

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

April 27, 2019

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

Present: Terry Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Terry Fisk, Rick Game, Claud Gingrich, Patty Gray (for Gary Gray), Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Barry Pappas, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Tucker, Tom Webb, Jay White

Absent: Patrick Allison, Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland, Al Gerth, Heidi, Gerth, Dene Karaus, Wayne Lynch, Kevin Morris, Don Robbins, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Ray Stebbins, Carolee Thatcher, Paula Wright

Minutes of the October 27, 2018 Board of Director's Meeting approved as emailed so they could be put on the LWLA website prior to the April 27, 2019 meeting.

President's Report:

Jay read a letter from the family of Gary Light, for whom the August Gary Light Memorial Pancake breakfast is held each year. Gary has been gone four years and the original pancake breakfast was Gary's idea. He felt it would bring members of both lakes to share and meet each other over a meal. Today the breakfast is still very well attended by both lake residents. Corinne mentioned that there was a photo of Gary that was displayed at the past pancake breakfast events and should be in the storage shed. Ed said he would check and Terry offered to contact the family for a photo so that at this year's Gary Light Memorial Pancake breakfast it can be displayed.

Jay also asked if the Board was still interested in having Paul Reiser, Town of Tyrone Historian, to speak at the Spring Public Meeting, Saturday, May 25th at the Tyrone Fire Department at 10 a.m. Board members were interested and Jay will meet with Paul to go over the agenda and time frame of his presentation.

Vice President/Membership Report: Membership is currently at 57% of eligible members. Twelve people paid by credit card that did not pay dues in the past, eight people who did not pay dues last year used the credit card option to pay this year's dues. There were donations totaling \$130 that came in with dues.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne presented the LWLA Balance Sheet as of April 20, 2019

Checking Account Balance-- \$1,018.98

Savings Account Balance-- \$38,844.23

Total Fixed Assets -- \$7,363.58

Total Assets: \$47,226.79

Corrine also distributed a Profit & Loss statement from October 27, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

Treasurer's report unanimously approved as presented.

Corinne also presented the members with the MerchantOne Credit Card Summary. Only about 87 members paid by credit card and 400+ paid by cash/check. We paid an annual fee for service in December of \$100. The LWLA needs a bench mark between \$200-\$300 in sales to decrease the minimum monthly fee. Corinne did feel that the Credit Card Company is very good to work with and has decreased some of the fees and is working on eliminating some of the other fees due to our seasonal business and being a non-profit. It was agreed at the beginning of the credit card trial venture that we would go through a year and then revisit the effectiveness of a credit card. Some Board Members believe that the credit card use in the future will grow because many of the "younger" generation do not use cash or checking accounts and rely solely on credit/debit cards.

Corinne also mentioned that one individual suggested we raise the dues to \$50 a year. The Board discussed the pros and cons of raising the membership dues, but it was felt at this time the \$20 membership fee is reasonable and affordable. The goal of the Board is to have 100% membership and felt that perhaps raising the dues might deter people from joining. The Board will revisit the raising of the membership dues if and when the enrollment nears the 100% mark.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter & Magnets: Terry Allison reported we used Horseheads Printers this year that also included the addition of the Directory inside the Spring Newsletter. Horseheads Printers took care of the layout of the newsletter, calendar magnet and the envelopes along with the bulk mailing.

Corrine mentioned that there is now a new classification of bulk mailing that she is looking into, a non-profit mailing rate. She discovered that if you use Bulk Mailing Rate the mail is not forwarded and ends up in junk mail, which is eventually thrown out. Corinne is working with the post office to determine the best and most efficient method for the LWLA mailings.

Lake Treatment: Gordon reported for Dennis Fagan. Dennis has had some health issues, but has been working on the 2019 treatment plan. Glenn Sullivan from Solitude Lake Management, who was the only bidder for this year's treatment of Lamoka Lake, has completed the paperwork (23+ documents and copies) and has submitted them to DEC.

