

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

April 23, 2022—Tyrone Town Hall
ZOOM: Meeting ID: 776 810 7081

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M. by Jay White, President. The following members were present: Terry Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Dennis Fagan, Rick Game, Gary Gray, Steve Hullings, Jeanne Maine, Kevin Morris, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Tucker, Jay White
ZOOM Attendance: Jamie Day, Terry Fisk, Jeff Francis (could not get into ZOOM), Beth Woods
Absent: Al Buckland, Claud Gingrich, Patty Gray, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Wayne Lynch, Chuck Rybak, Ward Votava, Tom Webb

President's Report: Jay welcomed everyone back to the 2022 LWLA Board of Director's monthly meeting.

The October 16, 2021 Minutes were approved via email and posted on the website.

Vice President/Membership Report: No report—Bill Hassoldt, absent.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne reported via ZOOM the Profit & Loss Statement October 23, 2021 through April 23, 2022, and the Balance Sheet as of April 23, 2022.

Checking Account Balance-- \$2,439.00 Total Savings: \$58,916.40

Total Checking/Savings--\$61,355.40

Terry Allison pointed out that the cost of the 2022 Spring Newsletter was \$4,263.00 and this upcoming year is the year we update the LWLA Directory. We will be looking for sponsors for the LWLA Directory. Terry will be sending the details on the size and cost of ads in the 2023 LWLA Directory. One member asked if perhaps we should look into getting sponsors for our Spring Newsletter. Terry said sponsorship would be a good idea and allow us to include more articles, photos etc. at little or no cost to the Association.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lake Treatment: Dennis reported treatment of the lakes will take place on June 20-21st, weather permitting.

We will be treating 164.7 acres of Lamoka Lake and 61.5 acres on Waneta Lake. We will be using Procetta COR EC to control the nuisance plant Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) while causing little damage to native plants. However, it will continue to require plant monitoring. Dennis distributed the updated Lamoka-Waneta Lake District 2022 Budget. Steuben has opted out of the Wastewater Management Septic Inspection and will be doing their own Septic Inspection.

For the septic management program in Schuyler County, the fees for the County Watershed Department to oversee the program is paid by the District tax revenue. However, the homeowner is required to pay for the cost of pumping out their septic tank as part of the inspection process. The Town of Wayne is taking over their septic inspection program which was previously completed by the Schuyler Watershed Department.

Currently Schuyler has only 43 past due inspections and are in good shape for the 2022 year.

PLANT Study: Dennis reported that Bob Johnson, who formerly did our plant study since 2000, on both lakes with two rake tosses for \$11,000 is no longer doing it. Dennis has reached out to other companies and organizations to see if they are interested. He contacted:

- Solitude and had a difficult time getting quotes. They quoted \$29,429 and that would only be one rake toss on each lake.
- Adirondack Research for Plant Study quoted \$12,250 for two rake tosses on both lakes.
- Keuka College Professors quoted Jay \$16,800 which could be reduced to \$14,800 if Jay supplied his boat for the rake tosses.
- Cazenovia Lake that also used Bob Johnson recommended Upstate Fresh Water Institute quoted \$16,000 for two rake tosses.

For future plant study contracts, we have three potential firms that hopefully will quote us reasonable rates that we can afford.

Herbicide Treatment: Originally budgeted \$144,160 increased to \$171,600 due to the increased treatment area of 8.3 acres on Waneta and 9.8 acres on Lamoka. Dennis was able to negotiate with Solitude and they agreed to lower the cost to \$156,384.60

Our permit was submitted April 1st and as of this writing, we have not received the permit for the treatment in June. Dennis and other members agreed this was not unusual.

NYSEG Update: Kevin reported that the Lake Level Management Plan that started as a 1 ½ page document is now an 8-page document after the NYSEG lawyers have looked it over. The Committee has offered them meeting dates and as of this writing NYSEG has never gotten back to them.

