treatment of Sylvan Beach. Gordon replied that Sylvan Beach was not treated because their milfoil concentration was not high enough. They have a high concentration of curly leaf pond weed that does not choke off the waterways, although it may be a nuisance, it does die off.

Jay is gathering information from the Keuka Lake Board who have/will treat the northern end as they are attacking water chestnut.

Kurt contacted Hillary Mosher regarding the water chestnut on Keuka and she reported that the area has not been mapped. Kurt attended a training that showed them how to download the app. All that is required for mapping is to download the app, take a photo, and send it.

Lake Level: The current level is 1098.7 after the recent rain. It has been stable between 1098.45 to 1098.6 There is nothing flowing out of the dam until the concentration is lower.

NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Associations) Conference Jay will report out at the July meeting.

Other: Terry Allison reported that at the last Board Meeting we agreed to offer the website coordinator 1/3 of the cost of the rental of the new software. The website coordinator recently contacted Terry and the Yates County Library System purchased the whole contract so the LWLA does not need to contribute to the software rental this year.

Corinne shared the letter she received and had sent Board Members a copy. The Governor expanded both Waneta & Lamoka lakes as areas in danger of algae blooms along with Seneca, Keuka, and Canandaigua. The grant is \$60 million and the program will be developed and the expansion allows Lamoka and Waneta to be notified.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Hassoldt shared that he had been in contact with Brad Hammers in Avon concerning the issue of alleviating the weeds through the use of grass carp. He is not optimistic it will happen on our lakes because they have success in ponds, but not in lakes. Brad will check with a representative from Albany and get back to us with the report. Bill had a friend who used grass carp in a 21 foot pond. He was approved for 50 and put in 25. The ate all the weeds, turned the pond green, and the carp are still looking for weeds and are getting down into the mud for roots. The friend removed 12 of the 25. Bill will continue to gather information.

Gordon reminded the Board that Sam Suffern had proposed the same idea at last year's public meeting. However, the standard DEC answer is: "no because the fish cannot be contained within the lake." Sam will present some additional information at a future Board meeting.

Rick Game and the Rybaks thanked and appreciated the flowers they recently received from the Association.

Committee Reports:

Clothing: Chuck & Joan reported that sales were good at the public meeting and they have a wide variety of items. They recently ordered towels for the July 14th Golf Tournament and believes there will be extras to be offered at the August public meeting.

Environmental Impacts: No Report

Goose Control: Reminder to everyone you need to keep written reports with your name, how many shot, even if the number is 0.

Golf Tournament: Applications are out for the July 14th Golf Tournament.

Lake Testing: No Report

Pancake Breakfast: is August 4th. There is a need for volunteers for setup, serving, and tear down.

Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps: Cartha & Kurt reported that Conservation Day on June 5th was a great success.

Other Business: Kurt spoke to the EPA Challenge to monitor phosphates and nutrients. If we participate we would be expected to pay for the monitors at a price of \$12,000 and request that it be done in two areas. It is possible to borrow the monitors, if there are monitors available. The Plan is not so much gathering the data, but what are you going to do with the data. Kurt suggested that if this is something we are interested in we should develop a plan and it may not be worth our effort and the money.

Board Members believe we need the facts in order to develop the plan. It was noted that it would be cheaper to take our own sample and take it to the lab and let them know what we would like it tested for. A Board Member recommended that we check with colleges to see if they would be interested in gathering the information. Another Board Member reminded members that Ron Dixon has a container to collect the samples.

It was the recommendation of the Board that the issue be referred to the Environmental Impact Committee for further discussion.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. (Sean & Chuck)

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

Saturday, July 21st
Tyrone Town Hall
10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tucker