

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

May 21, 2022—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, Cartha Conklin, Dennis Fagan, Terry Fisk, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Tucker, Tom Webb, Beth Woods, Jay White

Absent: Jamie Day, Ron Dixon, Rick Game, Claud Gingrich, Gary and Patty Gray, Steve Hullings, Wayne Lynch, Jeanne Maine, Ward Votava.

President's Report: Neil Fogenbaum, a new resident on the lake and a retired PR manager is interested in spotlighting owners around the lake to promote the lakes. It was suggested that Neil speak at the Spring Public Meeting.

Approval of April 23, 2022 minutes. Motion made by Calvin with a second by Chuck. Unanimously Approved.

Vice President/Membership Report: Currently have 579 paid members which is 14 fewer members than last year at this time and 100 short of last year's total. There are only 18 newsletters available for late membership. Discussion was held if we should continue distributing the Spring Newsletter to late membership applications. A notice is sent out in January regarding the collection of dues, it is posted on the website and on our Facebook page that membership dues should be paid by March 1 in order to receive the Spring Newsletter. No final decision was made.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne reviewed the Balance Sheet Detail as of May 21, 2022 that was sent out to members prior to the meeting.

Checking Account Balance-- \$2,054.68 Total Savings: \$59,027.41
Total Checking/Savings--\$61,082.09

OLD BUSINESS:

Lake Treatment: Dennis reported they are currently waiting on DEC's review of permit. The treatment of the lakes will take place on June 20-21st, weather permitting. Adirondack Research for Plant Study will survey the lake in August/September.

For many years, Gordon has done the water sampling the day after the treatment and the second sample is taken a week after treatment. Gordon is looking to retire this year and is looking for volunteers.

Samples are taken from 3 different areas:

Rabbit Run Bridge

A spot along West Lake Road near Mill Pond

Near Dennis' Fagan's dock

A question was asked if a boat was needed to take the samples and Gordon explained that the samples can be taken from land.

Calvin Barnstead and Kevin Morris agreed to take over the task of water sampling after the treatment. Dennis will go out with Calvin and Kevin to show them where the sites are located. The company treating the lake will deliver the bottles needed for sampling.

NYSEG Update: Kevin reported that there was a virtual meeting with NYSEG and the agreement was made to put together a table with Original Plan/New Plan/Why (reason for change). Currently waiting to hear back from NYSEG. Kevin reported that he was pleased with the meeting.

HAB Alert: No report

Update on Susquehanna Watershed Signs – Jay finally contacted the Susquehanna Watershed people regarding the posting of the Welcome to the Susquehanna Watershed area signs. The Watershed Committee is planning on reviewing and discussing the cost, location, etc. on the installation of the sign in the Fall. If their committee decides to move forward with the signs, they will reach out to Jay. They thanked the Association for their interest.

Old Business:

Boater Water Safety Magnet: Beth Woods will be speaking with Dave White regarding his input on what should be put on the magnet. Beth also passed around sample magnets. Question arose as to how much information do we want on the magnet, what size etc. Terry Allison reminded members that the Directory has a section on Boater Water Safety and a link to the information should be posted on our website.

Calvin suggested we have a form of “cliff notes” regarding the Boater Water Safety Regulations & Rules on the magnet.

Beth will continue to work on the magnet and update the members at the June meeting.

LWLA 2023 Directory: Terry Allison requested that people send her names, addresses, contact information on any businesses that might be interested in advertising in the upcoming 2023 LWLA Directory. She will be placing the request on the Facebook page and on our website. Terry would like everything ready by January 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Public Meeting Agenda: Jay went over the Draft Agenda

- Gypsy Moths update and what can owners do—unable to find a speaker in the area. Suggested that we open it up to the audience to share their ideas.
- Boater Safety updates and classes offered and posting signs at the boat launch on No Wake Zone. Jay will address the topic as Sheriff Allard is unable to attend the meeting.
- Volunteers to addle eggs – change topic to Goose Control—**Kevin Morris**
- Update on Septic System Inspections—**Josh Cole** from Schuyler County.
- Dredging of the Canal—**Calvin Barnstead**,
- LWLA Golf Tournament Saturday, June 25, 2022—**Gary Gray**
- Lake Level Monitoring Volunteers –**Kevin Morris, Jay White**

- Invasive Species, Asian Jumping Worm – **Jay White** (Cartha will see if she can obtain more handouts.)
- Pancake Breakfast call for volunteers – **Ed Sharpe**
- **Neil Fogenbaum** is interested in writing articles spotlighting owners on the lakes. Suggested that he speak at the Spring Public Meeting.
- How Can I Get Involved in the LWLA—**Jay White**
- **Reminders: Flare Night and July 4th events**

Goal Setting: The Board discussed the submitted goals and narrowed down the goals to Short and Long Terms goals.

Short Term Goals: (1-3 years)

- Boater Safety Magnet ready for the 2023 Spring Newsletter Packet.
- Rename the Annual LWLA Golf Tournament in memory of Sean Fitzpatrick, former LWLA Board Member

Long Term Goals: (3-5 years)

- Research the possibility of Public Water and/or Public Sewer
- Address the Biomass Removal on the lakes—through researching Grants and talking to Jamestown, who has the largest weed harvesting program in the state—what is working and what hasn't worked for them.

Committee Reports

- **Clothing:** Chuck reported that they have new lady's t-shirt that will be on sale at the Public Meeting.
- **CSLAP:** We will begin lake testing June 12th and continue every two weeks until September.
- **Environmental Impact Chair** – Calvin has applied for a permit for the purpose of linking the lakes through the canal. He has requested that the canal be linked so that Lamoka does not drop considerably and must wait for Waneta to flow into Lamoka during the lowering of the lakes by NYSEG.
- **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 the Geese are doing well and will address Goose Control and look for volunteers at the Spring Public Meeting. REMINDER: Do NOT feed the geese!

- **Lake Level:** Jay reported the level at 1099.0 and the gates are open 6”
Jay also mentioned that he has been approached to be included in a grant opportunity for an automated gauge system. The grant is available for the purchase of the gauge, but the Association would need to contribute to the maintenance & recording of the data. It was suggested that Jay look further into the grant opportunity and the cost to the Association and report back to the Board at the June Meeting.
- **Gary Light Memorial Pancake Breakfast:** will be August 6, 2022
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** Cartha announced a Steward will be at the Boat Launch from 8-6 on Sunday and/or Mondays to check for invasive species coming in and out of the lake.

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