The only physical changes are minor—dropping the level from the month of December to dropping it in the month of October opening the gates until the lake level is 1099.

Kevin will continue to keep the Board updated.

HAB Alert: No report

Update on Susquehanna Watershed Signs – Jay reported they are back in the office but hours are limited and they conflict with his working hours. He will continue to follow up.

Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Public Meeting Agenda: Jay asked for suggestions from the Board for the Agenda. The following suggestions were given by the Board:

- Gypsy Moths update and what can owners do.

- Boater Safety updates and classes offered and posting signs at the boat launch on No Wake Zone. Jay will contact Sheriff Allard and ask if he will attend the Spring Public Meeting and address the topic.
- Volunteers to addle geese eggs.
- Update on Septic System changes in Steuben County and how many are in arrears of their inspection and what is being done in Steuben and Schuyler counties.
- Dredging of the Canal—Calvin Barnstead, Environmental Impact Chair will address the topic.
- LWLA Golf Tournament Saturday, June 25, 2022—Gary Gray
- Lake Level Monitoring Volunteers – Rick Game & Kevin Morris
- Suggestions from the LWLA Members—Corinne suggested that once we have the agenda set, we post it on our Facebook and Website and ask members to send in their suggestion(s), bring them up at the meeting, or write them on a form and submit them to the Board.

Mary Tucker suggested that we make **posters** advertising our Spring Public Meeting along with the Facebook and Website Post. The posters could be placed at Arrowhead Golf Course, The Boat House on Waneta, Wayne & Tyrone Post Office. Mary agreed to make the posters and get the Board's approval.

Goal Setting: Mary suggested that perhaps the Board could set one- and three-year goals in the spring and then revisit them in October or the spring of the next year. EX: Magnet on Boating Rules on the Lake for households especially those who rent their cottages and visitors are not familiar with the rules and regulations of the lake.

Committee Reports

- **Clothing:** No report
- **CSLAP:** We will be participating in CSLAP for the 2022 season.
- **Environmental Impact Chair** – Calvin shared the post on Facebook where people were commenting on Dredging the Canal. Calvin posted on Facebook that it involved more than just a group getting together and meeting at the canal and begin getting rid of the debris. It takes DEC approval and permits. He has begun to look into the process and will share what he has learned at the Spring Public Meeting. A member said there is nothing wrong with the canal if you go slow. What we need to look at is the equalization between the lakes so the flow is faster when the gates are opened on Lamoka Lake. Calvin is also looking at placing trash cans and bags at the Boat Launch so that when

people are taking their boats out, they can leave their trash in receptacles rather than dump in the lake or leave at the launch site on the ground. He is going to reach out to the Town to see if they would place the barrels at the launch and then see how we can get them emptied and hauled away.

- **Golf Tournament:** Gary distributed fliers for the LWLA Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022. Gary will also announce the tournament at the Spring Public Meeting.
- **Goose Control:** Kevin reported we are good to go—the permit has been renewed. Gordon spoke about the addling of eggs. We have a permit on both lakes, but do not have the crew/manpower. Gordon said that Lamoka Lake in the Fall was averaging a thousand geese and reminded members that we can shoot geese year-round. It was suggested that the topic be brought up at the Spring Public Meeting seeking volunteers.
- **Lake Level:** Rick reported we are currently at 1099 which is well within our flood limits and hope that we do not get too much rain in the upcoming weeks. NYSEG is still busy with the latest nor'easter and there are still about 3,000 people without power in the Binghamton area.
Kevin commented that due to computer problems we do not have last year's numbers and are asking if there are people who do have numbers to please share them with us and if you are interested in helping with the monitoring, please let us know.
- **Gary Light Memorial Pancake Breakfast:** will be August 6, 2022
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** Meetings do not start until the end of May.

OTHER: None

There being no further business, a motion by Kevin and Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Mary Tucker

Secretary, LWLA