ProcellaCOR has been approved by NYS DEC and our application was submitted for the use of ProcellaCOR, which is less restrictive in application than Renovate 3 we have used in the past. ProcellaCOR may be applied in May, June, or July and there is no need to lower the lake. The optimal time is spring when the weeds are not as large. With ProcellaCOR we are able to treat 35% more of the lake because of the cost. We have \$124,000 available for the treatment, we would like to have more money to be able to treat all of the lake, but that would require almost double the current funds. Corinne suggested that perhaps at the end of the year the LWLA Board should look at our savings account to see if we can give more money towards the lake treatment.

Envelopes have been prepared and are ready when a date has been set for treatment, and will also be posted on the LWLA website.

Once the treatment has been completed we will be looking for people to do sampling in the lake and at the Bradford Dam beginning the first day after the treatment.

Gordon also reminded the Board that we will be looking for new people to serve on the Lakes' District Commission. Members are appointed by the Schuyler County Legislatures to serve as Board Members.

NEW BUSINESS

NYS Pollution Prevention Institute 2019-2020 Grant-- is designed to help in the stopping of pollution in the lakes. We are eligible for up to \$20,000. The Board is looking for someone to help with grant writing. Deadline for grant submission is May 31, 2019. The Grant application can be found on the website. Terry agreed to check with his wife who writes grants and see if she would be interested in helping out the LWLA.

Committee Reports:

Clothing: No Report.

Environmental Impacts: Barry is testing for Nitrogen and Phosphorous –identifying the areas and monitoring the water leaching in from the farm lands. The Board felt that as lake residents and stewards of the lake, we need to stop what is leaching into our water. If you see something that is wrong, you need to report it.

Goose Control: Andy Strawhand has passed away and Kevin Morris has agreed to take over Andy's position. Kevin sent in the following report:

Kevin did not receive the files from Andy before he passed, or get all the details of how to put together the permit. He has talked with the US Fish and Wildlife in Hadley, MA and the USDA—Western District in Syracuse. The people in Hadley were kind enough to send last year's permit application. Here are the key points:

- The application is almost complete and next week he hopes to send the completed application to the USDA and they will send back a Form 37. Kevin will then send the application and the USDA form to the US Fish and Wildlife for a permit.
- Most recent permit ran from October 2017 through September 2018. So we are currently expired, but they will allow us to submit for a renewal, which is quicker than a brand new application. So for now—NO permit is in place and NO hunting.
- It will likely take a couple of months for approval, so that will bring us to late June.
- A check for \$100 to cover the application fee made out to US Fish and Wildlife Service is needed. (Bill Hassoldt made a motion that the Board approves the \$100 application fee, seconded by Calvin. MOTION Unanimously approved)

WILDLIFE SERVICE:

Kevin needs the following help getting the list of those willing to hunt:

So far Kevin has: Matt Katzman, Gordon Shafer, Kevin French, Henry Smith, Kevin Morris

From previous permits: John Roof, R. Kramarik, J. Phillips, T. Pease, J. Parish, R. Wingate, D. Fagan, N. Theetge, M. Theetge, B. Clark, R. Sparling. Kevin will contact these individuals to see if they are still interested in being on the permit.

(A card and flowers will be sent to the Strawhand Family on Andy's recent passing)

Lake Level: Rick reported the gates are open 24" on each side with the level at 1098.4. NYSEG is coming to close the gates because it is too low. We are expecting snow and rain for the next week or two so it should correct itself.

Rick and the team are having a meeting with NYSEG here on May 9th to get approval for the plan that was submitted. DEC should not have any issues with the plan, so it is now up to NYSEG for their approval.

Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps: Next meeting is in May and Cartha will report back at the May 18th Board Meeting.

Other Business: The following topics were suggested for the May 25th LWLA Public Meeting:

- Lake Treatment—Dennis or Gordon
- Channel between the lakes –what are the options – Barry Pappas
- Pancake Breakfast

Meeting closed at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tucker, LWLA Secretary