

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

September 19, 2020—Tyrone Town Hall & Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Jay White. The following members were present: Terry Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Cartha Conklin, Terry Fisk, Claud Gingrich, Gary Gray, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Kay Tucker, Tom Webb, Jay White. The following Board Members “joined” the meeting on ZOOM: Al & Heidi Gerth, Paula Wright

Absent: Al Buckland, Corinne Julian, Rick Game, Gary Gray, Barry Pappas, Ed Sharpe

President’s Report: Jay introduced two new Board Members to the Lamoka Waneta Lake Association:

Dennis Fagan, Waneta Lake

Diana McIntosh, Waneta Lake

Jay would like to see people from Lamoka Lake volunteer to serve on the Board as they are in the minority at the present time. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Jay at teresa517@yahoo.com

- Jay and Calvin are on the committee for the Wayne Town Board regarding the status of the NYSEG Hydro Plant on Keuka. The process is at a standstill as the Wayne Town Board cannot get NYSEG to return their calls.
- Jay said that he, Kevin, Dennis, Bill, and Gordon will be meeting with NYSEG next week via Zoom.
- **Signage:** Jay heard from the Susquehanna River Water Drainage Basin regarding putting up signs as people entered the area, the feedback is, there is no money for signs. However, if the LWLA was willing to purchase the signs they would have no problem with it. They will get back to Jay with the cost of the signs, if we choose to pursue putting the signs up ourselves.
- Jay is still receiving complaints regarding the low level of the lakes and are starting to pull their boats and docks out early. Jay reminded the people that we only took off about 2” during the lake treatment and had we not treated the lakes this year the weeds would have been much worse by this time. The lack of rain is the main result of the lake being so low this year.

Boat Launch on the Lamoka Side: Terry Fisk was at the launch picking up trash and checking on the lake level when he discovered three small boards nailed to the front of the dock. He removed them and brought the boards to the meeting to show the Board there are people who seem to take it upon themselves to add to the existing docks that are owned by DEC. Terry Fisk also discovered that the receptacle that is designated for disposal of invasive species and other plants carried in on the boats is also being used by people to discard their trash.

Approval of August 22, 2020 minutes – motion to accept minutes as written by Chuck and Terry F.
Unanimous

Vice President/Membership Report: Bill reported that we have 974 possible lake owners that are eligible for membership and currently are up to 55%, we had 1 new member and 5 other people pay their dues. LWLA will be sending out reminders for the 2021 LWLA Dues. He also welcomed all members to attend the Board Meetings. The meetings date and time are posted on the web site and also listed on their magnet they received with the Spring newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne sent all Board Members a copy of the Treasurer's Report. Nothing surprising in the Balance Sheet as of September 19, 2020.

Checking Account Balance-- \$2,840.98 Total Savings: \$45,752.73

Total Checking/Savings--\$48,593.71

Chuck had turned in \$458 for clothing/merchandise sales

\$2,058 in credit card sales and \$1185 checks/cash from the Pop-Up Sale on August 29th at Tyrone Fire Dept.

\$100 in dues and \$80 donation on August 29th sale.

Goose Permit Check has still not been cashed.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Lake Treatment:** Dennis reported they met last Saturday and the District Commission agreed with the 2021 treatment of 180.6 acres on Lamoka Lake covering the channel and Mill Pond. And 116.1 acres on Waneta Lake which includes the whole north end.
The projected cost is \$174,000 which leaves us a \$46,000 Fund Balance.
ProCella Cor treatment is good for two to three years so this should be the maximum treatment level for both lakes and after next year the total cost should be less.
- **Lake Level Policy & NYSEG:** Kevin and Jay announced the meeting with NYSEG is Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at noon via Zoom. Kevin believes that NYSEG seems to be struggling with the procedure on how to change a policy.
- **CSLAP**—we will take the last sample on Sunday, September 20th. We do have the charts that show our samples of the Secchi depth reading and the temperature. Mary will print out the charts and have them ready for the October meeting.

Other: Jay has mentioned at a number of Board meetings, he would like to see us use some of the LWLA savings and look into Hydro Raking to remove some of the bio-mass in our lakes before the winter freeze. Jay had asked Dennis to look into the cost of Hydro Raking at the last meeting. Dennis reported to do 1 ½ to 2 acres a day the cost is \$2,500 a day, which makes it doable, but we would still need trucks to remove the material gathered and dump it in a compost site or a farmer's field, if they are interested. Dennis believes that we could do the north end of Waneta Lake for \$30,000 to \$35,000

Diana reminded the Board that in the past the lakes used a harvester and it was discovered that it did more harm than good. The harvester only added to the spreading of the weed problem because the cut weeds that did not get raked up in the harvester spread and the weed problem became worse.

Jay agreed with Diana on the past use of the harvester, but in the past it was done in the spring and we are looking at doing it in the late fall when the weeds slow down and die in the winter freeze.

Jay has reached out to a variety of agencies that offer grants that would help subsidize the savings from the LWLA. Agencies who are offering grants always ask what is our Lake Management Plan. Jay believes that a subcommittee should be formed to develop a plan for our lakes. Our plan should consist of two major parts, Internal Loading, nutrients already present in our lakes and External Loading, nutrients flowing into our lakes from nearby lands and watersheds, etc.

Jay compared our lakes to Honeoye Lake and they have received grant money to build retention irrigation ponds and other improvements. The extensiveness of the Honeoye Lake Management Plan has enabled them to obtain grant money to financially help them in the many improvements to Honeoye Lake.

Terry Allison believes that rather than a few working on the plan in a subcommittee that the Board take ownership in the plan. Each member would be assigned a section of the plan, do their homework, and report back at our monthly meetings.

Gordon reminded the Board that we already paid to have a plan developed for our lakes sometime around 2004. Terry Allison does remember seeing the plan when she served as president of the LWLA. After the meeting, Terry and Cartha will look in the files stored in the clothing shed, and Jay will look in the information Terry gave him when he became president of the association. If we can locate the plan, it may only take updating the information as opposed to start at square one writing a plan. The information we are gathering through CSLAP can be added to the update of the 2004 plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Tucker made a motion second by Bill to change the October 24th meeting to Saturday, October 17th due to the Virtual NYSFOLA Regional Meeting conflicts with the 24th. Unanimously Approved

Committee Reports:

Clothing: Chuck commended the Board on accepting credit cards for purchases and dues. Since August 24th we have taken in \$3,830 in clothing sales and flares. After this meeting Chuck will be doing an inventory and formulate an order to replenish the inventory.

Environmental Impacts: No Report

Goose Control: Kevin is still waiting on our permit. He has a call into The Fishing and Wildlife Office. He will update the status at the October Board Meeting.

Lake Level: Terry Fisk reported we are currently at 1097.9 which is 13.2" below flood level. At this point the winter level of 1098 is not an issue.

Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps: Steuben Water Quality meeting is scheduled for October 16th on Zoom. Schuyler canceled the September in person meeting, because many members were uncomfortable meeting in person. The next Schuyler Water Quality meeting will be the third Thursday of November.

Other Business:

It was brought to the attention that Kurt Bischoff, a former board member, posted his finding of Eurasian Milfoil when he removed his dock.

Jay shared the process of a rake toss that is done when determining the treatment area. The rake toss is a 100-meter square grid going 3-5 feet deep, which does allow for error. Gordon had talked with Jay earlier and suggested that maybe we look into using a drone along with the rake toss we currently used.

There being no other business, Terry F. & Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Mary Tucker
Secretary, LWLA