

## **Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting**

**June 20, 2020 via ZOOM called to order by Jay White, President@ 10:15 a.m.**

Due to the Governor's opening Phases and no guidelines on open meetings, the June 20th 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, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Gordon Shafer, Mary Tucker, Tom Webb, and Jay White

Absent: Al Buckland, Ron Dixon, Al & Heidi Gerth, Gary Gray, Barry Pappas, Chuck & Joan Rybak, Ed Sharpe, Ray Stebbins, Paula Wright

Guest: None

Minutes of the May 16, 2020 Board of Directors' Meeting were approved as presented. (Motion by Corinne with a second by Terry)

### **President's Report:**

Jay reported that they received the results of the water sample they took on Sylvan Beach about a month ago. The results came back that it had rust and old stale fecal matter. Jay believes that it is something from a stale/old leech field and it is running into the lake. Someone asked if we shouldn't contact town/county regarding the results of the water sample or if there was something that is done about old septic systems that may be leaking and/or not inspected. Currently every five years the Watershed Protection Agency regulates the inspection of septic systems and sends a letter to the homeowner to have their septic drained and inspected. *The Tyrone Wastewater Management Law shall be supplemental to the Schuyler County Watershed Protection Laws, The New York State Sanitary Code, The New York State Uniform Building and Fire Protection Code, The New York State Environmental Conservation Penal Law and any other laws pertaining to public health. The provisions of these rules shall be in effect for only property in the Town of Tyrone, which lies within the Lamoka-Waneta Lakes' Protection and Rehabilitation District (hereinafter referred to as "District" otherwise known as Zone I.)*

The typical sequence for a Lamoka Waneta Inspection:

- Listed property owner receives a letter from Watershed Protection Agency (WPA or Town of Wayne) and contacts Inspector promptly (preferably within 10 working days).
- Inspector reviews available information on file and discusses any known system history. (Ascertain any system deficiencies if appropriate and/or known.
- Schedule a licensed Septic Hauler/Contractor to meet with the Inspector on site to pump the septic tank during normal working hours. WPA inspector must witness the tank pumping.
- WPA inspector conducts inspection, witnessing the septic tank pumping and assesses the absorption component. Distribution box and/or seepage pit need only be uncovered if a problem is suspected.
- Upon completion of inspection, either a "Certificate to Operate" will be issued, or a Minor/Major Failure will have been documented. Any failure will require a "Compliance Agreement" as well as any pertinent permits.

- No fee is required for the Lamoka Waneta Inspection. However all costs associated with locating, uncovering and pumping the septic tank, as well as any system repairs, upgrades and replacement components (including applicable permit and design fees) are the responsibility of the landowner.

Jay also cautioned members to be on the lookout for people who are taking it upon themselves to do their own "lake treatment" for weeds. They have overheard conversation on the water regarding this issue and believe it is an individual on the Westside of Waneta.

**Vice President/Membership Report:** Bill reported that we have 973 possible lake owners that are eligible for membership and currently have 517 paid members (53%) and 142 members contributed \$4,280 in donations. Bill asked that everyone reach out to their neighbors and new owners to join the Association.

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

Checking Account Balance-- \$868.46

Total Checking/Savings--\$45,633.95

A deposit for \$324 for clothing sales was made this month. Chuck is still receiving money from people who still contact him to purchase Lamoka/Waneta Lake clothing and items.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lake Treatment:** Gordon reported they just received word the 5 year permit from DEC will be issued on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Treatment will take place on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, pending weather. Everything is in place and it should take eight hours for the completion of the treatment.

Rick was concerned when to notify NYSEG to put in the stop log. When he had reached out to the people involved, he could not get a definite date. Gordon said he did not see why the stop logs could not be put in now for the treatment on Tuesday.

**NOTE:** since the June 20th LWLA Board Meeting, the Treatment of Lamoka and Waneta Lakes has been **rescheduled for Wednesday, July 1st**, and the following message was sent out on Facebook and posted on the Lamoka Waneta Lake Association Website on Monday, June 29, 2020.

LWLA Lake Treatment Announcement!

*We finally have all parties involved in agreement. The treatment will take place this Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> in the morning. Please visit the LWLA for any water restrictions, as well as treatment locations. The water level needed for treatment is 1098.5. Where we have been for a little while now and which is within the summer water level plan. The gates will be closed for treatment and will remain closed until the lake level gets to the point that the gates need to be opened, as per the working lake level document.*

*Please understand the following;*

*Our initial intent was to treat the lake earlier in the year, but the treatment was delayed for multiple reasons including COVID and getting multiple groups to work together. It was never our intention to treat this close to a holiday weekend, but as I have mentioned in the past we do not get to make most of the decisions.*

*This treatment is for the invasive species Eurasian Milfoil. Most of the weeds you see washing up on your shoreline is not Eurasian Milfoil. The weeds you are currently seeing are those that die off about this time of year and are usually a temporary nuisance.*

