

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

OCTOBER 15, 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, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Dennis Fagan, Terry Fisk, Gary Gray, Patty Gray, Steve Hullings, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Tucker, Tom Webb, Beth Woods, Jay White
Absent: Al Buckland, Jamie Day, Jeff Francis, Rick Game, Bill Hassoldt, Claud Gingrich, Wayne Lynch, Jeanne Maine, Ward Votava

President's Report: Jay welcomed everyone on the very windy day. Lake level is up and people are taking out their boats. Jay was on Lake Ontario last week and fishermen he met were complaining about how low the water was all summer. So, we are not the only ones suffering from the low lake levels.

Jay then introduced our new board member, Rebecca Spangenberg, who was attending via Facetime. Rebecca introduced herself and has a background in working with grants and is excited to be a board member and looking forward to serving on the Board.

Jay reminded the board members that we have a delegation of 7 representatives attending the October 22, 2022 NYSFOLA Regional Conference in Cuba, NY. Anyone with any questions or concerns they would like us to bring to the conference, please email himself or Mary Tucker prior to Saturday, October 22, 2022.

Approval of September 17, 2022 minutes. Motion made by Gordon Shafer with a second by Gary Gray to approve the September 17, 2022 minutes of the LWLA Board of Directors. Unanimously Approved.

Vice President/Membership Report: Bill was absent, Corinne Julian gave the report in his absence. Corinne presented the letter that will be included with the 2023 membership mailing. The letter outlined the reasons why the individual should join the LWLA and how it was different from the Sylvan Beach Association. The letter went on to highlight the focus of the LWLA.

Board Members congratulated Corinne on the outstanding letter and unanimously approved the letter to go out with the 2023 Membership mailing.

Gordon Shafer suggested we add one more bullet to the letter:

- The closer to 100% LWLA membership will be more favorable to the association when we apply for grants.

Corinne then went on to explain, we are classified as a non-profit organization and eligible for “matching funds” through companies that our members belong.

Jay will post the “matching funds” reminder on Facebook and Mary will see that it is posted on our website.

Calvin also reminded members that people can donate to LWLA via Amazon. Simply indicate the % of your shopping to be donated to the LWLA.

- Corinne agreed to investigate the process and get back to the members.
Corinne investigated the process of setting up the account and 18 Board Members responded via email that Corinne should proceed with setting up the account on Amazon so we would begin receiving the charitable donations marked for LWLA.

DIRECTIONS:

Go to smile.amazon.com.

There should be place to search for a charity.

Search for Lamoka it should come up

After you set up if you shop through [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) a percentage of what you spend will go to LWLA.

SMILE has same sign in as Amazon.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne reported there is not much action until December when membership starts coming in.

Checking Account Balance-- \$1,640.27 Total Savings: \$63,538.38

Total Checking/Savings--\$65,178.65

OLD BUSINESS:

Lake Treatment: Dennis reported the Adirondack Research team promised the completed plant study report would be done by the middle of October. As of this date, Dennis has not received the report. He did, however, receive a copy of the rake toss data. There were 21 rake toss sites on Waneta that had Eurasian Milfoil, these accounted for an area approximately 20 acres on the North end and 10 acres on the Western side. Currently Dennis is waiting for a recommendation on the treatment areas from Glen Sullivan. Dennis feels the cost of the treatment should be less than last year. He also reported that Lamoka looks very good this year. Lamoka had 7 areas of milfoil and this year there are 5, three on the channel and two at the southern end. Mill Pond looked good this year because we doubled the concentration of the treatment at Mill Pond last year. We are two free years of milfoil at the north end of Waneta. In 2021 we treated north end (16 sampling points) each 2 ½ acres. This year there were only 8 sampling points found on Waneta.

Dennis reminded the board that since 2008-2009 we have had significant treatments of both lakes with the old treatment of Renovate. Since 2011 we treated Lamoka every year since. We did not treat Waneta four of those years.

Jay reminded people that what they are seeing is eel grass and the props cut it as it grows to the surface. The heavy winds and waves will pull the eel grass.

Jay shared the map of the rake toss and he commented that he has never seen such a clean rake toss. The data shows we will be treating less and the good news is we can save money. Dennis recommended that we put the savings back into the fund balance to be used for the future if we need to treat extra. Over the past couple of years, we have been taking money out of our fund balance to treat the extra areas. Board agreed with Dennis Fagan's suggestion of putting the extra money from this year's treatment back into our Fund Balance.

Calvin asked if there was a way to remove dirt/sludge in front of the north end of Waneta. Jay responded the neighbors at the north end do not want any heavy equipment on their property for fear of ruining their septic system. Jay does remove the dirt/sludge every three years because he needs to wait for the year that the lake is lowered to allow people to work on their lake frontage.

NYSEG Update: Kevin will email them, once again, to see if the plan cannot be finalized.

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. We are approaching the \$1,000 collection and the goal is \$3,000. She urged members to continue to reach out to the businesses to solicit more ads. There is no specific deadline at this time. The information and forms are on our website.

