

# Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

April 18, 2020

**Due to the Governor's "Stay/Shelter in Place" Order, the April 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting was held via a ZOOM Meeting.**

The following Board Members "joined" the Zoom Meeting: Terry Allison, Al Buckland, Cartha Conklin, Terry Fisk, Rick Game, Al Gerth, Heidi Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Barry Pappas, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Tucker, Tom Webb, Jay White, Paula Wright.

**Absent:** Calvin Barnstead, Ron Dixon, Gary Gray, Ray Stebbins, Carolee Thatcher

**Guest:** None

Minutes of the October 26, 2019 Board of Director's Meeting were approved by e-mail in October and posted on the LWLA Web Page.

## **President's Report:**

Jay asked the Board Members their thoughts on the May 23<sup>rd</sup> LWLA Spring Public Meeting. Board Members agreed that since the "Stay/Shelter in Place" order of the NY state Governor is in effect until May 15<sup>th</sup> and not knowing what will happen after May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Board agreed the May 23<sup>rd</sup> LWLA Spring Public Meeting would be canceled. Mary Tucker agreed to put the information on the website.

Jay received some photos of "white" murky discharge in the Sylvan Beach Water. Jay and Bill investigated the area and did not find any at the time they checked it out. They were unable to determine what it was or where it came from.

Jay reminded everyone that this year we have THREE flare nights and the first one is Memorial Day weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. A nice way to "kick off" the lake season and this year to lift the spirits of being hunkered down since March!

CSLAP—is currently on hold until they get the go ahead from the state to allow them to hold training sessions and sample gathering. Jay asked if the volunteers were still interested in continuing with our commitment. CSLAP Volunteers: Lamoka—Bill Hassoldt & Barry Pappas; Waneta—Jay White, Terry Fisk, Ron & Mary Tucker, Ed Sharpe, and Tom Webb all agreed they were interested in participating this year.

Jay spoke to DEC regarding the Boat Launch between the lakes and both Jay and Gordon received an e-mail from David White from the DEC that the Boat Launch was closed even though there is no signage indicating it. You may launch your boat from your own property. (Since the meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>, the NYS has opened the boat launches)

**Vice President/Membership Report:** Bill reported that we have 500 paid members and \$3,975 in donations. The number of property owners is on the decline. More people are purchasing the property next door to theirs if it becomes available to expand their property. We currently have 946 property owners as opposed to the previous number of 987 owners.

**Treasurer's Report:** Corinne presented the Balance Sheet as of April 18, 2020.

Checking Account Balance-- \$408.05

Savings Account Balance-- \$47,284.33

Total Checking/Savings--\$47,692.38

Corinne pointed out that the Balance Sheet indicates the replenishment of the LWLA Clothing Inventory, paid the PO Box fee, paid the NYS FOLA CSLAP Lamoka and Waneta Membership,

Jay asked if anyone had any questions – No questions—Treasurer's Report approved as presented.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Newsletter & Magnets:** Terry reported the Newsletter is in the process of being printed and the Magnets in the process of being made. The LWLA Spring Newsletter is 24 pages and contains many photos of the activities around the lake—Golf Tournament, Pontoon Palooza, Lake Treatment Map, etc. The Newsletter and Magnets are scheduled to be mailed out by the first week in May.

Terry cautioned that although the Magnets contain the original dates of activities for 2020 it will all be dependent on what New York State Guidelines are at the time of the event.

**Lake Treatment:** Gordon reported that Dennis Fagan and Glen Sullivan are working on the treatment plan and the tentative target date is June 22-23<sup>rd</sup> with the 24<sup>th</sup> as a rain date dependent on the Coronavirus and DEC. Our five year permit for treatment has run out and we need to renew it, but two people from the DEC, who worked closely with us, recently retired and many of the other DEC workers are working from home. Lake owners received a letter from Jay and Dennis regarding the treatment that the application will treat 72.3 acres of Lamoka Lake and 60.8 acres on Waneta Lake. A map of the treatment is included in the LWLA Spring Newsletter. The determination of these areas is based on the rake toss by Bob Johnson and the finding of the invasive milfoil.

