

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

**October 16, 2021—Tyrone Town Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. by Jay White, President. The following members were present: Terry Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Al Buckland, Terry Fisk, Jeff Francis, Rick Game, Gary Gray, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Tucker, Jay White

**Absent:** Cartha Conklin, Jamie Day, Ron Dixon, Dennis Fagan, Patty Gray, Steve Hullings, Wayne Lynch, Jeanne Maine, Chuck Rybak, Ward Votava, Tom Webb, Beth Woods

**President's Report:** Jay has been in contact with a Professor at RIT and he is very much interested in doing an in-depth carbon study of the lakes and all he needs from us is to give him the extra water we collect during our CSLAP sampling and deliver it to an individual who lives on the lake and they will get it to RIT.

- Jay also reminded the Board members that our current weed survey individual may not be able to continue and the professor is going to look for someone on his faculty in case we need to find another group to do our lake study.
- Lake Management Individual: The first-choice individual is still deciding if he wants to postpone retirement and work with us. The second-choice individual who works for CSLAP and does our testing is also unsure if he is interested in taking on the position. Jay spoke with the professor from RIT and he may also have someone who is interested in the position. Jay hopes to have an individual in place by the Spring to begin our Lake Management Study.

**Approval of September 18, 2021 Minutes:** Calvin made the motion to accept the September 18, 2021 minutes as written. Second by Jeff  
Motion Approved

**Vice President/Membership Report:** No changes. Bill reminded that notices for 2022 Membership Renewal and New Members will be sent out on December 1<sup>st</sup>. A notice on Facebook and the Website will remind members to make sure your address is up to date so when the Spring Newsletter packet is sent out it is delivered to your correct address. It costs us 70¢ to forward mail that is not delivered.

**Treasurer's Report:** Corinne reported that nothing much had changed since last month. The Pancake Breakfast update stated that we had \$775 expenses and collected \$1,437 for a **profit of \$662**

Checking Account Balance-- \$2,766.06      Total Savings: \$54,509.31

Total Checking/Savings--\$57,275.37

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lake Treatment:** Gordon reported for Dennis.

Dennis met with the Lake District Committee and everything was agreed to in the original plan that Dennis went over at the September meeting. They also agreed to an addition that Gordon

suggested that we include treating a section on Weller Island. We have not treated that section near the south west corner of Weller Island because the former treatment we were using was harmful to frogs and the current ProcellaCor treatment does not affect the wildlife. We are now ready for the next step to contact DEC for final approval.

**NYSEG Update:** Kevin gave a brief background for new board members on the history of NYSEG and the dam. The lake level had always been dropped to winter levels in mid-October for as long as most of us can remember. In 2004, when the Keuka hydroelectric plant (which took water out the north end of Waneta) was shut down, NYSEG issued a Lake Level Management Plan that called for the drop to winter levels to occur on December 1st. LWLA wrote a letter objecting to the plan to NYSEG and NYSDEC at the time. We know that small Benthic organisms that dig into the lake bottom in the winter can be frozen out when these organisms have dug in and then the lake level is further dropped. There was no reply from NYSEG or NYSDEC. NYSEG never followed the plan and continued dropping the lake in mid-October. About 3-4 years ago, NYSEG decided to begin following the 2004 plan. We began working with NYSEG soon after to revise the plan to return to the mid-October date. Although the NYSEG lawyers added much legal verbiage to the plan, we reached agreement on a revised plan in March 2021 and it was sent to NYSDEC for review and approval. We have heard nothing back from NYSDEC, although heard that NYSDEC recently told NYSEG they will be sending them written comments. NYSEG has told us we cannot adopt the new plan until DEC approves. Gordon suggested LWLA write a letter to NYSDEC in support of the plan and Kevin agreed to draft it.

