

# Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

July 21, 2018

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

**Present:** Terry Allison, Patrick Allison, Kurt Bischoff, Terry Fisk, Heidi Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Gary Gray, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Wayne Lynch, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Carolee Thatcher, Mary Tucker, Jay White

**Absent:** Calvin Barnstead, Al Buckland, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Sean Fitzpatrick, Rick Game, Al Gerth, Dene Karaus, Barry Pappas, Don Robbins, Joan Rybak, Ray Stebbins, Richard Stewart, Andy Strawhand, John Thatcher, Tom Webb

Minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Director's Meeting was approved with the correction that Ron Dixon has a container not a meter to collect the samples and Barry Pappas was absent from the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**President's Report:** Jay has been approached by some lake residents to have a Poker Run in the Fall and a Waneta/Lamoka Triathlon in the Spring to bring the two lakes together in addition to the Pontoon Paloozas held in the Summer. Just some suggestions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Corrinne presented the LWLA Balance Sheet as of June 16, 2018.

Checking Account Balance-- \$1,877.48

Savings Account Balance-- \$29,528.68

The activities since the May meeting included:

- Only new income is from new member dues.
- We have had \$3,800 in donations this year.

**Membership:** We have roughly 55% membership of eligible lake residents.

Corinne also requested that your membership dues for 2019 be paid by January 1<sup>st</sup>. This will save us mailing and postage to remind members to pay their dues!

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Lake Treatment Update:** Gordon reported that the Lake Treatment on Waneta has been very effective on the Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). Algae has taken over in some areas.

Lamoka treatment is not as effective. EWM is getting bad in Lamoka, and the treatment at the north west area has had little to no effect. Monitoring had been done every two weeks and they are now doing it every three weeks.

Jay reported that some people are still confused between EWM and coontail. There is curly-leaf pond weed located behind the Red Bank Island area. Kurt reported seeing several EWM plants in Fleet Cove.

**Lake Level:** Gordon reported for Rick. The current level is 1098.6 to 1098.7 which is right at the normal target range in spite of the lack of rain. (This report is from late June, early July before the recent week of rain, July 22<sup>nd</sup>) There is nothing flowing out of the dam.

Gordon spoke about the July 17, 2018 Draft Plan for Lake Level Management based on historical operation by NYSEG and The Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Association and the Draft of the December 9, 2017. Dennis Fagan suggested to Gordon that the Committee meet with both the DEC and NYSEG at the same time. DEC determines what the lake level should be and is the determining factor in the level at lake treatment time. The lake level group should meet together and then send the "Lake Level Plan" to DEC and NYSEG and ask them if they agree or disagree with the plan and then, if necessary, set a date to meet and discuss the talking points.

Gordon reminded the Board that you can only draw down to about 1097.7. The channel on Mud Creek gets lower and shallower due to weeds and silt. We don't get enough water flow to clean it and recommends we look at dredging. We need someone to champion the dredging issues. The Association needs someone, (champion/team leader), to call and sit down With the NYSDEC to determine what we must do to pursue dredging. Emails and calls from Jay and Gordon to the Dec, Peggy Norry have resulted in no action.

**NYSFOLA** (New York State Federation of Lake Associations) October 20, 2018 at the Silver Lake Golf Club. Registration deadline is October 11th.

AGENDA for Western Regional Conference:

1. Honeoye Lake Inlet Restoration Project and the Loon Lake Wetlands Restoration Project
2. Honeoye Lake Climate Study by Cornell University and Finger Lakes Community College
3. Harmful Algal Bloom Initiatives in Western New York – Updates on Honeoye, Conesus and Chautauqua Lakes

*If you are interested in attending, please let Jay White, President know.*

**Other:** A member asked if they regularly clean out the channel between Lamoka and Waneta Lake. Gordon explained that it is regulated wet land and according to DEC it does not need a "clean out/permit", but you can move anything that is hazardous and a safety issue.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

## **Committee Reports:**

**Clothing:** Chuck reported they are having difficulty with their current supplier. They ordered golf towels for the tournament and due to numbers being transposed in the order and the cost, only 9 towels were shipped. Chuck and Joan are currently looking for a new supplier. They felt that her prices were ok, but she was never able to make deadlines. He is looking for someone who has catalogs and is reliable. At the present time they will continue to use the current supplier until they find a replacement.

**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:** Very successful. Gary reported that this was the first year they had to turn away two teams. There were a total of 15 teams that participated.

**Lake Testing:** No Report

**Pancake Breakfast:** is August 4th. There is a need for volunteers for setup and tear down. Carolee Thatcher has all the servers organized.

**Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps:** Kurt reported in lieu of their meeting they had a "pull party" for water chestnut in the Hector Area. Kurt explained that the weed has a nut on it and when the nut falls it produces a new plant. The object is to pull the weed before the nut matures, which is usually in August. It is easy to pull. As of this date, there is no sign of water chestnut in our lakes. However, fliers and a poster regarding water chestnut will be at the Pancake Breakfast and the August Public Meeting. Invasive Species photos and information can be found on our website: *click on Resources, then choose Aquatic Plants: The Good & The Bad.*

**Other Business:** Dennis Fagan is following up on the alternative chemical to renovate for our lake treatment. The alternative treatment is being submitted to the DEC for approval and hopefully (optimistic) will be approved before we treat next year.

Sam Suffern has a PowerPoint presentation on Grass Carp that he will be presenting to the Board, hopefully at the August or September meeting.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Unanimous

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Tyrone Town Hall

10:00 a.m.

**Public Meeting:** August 25, 2018; 10:00 a.m. at the Tyrone Fire Hall

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Tucker*

Secretary, LWLA