*Just bypassing the treatment for the year is really not an option, as some of you have suggested. Eurasian Milfoil is very aggressive in its growth and next year it could be almost unmanageable.*

*For those of you that were not here in the 70's and 80's to see how bad the Eurasian Milfoil gets, imagine a weed bed so thick you would have a hard time even kayaking across it.*

*As always please contact us with any ideas or questions.*

*Jay White*

**Septic Tank Repair Grant**—Mary Tucker followed up with the availability of the grant for Steuben County. Matt Sousa, Senior Planner for Steuben County Planning reported that unfortunately they have exhausted all of the funds for the program. They have been in touch with Environmental Facilities Corp. who manages the grant for the state to assess when/if there will be more funding, but have not heard definitively when they can expect more funding. They are creating a wait-list of residents interested in participating in the program, when/if they receive more funding they will contact those on the wait list first.

**CSLAP**—Mary Tucker reported that Jay White, Ed Sharpe, Tom Webb, Ron & Mary Tucker from Waneta Lake and Bill Hassoldt and Barry Pappas went for training on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Starkey Point on Seneca Lake. We have received all of the equipment and testing bottles from NYSFOLA/DEC and Jay, Ed, Ron and Bill did the first sample testing of Waneta Lake on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The next sample testing will take place on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. If anyone sees any Harmful Algae Blooms, please contact the Association as we also test for HAB.

At the present time Lamoka only has Bill and Barry and could use more help in the gathering of the sample and processing. If you are interested in helping out on EITHER Lamoka or Waneta Lake, please let Jay White know.

### **No Other Old Business**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Boat Launch sign for the ramp on Waneta Side. If you are launching your boat and drive the tires off the end of the boat ramp on Waneta Lake, your trailer falls off the ramp at the end and it is difficult to pull your trailer/boat out of the water. It seems that this is a common occurrence and the tow truck people said, “we pull people out all of the time. They should have made the ramp longer.” Mary Tucker requested that the Lake Association place a sign on the dock to indicate where your tires should stop so no one else falls off the ramp at the end and has to call the tow truck.

Calvin made the motion that the Lake Association pay for a sign to be placed on the doc to prevent this occurrence in the future. Second by Terry.

Kevin believes that Jay should contact the DEC to fix the problem and they should also pay for the sign. In order for the sign to be placed there by the Lake Association, we would need the approval of DEC. Jay will contact DEC.

Carolee Thatcher submitted her resignation from the LWLA Board of Directors. At this time with the current COVID situation and meetings via ZOOM she does not feel she can be an active participant. Board accepted Carolee’s resignation with the understanding she was always welcome to join the LWLA Board at a later date. We appreciate Carolee’s service as a member of the Lamoka Waneta Lake Association Board of Directors.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Clothing:** No Report

**Environmental Impacts:** No Report

**Golf Tournament:** Canceled for 2020 – No report

**Goose Control:** Kevin reported he submitted the application and has only heard that they received the application.

**Lake Level:** Rick will be contacting NYSEG to close the gates for the upcoming lake treatment. We are where we should be for the summer level. NYSEG is being very cooperative and Kevin reported that the process to update the plan is hopefully on track for a meeting in August. NYSEG/RGE have another consultant involved and are very much interested in starting to meet in August.

**Pancake Breakfast:** No Report

**Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps:** Cartha reported she is still involved in Aquatic Macrophyte Survey and training has been done via Zoom. The goal is to have the aquatic survey taking place between June – October with one survey (rake toss) reported biweekly. Currently they are putting the kits together, and Cartha will follow up with Holly Mosher who is spearheading the volunteers.

**Other Business:** Jay and other members are reporting the sighting of Eurasian Milfoil on the north end shore of Waneta. Perhaps this will be the target for next year's treatment. Corinne asked if it was too late to add it to this year's treatment. Gordon replied that it takes about six months to develop the plan and get approval from DEC.

Wayne Town Board is scheduled to hold a special meeting on Thursday, June 25th for an informational meeting to discuss the potential repurposing of the NYSEG Hydro Plant. The meeting will be held via ZOOM.

DEC Boat Launch—Waneta Side—Cartha's grandson enjoys fishing and launches his boat at the Waneta side of the DEC Boat Launch. Recently he has been experiencing people parking on the Waneta side of the DEC launch site and many people fishing off the dock. The parked cars along with the people on the dock who do not move make it very difficult to use the boat launch.

There is no parking on the Waneta side of the DEC Boat launch and people should move off the dock when someone is launching a boat. It was suggested that anyone having this problem to contact the Schuyler County Sheriff's office and DEC.

There being no other business, the LWLA Zoom Board Meeting closed with a motion by Cartha, seconded by Corinne at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary Tucker, LWLA Secretary*