

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

August 21, 2021—Tyrone Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by President Jay White. The following members were present: Terry Allison, Cartha Conklin, Dennis Fagan, Terry Fisk, Rick Game, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Tucker, Tom Webb, Jay White

Absent: Calvin Barnstead, Al Buckland, Ron Dixon, Al & Heidi Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Gary Gray, Diana McIntosh, Kevin Morris, Joan Rybak, Beth Woods

President's Report:

- Jay read a letter from Paula Wright informing the Board of her resignation from the LWLA Board of Directors effective immediately. Paula expressed her pleasure to serve on the board over the last 2+ years, but due to other commitments that are preventing her from giving the board her full attention it is necessary that she submit her resignation. The board thanked Paula for her 2+ years on the board and her work on the clothing committee. Her resignation was accepted and Paula is always welcome back to the LWLA board.
- Jay continues to reach out to the office that is in charge of placing the Susquehanna Watershed signs and they are still working from home and not back in their offices at this time. Jay will continue to check.
- Jay contacted Ken Wagner, who many years ago, originally did a water development plan for our lakes and asked if he would be interested in helping us update and/or develop a more recent plan. Ken is currently in retirement and was leaving for vacation and would think about coming out of retirement to help LWLA and would be in contact with Jay after his vacation.

Jay then reached out to David Matthews from Upstate Fresh Water Institute who is also involved in our Lamoka/Waneta CSLAP testing to see if he would be interested in helping LWLA with an updated/new Water Development Plan. David shared with Jay that Ballston Lake has used grants for their water quality program for invasive species. David also mentioned that it helps a great deal is securing grants if one of our townships would partner with us in doing the work.

Jay will wait to hear from Ken Wagner. If Ken is not interested, Jay will reach out to David and will report back to the Board.

Approval of July 17, 2021 Minutes: Chuck and Terry Fisk made a motion to accept the July 17, 2021 minutes with the correction of the Savings Account Balance. It was recorded as \$24,461.71 and should have been \$54,461.71

Motion Approved

Vice President/Membership Report: We currently have 614 members which equates to 62% membership of the total possible lake owners. They are still looking for three addresses and one of those addresses is a bank.

They had some new members join at the pancake breakfast along with \$99 in donations.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne presented the Balance Sheet Detail as of **August 21, 2021.**

Checking Account Balance-- \$4,001.67 Total Savings: \$54,462.99

Total Checking/Savings--\$58,464.66

Corinne pointed out that \$600 was withdrawn for Petty Cash used for Clothing Sales at the Pancake Breakfast and \$300 was deposited—the other \$300 would be used for the Fall Public Meeting on August 28th.

Corinne also informed the Board that she would not be at the LWLA Fall Public meeting, but would be sending the reports.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lake Treatment: Dennis reported he had received the field notes from Bob Johnson, who is in charge of the rake toss and lake testing after the treatment. The notes only pertained to Waneta Lake and Lamoka Lake information will be given at the Fall Public Meeting.

We treated the north end and west side of Waneta Lake and will most likely treat 50-70 acres on the south side and east side next year, which is half of what we treated this year. Once the field notes are received on Lamoka Lake they will be sent to Glen Sullivan, Solitude Lake Management, who will develop the treatment plan to be submitted to DEC.

Dennis also mentioned that we treated Mill Pond and the Channel last year, so we will most likely treat more of the lake itself.

The Survey showed the total number of plant species increased by 5%. The species increased, but the density decreased. The most dominant plant is Southern Nyad. Coontail has decreased and we do see an increase of Elodea starting to come back. The Fish habitat is very good, which means the fish have places to hide.

Dennis reminded the Board that the treatment is designed to control the invasive species, Eurasian Millfoil. It controls and does not eradicate. We should be getting three years of control from the treated areas.

Jay thanked Dennis for his update and all he does in managing the lake treatment.

NYSEG Update: Kevin sent his report that at this time he has still not heard anything.

Weed Pickup: Gordon reported for Beth that she contacted both Casella and Cardinal and neither of those companies were interested in picking up the weeds raked from the lake. Kennedy Hauling is the only one interested in picking up the weeds and because this is a new venture for their company, they do not have a set price at this time. They have had two pickups on Waneta Lake and one on Lamoka Lake.

It was suggested that Kennedy Hauling be invited to the LWLA Fall Public Meeting to give a presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

LWLA Fall Public Meeting Agenda: Board members made suggestions as to what should be included on the agenda.

High-Water Alert & No Wake Zone: At the time of the meeting Schuyler & Steuben Counties were under a High-Water Alert and No Wake Zone. Members of the Board were concerned about the Fishing Tournament that was being held and what can we do as an association to prevent the tournament from occurring when there is a No Wake Zone in effect. There were also many complaints on the Facebook page regarding fishing boats speeding down the lake, boats pulling skiers and tubes and the wake was destroying the docks that were already floating due to the high water from the rain.

Terry Allison said we as an association should be able to tell the fishing tournament that they cannot use our lakes with the High-Water Alert and No Wake Zone. Terry encouraged the association to start to speak up when we see anything that is going on our lakes that is wrong. Dennis recommended that we contact the sheriff candidates from Schuyler and voice our concerns and what can/or would they do to help us.

A question came up as to whom do we contact to cancel the fishing tournaments during high-water alert and no wake zone. It seems that DEC knows who has the permit for the tournament. Terry Fisk said he attempted to contact DEC but could only leave a message, which by the time they receive the message the tournament will be over.

Jay was going to stop by the boat launch to see if he could talk to someone regarding holding the tournament.

Committee Reports

- **Clothing:** Chuck reported that the clothing sale at the Pancake Breakfast was very successful and took in \$1,463.
- **CSLAP:** Was scheduled to test on Sunday, August 21st, but due to the high water and no wake zone and the request of people to stay off the lake as much as possible, that we will test the following week, August 28th.
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- **Environmental Impact Chair** – we are still looking for an individual to head up this committee.
- **Golf Tournament:** No report – (Gary absent from the meeting.)
- **Goose Control:** No report – (Kevin absent from the meeting.)
- **Lake Level:** Rick reported the lake was at 1099.4. Rick did hear a rumor that NYSEG does have a plan to dredge the berm in front of the dam and repair the concrete around the dam. At this point it is only a rumor he has heard and has seen nothing to validate the rumor.

- **Gary Light Memorial Pancake Breakfast:** No report—Ed was absent from the meeting.
Jay did report that the Light Family is very much interested in helping us out next year with set up, advertising, etc. They do help with serving, but would like to be more involved at next year's breakfast.
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** Nothing new to report. The next meeting for Schuyler Water Quality is in September.

OTHER: None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:59 a.m.

Mary Tucker
Secretary, LWLA