

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

September 17, 2022—Tyrone Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Jay White, President. The following members were present: Terry Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Cartha Conklin, Dennis Fagan, Terry Fisk, Jeff Francis, Rick Game, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Mary Tucker, Ward Votava, Tom Webb, Jay White

Absent: Al Buckland, Jamie Day, Ron Dixon, Claud Gingrich, Gary Gray, Patty Gray, Steve Hullings, Wayne Lynch, Jeanne Maine, Ed Sharpe, Beth Woods

President's Report: Jay felt the Fall Public meeting went well. Many members asked if we couldn't do the Spring Public Meeting at the Tyrone Fire Dept and Fall Public Meeting at the Wayne Fire Dept. We are currently looking into this for 2023.

Some of the Board Members commented that next year Jay should use a microphone as it is difficult to hear in the back with the traffic going up and down the road.

Jay also mentioned that after the meeting two people approached him. Rebecca Spangenberg volunteered to serve on the 2023 LWLA Board. Another individual, Steve Tresston, has a 30-acre farm on Lamoka and is willing to take the weeds, if we get permission to harvest the weeds. It has also come to Jay's attention that Canal Road is beginning to get a lot of trash that is being dumped near the Canal. It was reported that someone is dumping dog waste that is in the blue clean up bags. The issue has been reported to the Schuyler County Sheriff and he is currently taking statements from witnesses who identified the individual responsible.

Jay also commented that now that boating season is over the water in the lakes is up!

Approval of August 13, 2022 minutes. Motion made by Calvin Barnstead with a second by Gordon Shaffer to approve the August 13, 2022 minutes of the LWLA Board of Directors. Unanimously Approved.

Vice President/Membership Report: We have 15% non-lake members and Swarthout Camp is now beginning to join the Association. Currently we have 623 paid members, 16 complimentary first year members. There are 1,115 properties with Tax ID numbers. Question is how do we get more members to join? Gordon recommended we send the Spring newsletter to non-members so they know what is going on and include an article about the advantages of being a member. Terry responded we are basically breaking even with the newsletter. It was felt if they want to know what is going on they can visit the LWLA website. Conclusion was to draw up a letter as to what your \$20 membership dues includes. It was also recommended that membership in the Sylvan Beach Association is not the same as the LWLA. Corinne mentioned that she thinks some people are confused that if they pay their Sylvan Beach dues it included the LWLA dues and she often gets their dues and forwards them onto the Sylvan Beach Membership.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne nothing new to report.

Checking Account Balance-- \$1,753.27 Total Savings: \$63,193.38

Total Checking/Savings--\$64,946.65

OLD BUSINESS:

Lake Treatment: Dennis reported the Adirondack Research team completed the survey between July and August and will email the final report by October 15th. Dennis explained that he did not need the final report, but did need the summary to begin the process of putting together the 2023 Lake District Budget. Dennis ended up taking the updated information on revenue from the two districts \$150,000 minus \$9,000 septic spending (which does not include Town of Wayne that does not participate in the septic) and that Adirondack Research will not raise their price from last year, brought the 2023 budget request for treatment to \$128,000.

NYSEG Update: Kevin Morris reported Dave Dick from NYSEG did contact him and apologized for not getting back to him. Unfortunately, no progress, but NYSEG is moving it up on their list.

HAB Alert: Unfortunately, we still are experiencing the HAB in the form of spilled green paint. There is a list on the DEC site of those HAB sightings. One of the best ways to avoid HAB is keep the water moving. Terry shared his latest purchase of a Submerged aeration system that can be purchased on Amazon. The system comes with a ½ hp compressor, two 100 feet hoses, and timer. It advertises it can do up to a three-acre pond by putting more oxygen into the water and operates from the shoreline. Terry was going to install it this weekend and will report back to the group his findings.

LWLA 2023 Directory: Terry Allison reported that everyone received an email listing the businesses that have already committed to an ad in the 2023 Directory. Question was asked if everyone is listed in the directory. Corinne replied that there are some people who request they not be listed in the directory and their wishes are honored.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **NYSFOLA Regional Conference:** At present there are seven people interested in attending the NYSFOLA Regional Conference in Cuba, NY on October 22nd. Cartha Conklin, Terry Fisk, Bill Hassoldt, Barb Russell (CSLAP Waneta), Ron Tucker (CSLAP Waneta), Mary Tucker, Jay White.
- **Pontoon Palooza:** Due to the low interest in the Pontoon Palooza the last couple of years it was decided to drop the Waneta and Lamoka Pontoon Paloozas.
- **Keuka Lowlands Chart Management Plan:** Gordon sent the article to members and the discussion. The last DEC newsletter addressing the channel between the lakes was in 2010. It was felt that because the latest issue is dealing with the wetlands around the finger lakes that perhaps that is why they granted Calvin the maintenance permit. The Chart Management Plan is also looking at drawing different boundary lines. It was decided that we will keep an eye on any findings that will affect the Lamoka Waneta Lakes.
- **More Social Activities:** Jay asked if anyone was interested in having more “social” activities to bring together the lakes such as a BBQ or movie on the lake? Jeff suggested that we decide if the Association is a social association or environmental?
A suggestion was made that the LWLA look into a “Vendors Fair” at the beginning of the season. We are always seeing on Facebook, “does anyone know of...” Chuck and Mary agreed to put together a vendor fair in the Spring 2023.

Committee Reports

- **Clothing:** Chuck reported Sunday they will be taking inventory at the Clothing Shed behind the Tyrone Fire Dept.
- **CSLAP:** The last CSLAP testing was September 18th. We will await the 2022 results by the Spring.
Terry also reported that after the LWLA Fall Public Meeting a gentleman approached him and was very familiar with grants and would be like to look at the charts and data.
- **Environmental Impact Chair** – Calvin posted on Facebook regarding his ability to obtain a maintenance permit for the canal between the lakes. He received many responses on people interested in helping. Calvin is beginning to collect the names on a list and due to the lateness of the permit he is looking at the Spring. He will be having a meeting at the Tyrone Town Hall with those interested and develop a plan with date and time.
- **Goose Control:** Kevin reported we are still working on last year's permit and have a group of 75 people on the permit.
- **Lake Level:** Rick reported we are currently at 1098.7 which is the summer target level. The winter level is 1098.0-1098.5. Rick asked when should we begin lowering the lake to get to 1098.5? It was felt that people were still enjoying the lake and agreed upon October 15 to begin to drop the lake to 1098.5 which would allow it to gradually lower to 1098.0 by early November.
- **Gary Light Memorial Pancake Breakfast:** Ed reported the Gary Light Memorial Pancake Breakfast went very well and the help was superb. Next year the Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, August 5th.
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** No report.
- **OTHER:** There being no further business, a motion by Bill Hassoldt and Corinne Julian to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Mary Tucker

Secretary, LWLA