HAB's—Terry reported that we continue to see HAB's in our lakes. Waneta showed HABs on September 30, October 6, and October 10. Terry was a little confused as to so many sightings with the weather turning colder, did a web search and found recent research that says the cyanobacterium *Microcystis* is mutating and now can survive and form blooms at temperatures down to 54 degrees Fahrenheit. Calvin said the water temperature is currently 59 Fahrenheit. This is the first year Lamoka Lake has had a confirmed HAB and they recorded 5 this year. Waneta went on to have another lake wide HAB on October 10th making a total of 35 HABs for Waneta Lake this year.

Update on Submerged aeration system - The system was placed in the lake, and my water fountains were turned off. Ran the submerged aeration system for 10 days, saw good bubbling activity over top of the bubblers, spread out about 2 feet wide (bubbler heads are 10" diameter). On calm days the surface ripples from each bubbler extended more than 80 feet, so a two-bubbler system can easily cover 150' of waterfront area. The compressor was not noisy, just made a low hum. I turned the aerators off on a Wednesday and we had a HAB move in the next morning. (It was one of the lake wide outbreaks.) I had to wait 2 days for the HAB to dissipate before I could get into the water to remove the aerators and hoses to put the system away for the winter. That weekend I had several people from both lakes come look at the fountains and aerators systems displayed on my lawn. People said they would build fountains or buy aerators for next year.

NYSFOLA Regional Conference: A motion by Calvin Barnstead to send seven people to the NYSFOLA Regional Conference in Cuba, NY on October 22nd. Registration fee is \$20 for a total of \$140. The following people will be attending: Cartha Conklin, Terry Fisk, Bill Hassoldt, Barb Russell (CSLAP Waneta), Ron Tucker (CSLAP Waneta), Mary Tucker, Jay White. Second by Gary Gray. Unanimous Approval

2023 Calendar of Events: The Lamoka Rummage Sale date has been moved to Saturday, July 22nd, to avoid the conflict with the Sean Fitzpatrick Memorial LWLA Golf Tournament.

Motion by Terry Fisk to approve the final draft of the 2023 LWLA Calendar of Events. Second by Chuck. Unanimous Approval

NEW BUSINESS:

Recommendation that the **2023 Spring Public Meeting be a Vendor Fair**. Chuck Rybak agreed to spearhead the organization. Many people ask on Facebook, "does anyone know of someone who..." This will give the lake members an opportunity to pick up information from the variety of the vendors that provide services such as general contracting, lake mats, aerator systems, etc. If you know of someone who would be interested in tabling at the event, please reach out to them. Chuck will be sending letters to prospective vendors.

Committee Reports

- **Clothing:** Chuck has placed an order totaling \$13,000 in retail to be ready for the holiday sales and the Spring Public Vendor Fair. LWLA is now able to issue gift certificates to be used to purchase clothing.
- **CSLAP:** Received a notice from CSLAP they are looking at offering the lakes the option of doing 4 vs current 8 testing samples. Mary Tucker and Bill Hassoldt are in favor of moving to 4 samples. Terry Fisk shared that the difference in price between 4 vs 8 is \$170. The more information you gather the better it is when applying for grants. Mary's concern was that perhaps we develop a Lake Management Plan for this year and go back to 8 next year. Dennis Fagan responded that we already have a Lake Management Plan and all it needs is to be updated. Mary asked if we should hire an outside agency to update the Plan. Dennis said he has updated it twice in ten years so it can be done in house. Dennis will send the Lake Management Plan to Kevin Morris who will scan it in and the committee will work on updating the plan over the winter. Terry Fisk, Kevin Morris, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, and Mary Tucker volunteered to be on the committee to update the Lamoka Waneta Lake Management Plan over the winter. The Board also agreed to continue lake testing 8 times during the summer as opposed to the other option of 4.
- **Environmental Impact Chair** – Nothing new to report. The DEC did remove the tree between Lamoka to the channel. Calvin is organizing the Spring cleanup of the channel, but no date has been set, it will depend on the weather and will set a date as close to ice out in the channel. Calvin reported he currently has 23 volunteers and 4 are not residents of the lake, but participate in the fishing tournaments. Calvin will be looking for a raft/pontoon if something needs to be moved onto the raft/pontoon that can be pushed down to the boat launch. Calvin will also ask DEC to shut down the boat launch that day so there is no interference in the clean-up. Calvin will post it on our Facebook page and website so people have the heads up that the boat launch is closed.
- **Goose Control:** Nothing new to report.
- **Lake Level:** Currently at 1098.7 today. Rick's vacancy of lake level will now be done by Terry Fisk and Kevin Morris.
- **Gary Light Memorial Pancake Breakfast:** No report
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** Cartha reported that we are heading into year end. The Steuben Water Quality Committee will meet in January 2023.
- **OTHER:** There being no further business, a motion by Chuck Rybak and second by Ron Dixon to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Mary Tucker

Secretary, LWLA