

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

May 16, 2020 via ZOOM @ 10:05 a.m.

Due to the Governor's "Stay/Shelter in Place" Order, the May 16th Meeting was held via a ZOOM Meeting.

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

Absent: Al Buckland, Ron Dixon, Al & Heidi Gerth, Ed Sharpe, Ray Stebbins, Carolee Thatcher

Guest: None

Minutes of the April 18th Board of Directors' Meeting were approved with the Correction: the tentative target date for Lake Treatment is June 22-23 with June 24th as the rain date. (Motion by Terry with a second by Calvin)

President's Report:

Jay complimented Terry Allison on the excellent job of the 2020 Spring Newsletter. Everyone agreed it was the best they have ever seen and have heard many, many favorable comments on this year's newsletter. Jay reminded everyone that the first of the three flare nights on lakes will be Memorial Day weekend. Flare night is May 23rd at 9:30 p.m.

The issue of debris in the lake was again brought up. Calvin sent an e-mail to Jay showing the floating leaves and encouraged the Board Members to get the word out that it is the leaves and grass that people rake into the lake that break down and fill in the lake. Jay will again post it on the LWLA Facebook.

Vice President/Membership Report: Bill reported that we have 505 paid members (52%) and 140 members contributed \$4,120 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 971 total property owners who own at least one piece of property on the lakes, as opposed to the previous number of 987 owners.

Bill felt that the membership and donations would be greater if we were able to hold the Spring Public Meeting. Many people wait until the Spring Public Meeting to pay their dues.

Corinne updated the LWLA Membership Application with a statement that requests payment by March 1st as it will save us money in mailing. By paying the dues by March 1st the member will receive the packet in the bulk mailing rate as opposed to a single mailing.

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

Checking Account Balance-- \$619.66

Savings Account Balance-- \$44,305.54

Total Checking/Savings--\$44,925.20

Largest expense for the month was the 2020 Newsletter Publish & Mailing @ \$3,127.24.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lake Treatment: Gordon reported they have not received any information back from DEC. Dennis has reached out to Glenn Sullivan, who does the treatment, and he also has not heard anything. Most of the DEC people are working from home and are very involved in and focused on Lake Ontario along with the DEC

staffing down due to recent retirements. Glenn still has it on his calendar to treat on June 22-23 with the rain date of June 24th. He will be using a total quantity of 16 gallons as opposed to the several hundred gallons on Renovate we have used in the past.

Last year the treatment was done June 25th. ProcellaCor recommends lake treatment later in the season as there are no restrictions and it is the prime time to treat the weeds because it works better on actively growing weeds.

Rick Game asked if the lake level is at 1098.5 and we are at 1098.6, will they still be able to go ahead with the treatment. Gordon stated that the treatment permit reads no number for draw down.

Geneva Water Steward Program Update—Cartha reported that it is still on hold for our lakes. However, the Eastern Edge of Ontario and Lake Champlain will start Memorial Day Weekend.

Septic Tank Repair Grant—Cartha checked and heard from Donna Miller, Schuyler County Public Health regarding the amount of the grant that is left and the guidelines pertaining to permanent residency. Her response: *The grant is available to any property owner whose system has a reasonable potential to adversely impact the waterbody of the lake the property is on. The property owner does not have to reside on the lake year round or live in Schuyler County in order to qualify. The main requirement is that they are the property owner, regardless if they live there full time, part time or rent it out*

The grant expires in 2023 (is a 5 year grant) or when the funding runs out. We had heard that State is going to add more funding to the grant, however we have not officially seen this come through yet.

Mary Tucker will follow up with Steuben County.

A member asked if the 5 year inspections were still taking place this year because of the COVID 19. No one actually knew, but assumed they would as someone on the Board did receive their letter for inspection.

Water Sample—when Bill and Jay investigated the white murky water someone had asked them to check into at the Sylvan Beach area, they did not find anything, but did find another concern and took a sample and sent it in to be tested. Bill received a notice that the lab is currently closed and no testing is being done, but they did receive the sample.

CSLAP—Mary Tucker reported that she heard from NYSFOLA and they have been granted permission by the state to start sampling the lakes. They will be sending out the bottles to the lakes that are enrolled in the program. We will be receiving our box of sampling bottles and training will be at a later date. We were directed to a website with training videos.

No Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS: None

Committee Reports:

Clothing: Chuck reported that they have a lot of clothing! In checking the invoice, some of the items had a price deduction. Because of this deduction, which may be a one-time occurrence, the Board suggested we offer some of the merchandise as a one-time sale before we lower the price and then find out the next order comes in at the higher price.

They are out of electronic flares and will be placing another order. Last year Chuck reported that they could not find the batteries they ordered for the flares. Good news, he found them! Chuck found 15 boxes of 24 each for a total of 360 batteries so we are all set on batteries as soon as the flares arrive! Check the website for the sale items and Chuck can be reached at ewbfp@aol.com or 607-292-4057 for any questions regarding LWLA merchandise.

Environmental Impacts: Barry waiting on further information from CSLAP

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 and Gary is waiting until June to make a decision.)

Goose Control: Kevin reported the he has applied for a renewal to the Goose Permit.

Gordon reported has renewed the addling permit and six nests have been treated on Red Bank Island.

Lake Level: Rick reported that the lake level was at 1099.1 with the rain and both gates were open yesterday afternoon.

Pancake Breakfast: is still on for August 8th. Someone asked if large gatherings were still prohibited could we think of doing a "take out" Pancake Breakfast. Board will continue to keep this suggestion in mind as we move forward in the summer.

Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps: Cartha reported everything is still on hold with no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Other Business: None

There being no other business, the LWLA Zoom Board Meeting closed with a motion by Cartha, seconded by Corinne at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tucker, LWLA Secretary