A Board Member asked if we were not able to treat on the target date of June 25<sup>th</sup> and needed to push it back, how would it affect the lake level for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Rick assured everyone that we do not need to draw down as far with the new treatment as we did in the past and we would be at 1098.5 which is the normal summer level. Also with the ProcellaCOR EC treatment use of water for human consumption is not prohibited by the application at the rate of 6 parts per billion (the older treatment was 50 ppb); there are no restrictions for swimming or fishing.

A Board Member asked if the Association donated the \$25,000 (as approved at the October 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting) toward the treatment. Corinne explained she had not heard from anyone and assumed they had enough money in the Lake Treatment Budget to take care of the treatment this year.

**Other – None**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jay reported that since the “Stay/Shelter in Place” order he has been at the lake because it is the only place he can get internet to conduct his online classes for students. Being at the lake has allowed him to take many walks and he has noticed that there is a large amount of leaves and trash in the ditches, which eventually ends up in the lake. Jay asked Board Members if after the “Stay/Shelter in Place” order that maybe we could do a “clean up” weekend. Someone suggested that could we ask the Town of Wayne and Tyrone to supply trash bags for a Clean Up day? Cartha will look into the feasibility of the towns helping out.

In the meantime Jay will be posting on Facebook that when you go out walking take a bag with you and pick up any trash you see along your walk. We have a beautiful area and it is up to us as lake owners to be good lake stewards. Then post your “trash” collection on Facebook!

Terry shared that the Newsletter has an article on being a “Good Lake Neighbor” in the LWLA Spring Newsletter.

Geneva Water Steward Program—Cartha and Bill were on a Conference Call from a gentleman from the Geneva Water Steward Program asking them to pass along the information to their lake association the summer job of Water Steward at the boat launches. The position is a 10 hour a week, Friday-Monday, at \$13 an hour. The individual would be located at the boat launch to tell people how to keep their boat clean and prevent boats transferring invasive species.

The training program will take place at the Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart William Smith College in Geneva. The two day paid training would include identifying weeds, conflict management, etc. The grant is being offered through the Finger Lakes PRISM Org.

Due to the current situation this program may also be on hold. Cartha will check on the status of the program.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Clothing:** Chuck reported they have a large inventory that is currently in the shed and is normally ready for sale at the LWLA Spring Meeting. People may still order online through our web page.

Chuck brought the Board up to date on the status of the \$540 money owed from what was Ultimate Apparel and is now Rock Stream Printing. Paula has been working with the owner in regards to our \$540 refund and Dawn is willing to pay \$25 in April and May then bump it to \$50 each month with the balance being paid by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Chuck is not confident we will get the money from her as this has been going on for over two years. He suggested that she give us \$540 Canvas Shopping Bags and call it settled.

Paula will reach out to Dawn with the offer and report back at the May meeting.

**Environmental Impacts:** Barry will look at the dredging of the canal after he has had an opportunity to walk the canal and get a measurement. The Canal on the north end of the lake will be dredged by the Power Company this year.

Jay and Bill did notice some red oozing water on their walk and took a sample and sent it out. At this time they have not received a report.

**Golf Tournament:** 2020 Captain & Crew Golf Tournament is Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Arrowhead Golf Course with 100% payout. (Again this is tentative depending on the situation at the time)

**Goose Control:** Kevin reported the Goose Permit expires at the end of May. He will apply for a renewal with the same names as the current permit.

Gordon reported on the addling program. Only one nest was done last year. Gordon has not renewed the permit at this time.

**Lake Level:** On Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> the lake level was 1098.9 and April 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning the level was 1098.8; NYSEG opened both gates to 12 inches. The target range is 1098.5 – 1098.7

Kevin asked Rick to send his lake level data so he can attempt to set up another meeting with NYSEG regarding the contract of the new lake level policy.

**Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps:** The annual Water Quality Conservation Day is tentatively scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Bill inquired into the possibility of the Schuyler new Watkins Solar Plant that was designed to hold the surrounding area and asked if they could handle us. The recommendation was we check with Dundee, however, everything is on hold at this time. Bill will report back at a later date.

Corinne and Terry mentioned that they had heard that Schuyler County has \$120,000 in the Sewer Grant program for those who need to repair or replace their sewer system. They also heard that you may not need

to be a permanent resident to apply for the grant. Cartha will check into the particulars and report back at the May meeting.

**Other Business: None**

There being no other business, the meeting closed by agreement of the zoom participants at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary Tucker, LWLA Secretary*