**HAB Alert:** No report

**Update on Susquehanna Watershed Signs** – No Report. There is still no one present in their office.

**Update on Stop Sign Donation** –The County and the Town cannot and will not accept a donation for a specific project. Gary made a motion to rescind his request for \$1,300 donation for the LED Blinking Stop Signs. Second by Bill. Motion carried.

Gary did report that the County is going to place an LED sign at routes 23 & 24 and 25 & 23 T intersection. The County will also be cutting back the trees at routes 24 & 25.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jay introduced Jean Hubsch who will be helping the Association with grants. Jean will be preparing the association to apply for grants from NY State. In order to apply for these grants, we need to go through Grants Gateway. Jean has experience with the program and has graciously volunteered to help the LWLA. She will not be writing our grants, just getting us prepared to apply for the NYS grants.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Clothing:** No report
- **CSLAP:** Bill thanked all the volunteers who helped with the CSLAP training this summer and is looking forward to year two data for comparison.

- **Environmental Impact Chair** – As he just accepted the position of chair at the last meeting, he is still looking at how to get involved as almost everything we discuss at our board meetings has an environmental impact. Calvin did request that he be included on the emails with DEC.  
Terry Allison suggested that Calvin subscribe to the DEC Newsletter where he will receive updates on what is going on in the state.
- Other suggestions included:
  - The Gypsy Moth growth and how we can prepare for it in the spring. (Mary reminded the board that an individual at the Fall Public Meeting someone suggested we add this topic to our LWLA Spring Public Meeting agenda).
  - Follow up with Sheriff Allard on the signs at the boat launch regarding no wake zone and what it means to boaters.
  - Look into posting lake rules that also could be placed at the boat launch.
  - Jeff suggested that checking into the rumors that there is an interest in putting in 30 rental docks on the lake and how will that impact our environment.
  - Checking on how many septic systems have missed their inspection and what is the next step.
- **Golf Tournament:** The Golf Tournament was not placed on the 2022 Calendar. Gary agreed to chair the tournament in 2022 and will talk with the golf course to secure a date.
- **Goose Control:** No update –we renew our permit next year. Goose season opens up next week.
- **Lake Level:** Rick reported we are currently at 1098.85 with the gates open 6” the plan is to open the gates on Monday at 12”. (At the time of the meeting the plan was 12” but with the recent rain the gates were opened at 18”).  
NYSEG is planning a temporary fix (patching the concrete) at the top of the dam. The permanent fix, with DEC approval, will take place next year. They will completely redo the top of the dam over and dredge the area. They are looking at August/September after Labor Day. Rick is working with them to look at October because it would then drop the lake to the winter level.
- **Gary Light Memorial Pancake Breakfast:** will be August 6, 2022
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** No report

**OTHER:** Terry Allison reminded board members that she will be accepting any and all news articles for the Spring Newsletter up to March 1<sup>st</sup>. We had many compliments on this year’s newsletter with the many articles and photos.

Jay asked Terry if she would be interested in letting the association submit our newsletter to NYSFOLA for an award. Terry thought it was a great idea. The more we can get our lakes known the better it is!

Terry would also like to look at bumper stickers for the LWLA. Someone thought we had some in the shed and Chuck would know if we still have the box of stickers.

Terry asked if the LWLA has a “color” that they would like to adopt for our association? Suggestions included Blue, Green...

Another suggestion was to perhaps put together a flier with the Lake Rules and Regulations that owners could keep as a reference and landlords could post for the renters who come in so they are aware of the lake/boating rules/regulations, especially if they are from out of state.

**Fall LWLA Public Meeting:** some board members expressed an interest that we consider holding the Fall LWLA Public Meeting at the Wayne Fire Hall. Due to a schedule conflict this fall we moved our meeting from the Tyrone Fire Hall to the Wayne Fire Hall and many people liked the idea of the spring at Tyrone and the fall at Wayne. Mary Tucker agreed to contact the Wayne Fire Department to see if they were interested in hosting the 2022 Fall LWLA Public Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:14 a.m.

*Mary Tucker*

Secretary, LWLA