

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

June 22, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Jay White

Present: Terry Allison, Kurt Bischoff, Terry Fisk, Rick Game, Al Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Gary & Patty Gray, Kevin Morris, Barry Pappas, Chuck & Joan Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Mary Tucker, Paula Wright, Jay White

Absent: Patrick Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Al Buckland, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Sean Fitzpatrick, Heidi Gerth, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Dene Karaus, Wayne Lynch, Ed Sharpe, Ray Stebbins, Carolee Thatcher, Tom Webb

Guest: Maddy Allison

Minutes of the May 18, 2019 Board of Director's Meeting was approved as presented.

President's Report:

Jay read the DEC answers to the concerns brought by Barry and Al of using ProcellaCOR for the treatment of Lamoka Lake this year.

1. No specific toxicity testing was required or conducted for amphibians or reptiles which are ubiquitous in wetlands, but test results from invertebrate, avian, mammalian, and other test species would be expected to serve as representative surrogate species for amphibians and reptiles.

SePro Response: *A supplementary acute toxicity study on tadpoles of a freshwater amphibian species (*Xenopus laevis*) was submitted to USEPA (EPA MIRID #49931501) and showed no toxicity up to the functional solubility of the active in the assay (67.6 ppb.ai).*

Also a full review of aquatic plant selectivity data has been made by NYSDEC as part of the approval process for ProcellaCOR use in New York State. NYSDEC states '...the well-demonstrated selectivity of florpyrauxifen-benzyl towards invasive species at relatively low application rates make it a promising tool for the management and restoration of the local aquatic-flora'

2. Do not apply where runoff or irrigation water may flow directly onto agricultural land other than rice fields. Do not permit spray mists containing Procella COR EC to drift onto desirable broadleaf plants. Except for crayfish, do not fish or commercially grow fish, shellfish or crustaceans on treated acres during the year of treatment.

SePro Response: *This is an artifact of the aquatic label's approval simultaneous to approval of the active for use in rice agriculture. Due to nuances of EPA administrative process, a non-state registered ProcellaCOR EC label with EPA has rice use directions as noted in the link, and it is common practice to have crayfish cultured on former rice fields in Louisiana in particular. Data specifically relevant to crayfish aquaculture rotation was submitted to EPA but not for other possible aquaculture uses. This language is not referenced on aquatic labeling that states no restriction for fishing. EPA concludes: 'With respect to non-target risks, florpyrauxifen-benzyl has no risk concerns for non-target wildlife...' and that "The toxicity profile for florpyrauxifen-benzyl identifies no risks of concern to human health from any route of exposure.*

The Association continues to look for other options and is open to any and all suggestions. Gordon reminded the Board that the object of treatment is not to eliminate all of the weeds. It was also suggested that weed mats have helped people to control the weeds at the lakefront.

Another member reminded the Board that last winter was a wet year, gates were open 12" for a level of 1098.0 or slightly below and many of the weeds may have been frozen out, other members said they did not see a decrease in the weeds. There has been some milfoil and curly leaf pond weed.

Paula asked when we would see the results of the treatment. Gordon responded we should be seeing the results the day after treatment and more a week after treatment on the milfoil.

There being no further questions or discussion, the target date for treatment of Lamoka Lake will take place on June 25th.

Vice President/Membership Report: In the absence of Corinne and Bill, Mary reported the Membership Report and Treasurer's Report.

Membership is at 56% with 546 paid members out of 979 total members. This is up from last year. It seems we increase by 2% a year.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne sent the LWLA Balance Sheet as of June 15, 2019

Checking Account Balance-- \$1,663.98

Savings Account Balance-- \$33,847.60

Total Fixed Assets -- \$7,363.58

Total Assets: \$42,875.16

Treasurer's report unanimously approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Payment to Glenn Sullivan of Solitude—Gordon reminded the Board that Glenn needs to be reimbursed for his time, and all of his expertise in the preparation of the grant to DEC for treatment. Glenn resides in New Jersey and made the trip up to the area to submit the grant to DEC only to be told that he needed to wait until the next morning, which required him to stay overnight. Gordon and Dennis will meet with Glenn to determine a fair price for the amount of work that was done.

Paula asked who will be responsible for preparing next year's grant. Kevin agreed to help out with next year's grant and had actually did help out some with this year's grant. Gary Gray, who is currently running for Schuyler County Legislature, currently held by Dennis Fagan, who is retiring also agreed to help out. It is imperative the Schuyler County Legislature help with the approval of the grant.

Terry reminded the Board that we have been blessed to have had the expertise of Dennis Fagan and how Dennis has never taken, nor asked to be paid for the work he did. We are going to eventually pay for an engineer to help us with future grants.

Gordon made the motion for the Board to approve up to \$1,000 for the reimbursement of Glenn Sullivan's time, travel, and expertise in preparing the ProcellaCor Grant to the DEC.

Second by Kevin. Motion Carried (14 yes 2 no)

Committee Reports:

Clothing: Chuck reported they are fully stocked and in great shape for the rest of the year. He currently has a \$566 invoice credit from the former supplier, but is having a difficult time getting in touch with her. She is currently out of business. Board recommended Chuck send her a registered letter requesting the \$566 credit

be returned to LWLA. If there is no response the Board agreed to take it to the next level and file a report with the Sheriff's Dept.

Environmental Impacts: Barry has the list of volunteers that signed up at the public meeting and has been in contact with Solitude, who will be helping with the mapping. Barry is hoping to do the channel clean-up at the same time they do the mapping.

Golf Tournament: Gary reported that currently 8-9 teams have signed up and they are able to accommodate up to 13 teams.

The Tyrone Masonic Lodge thanked the LWLA for their hole sponsorship and would like a team from LWLA join the tournament.

Goose Control: Kevin reported the Permit has been approved and it is good until May 31st, 2020

Lake Level: Rick reported the gates are open 30" with a 1099 level and we are expecting rain this weekend and may be looking at a 1099.2 level. Rick reminded the Board that we can only open the gates so far without causing flood conditions downstream. Our target is 1098.7

Lake Testing: Ron will start next week and will test each lake once a week. Gordon will also be testing the treated area of Lamoka the day after the application and a week after the application.

Pancake Breakfast: Terry is working on a banner of Gary Light to be displayed at the Gary Light Memorial Pancake Breakfast on Saturday August 3, 2019.

Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps: Kurt reported that he and Cartha participated in the annual Conservation Day with 6th grade students from three surrounding districts, Watkins, Odessa, Bradford. He felt it was informative, educational, and students enjoyed the day. Next meeting is later this month.

NEW BUSINESS

- Terry shared a flier with the Board regarding a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Jeff and Donna Sue Kerrick, the owners of the farm across the street from Ben's Boats. Jeff was helping an elderly neighbor and slipped on the ice this winter and suffered serious injury and is currently in the hospital in Rochester. The money raised from the dinner will go to the Kerrick family to help defray some of the medical expenses.
- Jay's daughter-in-law requested the Board consider adding a third Flare Night on the Memorial Day Weekend as the opening of the lake season. The Board did not see a problem with a third Flare Night and recommended it be brought up at the Fall Public Meeting for a vote.

Other Business: There being no other business the meeting closed at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tucker, LWLA Secretary