

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

October 27, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: Calvin Barnstead, Cartha Conklin, Sean Fitzpatrick, Rick Game, Al Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Bill, Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Barry Pappas, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Carolee Thatcher, Mary Tucker, Jay White

Absent: Patrick Allison, Terry Allison, Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland, Ron Dixon, Terry Fisk, Heidi, Gerth, Gary Gray, Dene Karaus, Wayne Lynch, Don Robbins, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Ray Stebbins, Tom Webb

Minutes of the September 15, 2018 Board of Director's Meeting approved as presented.

President's Report:

Jay asked members if anyone watched the Webinar on Hydro Raking. A couple of members had watched it and every load you take out you need to haul away. It was the assumption of those members who watched it that the company sponsoring the Webinar would take care of any permits, hauling, etc. After a brief discussion, there did not seem to be any interest in pursuing Hydro Raking at this time.

NYSFOLA Conference Report: Jay and Bill both attended the Conference and found it interesting and informative.

There was a discussion on "muck" hauling. The "muck" is at the end of the lake and it prevents water flow to the dam. The location of the "muck" is on NYSEG property. It also becomes a problem when we want to draw down for treatment. If the lake gets too high it flows over the "muck" and if it is too low it gets stuck.

Gordon said that they had removed the "muck" many years ago when they thought it was gravel, but then discovered that there was a small amount of gravel and the majority of it was silt and "muck" and weeds. A discussion on "muck" removal found that there is a company that has the permits to haul the "muck". Bill Hassoldt, Vice President, works for a company that will haul the "muck" and charge only the fuel costs to transport it to Bath. Gordon mentioned that if you remove the "muck" and put it on the side and leave it on the bank there is no charge, but a permit is still needed to dredge the material from the channel.

Jay and Bill also shared from the NYSFOLA meeting that all of the lakes are filling in and having trouble with weeds. Phosphates are stored in the silt that has been there over hundreds of years. When the wind blows it disturbs the phosphates that cause the weed growth.

Jay and Bill discovered that Honeoye Lake (1,772 acres) is very similar to Waneta Lake (813 acres) in that we have the same deep spot in the same location even though they are 959 acres larger. We are collecting data as the other lakes are doing, but not being a member of CSLAP no one sees our data so we don't qualify for available money. By joining CLASP they will help us with the collecting of the data and testing. Jay and Bill also discovered that we were the only lake that was not in the CSLAP. Being a member of CSLAP allows us to share in the information, data and money that become available. There is a fee for membership, but if we join now we would be eligible for the 2019 grant year.

Gordon cautioned the members that if we choose to join we need to find someone to take charge of the project and be vigilant with the responsibilities that are needed in becoming a member.

Jay asked if the Board wanted him to look into the cost of becoming members and report back in April. After discussion it was felt that in order to become eligible for the 2019 grants the April meeting would be too late

and requested that Jay look into the membership fee now and the Board made a motion to give him permission to join if it is not more than \$1,000 rather than wait until the April meeting. Calvin Barnstead made a motion to give Jay permission to join CSLAP at a cost of no more than \$1,000. Seconded by Carolee Thatcher. Approved Unanimously.

Jay and Bill also mentioned that Honeoye has two buoys that read their data and also have them at the end of people's dock to measure the water temperature. Honeoye also installed a sewer treatment facility plant that removed a huge amount of phosphates and residents hooked on to the sewer. Jay also had the opportunity to speak with people on Keuka regarding the cost of harvesting for Water Chestnut and he was told that it cost \$20, 000 an acre.

A copy of the 2019 LWLA Events and the Board of Director's Meeting dates was distributed. *(refer to the LWLA website for the dates of Events and Board of Director's Meetings.)*

Jay spoke with Paul Reiser, Town of Tyrone Historian, and has invited him to the Spring Public Meeting, Saturday, May 25th at the Tyrone Fire Department at 10 a.m.

Vice President/Membership Report: The LWLA Membership notice will be sent out in December and this year paying by credit card is an option.

Treasurer's Report: Corrinne presented the LWLA Balance Sheet as of October 27, 2018

Checking Account Balance-- \$3,039.39

Savings Account Balance-- \$29,532.40

Total Fixed Assets -- \$7,363.58

Total Assets: \$39,935.17

Treasurer's report unanimously approved as presented.

Corinne reported that she has been collecting new membership dues, and because of the lateness in the year she has credited the membership to 2019.

Jay asked about the mailing cost for membership and how can we begin saving money on mailings? The hope is that paying dues online may cut down on the mailing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Credit Card Update: Corinne discussed the annual cost of the credit card on LWLA Dues. This is still a learning process and she has negotiated lowering the fee. It was also discovered that if you don't log into the mobile device we are not charged. As discussed at earlier meetings, we will evaluate the use of accepting credit card for dues and clothing. The Board will look at the data in April on membership then again after the May public meeting for clothing purchased using credit.

An e-mail and Facebook announcement will remind people that if you are interested in purchasing LWLA clothing as Christmas presents, you can now purchase clothing using a credit card.

Website: People are joining the LWLA Facebook and then advertise their business/company, selling crafts, and real estate. Sean asked Board Members if we should consider preventing people from posting these items. If the LWLA Facebook Page is designed for lake related information, do these items belong on our Facebook Page? Board Members suggested that guidelines be developed with a mission statement. Board Members were reminded that this does not include the "fans" of Lamoka Lake, that is separate from our page.

Sean agreed to come up with guidelines and write a mission statement and will present at the April 2019 Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

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Committee Reports:

Clothing: No Report. It was mentioned that Chuck is willing to meet anyone interested in purchasing clothing before Christmas and does have the square to accept credit card purchase.

Environmental Impacts: Barry distributed a handout on the limitations of the Pack Test Kits. Further discussion will be determined on LWLA joining CSLAP.

Goose Control: Kevin spoke with Andy and he is no longer interested in heading up the Goose Control Committee. Kevin will now chair the Goose Control Committee.

Lake Level: Rick reported the gates are open at 1098.8 and the conversation yesterday with NYSEG was that the gates will remain open until it reaches 1098.5 or until November 30th.

Gordon reported on the meeting with NYSEG. "The Plan", including a new rule curve, was presented to NYSEG. They will go back and review our plan and suggest any changes before it is submitted to the DEC. Also NYSEG would repeat their survey to include the dam spillway and notch as a check/confirmation of our survey. Rick and the lake level team will follow up with NYSEG to finalize a lake level management plan including draw down.

Gordon shared a postcard addressed to LWLA members in 1968 where they had approached NYSEG to lower the lake to 1096 during October; they reached 1096.5. 1096 would allow a great freeze and help with weed control.

Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps: Cartha reported that the next meeting is in November.

Other Business: Mary Tucker reminded Board Members that the October Board Meeting Minutes will be approved via e-mail so they may be posted on the LWLA Website before the next meeting, April 20, 2019.

Meeting closed at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tucker, LWLA Secretary