

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

**May 15, 2021—Tyrone Town Hall & Zoom**

Meeting was called to order at 10:07 A.M. by President Jay White. The following members were present: Terry Allison, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Dennis Fagan, Terry Fisk, Gary Gray, Bill Hassoldt,, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Kay Tucker, Jay White

The following Board Members joined the meeting via ZOOM: Calvin Barnstead, Rick Game, Paula Wright

Absent: Al Buckland, Al & Heidi Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Corinne Julian, Diana McIntosh, Tom Webb

Guest: Jeffrey Francis

Jay welcomed guest Jeffrey Francis to the Board Meeting.

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

Jay reminded Board Members that there will be times when people get Board Members emails from the website and that is where “hackers” or people acting as one of the Board Members is seeking money. The emails are SPAM and he just wants everyone to be aware and always check it out before reacting.

A Board Member asked if Jay had followed up with Martha Droge, Community Planner, Park & Planning Special Studies, National Park Service on the feasibility study of designating the Finger Lakes area as a National Heritage area and expressed our interest in joining the study. The deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. (At the time of writing these minutes, Jay wrote a letter expressing our interest in joining the study. When we inquired as to whom the letter should be sent, we discovered it was not necessary to write a letter. We were automatically included in the study because of our location).

**Approval of April 17, 2021 Minutes:** A motion was made by Chuck to accept the April 17, 2021 minutes as written. Seconded by Ed.

**Vice President/Membership Report:** There are 981 property owners on the two lakes and to date we have 595 paid LWLA members (60%). Hopefully we will pick up more members at the public meeting on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to bring our membership to 600 members. Bill commented that this is the largest membership we have ever had.

**Treasurer's Report:** Corinne sent the Balance Sheet Detail as of May 15, 2021.  
Checking Account Balance-- \$866.94      Total Savings: \$53,375.38  
Total Checking/Savings--\$54,242.32  
Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:** LWLA Public Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Tyrone Fire Department. The meeting will be held outside and members are

encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. (Due to inclement weather, the Public Meeting was held inside on May 29.) The agenda will include:

- Septic Repair/Replace Grant presented by Darrel Sturgis (Gary Gray will contact Darrel)
- Boater Safety Regulations/Course presented by Sheriff Allard (Gary Gray will contact the Sheriff)
- Role of the LWLA – Jay White
- Dock Length—Jay White
- Dumping your own “weed treatment” into the lakes--Jay
- NYSEG Plan Update—Kevin Morris
- NYSEG Representative to address the slow connection in hooking up service to new people moving in. No one is sure as to whom to contact. (This did not make the agenda for the Public Spring Meeting.)
- Questions & Answers

The clothing sale will take place inside the Tyrone Fire Department.

**Lake Treatment:** Dennis contacted DEC and left a voicemail and they should approve the permit by next week for treatment that is scheduled for June 14/15 with a rain date of June 16.

**NYSEG Update:** Kevin reported he has heard nothing back from DEC since the plan was submitted.

Jeff questioned the correlation between the treatment and the “sludge” in front of his lake front and the drought.

Dennis explained this year there is no draw down on the lake with the new treatment we use and it dissipates within 24 hours. Jay explained that he also encountered the same “sludge” in front of his cottage and the treatment did not come up as far as his cottage.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Gary commented on the new LED blinking STOP signs that the Town and County are purchasing at \$1,300. He asked members if the LWLA would be interested in donating \$1,300 to purchase one of these signs at the four corners at the end of Waneta Lake. No discussion and will be brought up at a later meeting. Gary reminded the LWLA that as a 501C we are responsible to make donations to maintain the 501C status.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Clothing:** Chuck reported they are fully stocked and waiting on new license plate frames. He is also looking at long sleeved t-shirts.
- **CSLAP:** All team members have been trained and will begin testing on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Golf Tournament:** Gary reported the tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 17 at Arrowhead and requested \$500 from the Association for the tournament. A motion was made by Chuck to have Corinne write a check to Gary for \$500 to cover the prizes for the LWLA Tournament. Second by Ron Dixon. Motion Carried.
- **Goose Control:** Kevin reported that after 330 days, bi-weekly phone calls to the Fish & Wildlife Organization, he received the permit in the mail. The permit covers the current

members on the old permit and ANYONE interested in being included on the permit to contact Kevin.

- **Lake Level:** Rick had signed off ZOOM at the time of the report. Terry Fisk checked the lake level on his way to the meeting and reported it was currently at 1098.8.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Ed reported the breakfast is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> and talking to some of his friends and neighbors they did not see a conflict with the Watkins Glen Race that weekend.
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** Cartha reported that the Schuyler County meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at which time they will meet at the Hanson Gravel Pit to handpick the Water Chestnut invasive species. Anyone interested may contact Elaine Dalrymple at [edalrymple@schuylerswcd.org](mailto:edalrymple@schuylerswcd.org) for details.  
Steuben Water Quality meeting will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**OTHER:** Dennis reported that after seeing posts on Facebook of people dropping chemicals in the lake not authorized or permitted by the DEC, he contacted DEC and asked them to send him information on what the consequences/penalty of putting your own chemicals into the lakes. DEC sent Dennis information that stated if found guilty and convicted a fine of \$3,750 and/or \$3,500 a day with one year imprisonment. A member mentioned that his neighbor was found dumping weed killer in the lake. The suggestion was made that the information sent to Dennis be made available at the Public LWLA meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Terry Allison agreed to make copies and bring them to the meeting.

Chuck mentioned that one of his neighbors is interested in obtaining a weed harvester for their own property. It was mentioned that even if you own your own weed harvester you still need a permit.

Cartha had an individual approach her regarding installing an aeration system in front of their property and asked if there was any information on aeration systems. Terry Allison said information is available on the LWLA website and directions on how to build one. Mary Tucker agreed to have copies of Jay's "how to build an aeration system" available at the Public Spring Meeting on May 29.

It was brought up that the Berm needs to be removed and the Town of Tyrone will help, but it needs the permission from the Soil & Water Conservation Group to remove the Berm. Dennis suggested that we get in touch with Schuyler County head of Soil & Water Conservation Director, Jerry Verrigni. (607-292-9332) He is excellent, gets things done and has written many grants. Jay believes that is why we need an Environmental Impact Chair. Gordon feels we need a chair and a committee!

Next regular Board Meeting is Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Tyrone Town Hall.

Their being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:15 a.m.

*Mary Tucker*

Secretary, LWLA