



# Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

**June 17, 2023—Tyrone Town Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Jay White, President. The following members were present: Terry Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Cartha Conklin, Dennis Fagan, Terry Fisk, Claud Gingrich, Corinne Julian, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Mary Tucker, Ward Votava, Tom Webb, Beth Woods, Jay White

**Absent:** Al Buckland, Jamie Day, Ron Dixon, Gary Gray, Patty Gray, Bill Hassoldt, Wayne Lynch, Kevin Morris,

**May 20, 2023 Board of Directors Minutes:** Motion by Chuck Rybak, Second by Gordon Shafer. Approved Unanimously. **May 27, 2023 Spring Public Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Terry Fisk, Second by Chuck Rybak. Approved Unanimously.

**President's Report:** Jay welcomed guests, Joseph and Kate Hamill.

Jay reported that he had been on four zoom meetings in the last two weeks, dealing with what the area agencies, (Steuben & Schuyler SWC, Jean Hubsch dealing with the Grants Gateway Program, and Darrel Sturgis, Schuyler Watershed Inspector.) Meetings have dealt with what can all of these people do to help us determined what is flowing into our lakes. Jerry Verrigni, District Manager at Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District was most helpful in filling us in on the many projects the Steuben Soil and Water Conservation District: has done, is working on, and what they are planning for the future. Jerry assured the LWLA if we do see something they can help us with, he is more than willing to help us. Jerry explained that the SWCs for Steuben and Schuyler take care of everything before it gets to our lakes, and it is up to the LWLA and grants to take care of what is in the lakes. The link to the Steuben Soil and Water Conservation District can be found on the LWLA website under Resources.

**Vice President/Membership Report:** Corinne reported in Bill's absence. Our member database is in good shape. We are seeing more and more people purchasing adjacent properties so we will never attain 100% property membership. There are currently 984 properties and we have 587 paid members=58% We only have three undeliverable addresses on which members agreed to check.

**Treasurer's Report:** Currently have \$1,669.58 in the **checking account** and \$64,944.24 in our **savings account**.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lake Treatment:** Dennis Fagan reported he received the approved permit on Thursday, June 15, 2023 and that treatment is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2023. Dennis will conduct the post treatment monitoring on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 and again on Thursday, June 22, 2023.

**NYSEG Update:** Kevin absent—No Report

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kate Hamill spoke to the Board about either a second boat parade with a Theme or enhancing the current fourth of July boat parade. Kate remembers growing up on Waneta Lake and how many boats participated in the Boat Parade. She suggested that perhaps we advertise more, choose a theme for the parade, have judging around the lake etc. Board was very supportive in increasing the participation of the Boat Parade and perhaps we can begin spreading the word about the “new” theme for the 2024 Boat Parade. Kate agreed to work on spearheading the project.
- Terry Allison shared a letter from the Town of Pulteney regarding Short Term Rentals and the impact they have on our lakes. They are looking for our support in developing an ordinance on short term rentals that rent to 4-8 people and in reality, 8-12 people end up using the rental. Dennis spoke regarding the 1988 Occupancy Tax in Watkins Glen where motels/hotels and 4 to 5 years ago, included Air B & Bs to also pay an Occupancy Tax of 4%. Dennis felt that it would make no sense for us to become part of an Occupancy Tax where the money goes back to tourism. He believes we need to work with the Towns and make sure the money goes to the lake district for the betterment of our lakes.

Board asked what would be the first step we should take. Dennis agreed to contact Kristen VanHorn, Director of Planning for Watkins Glen to our LWLA Board Meeting and get her advice on how Watkins Glen went about the Occupancy Tax on Short Term Rentals. Dennis will reach out to Kristen and get back to the Board.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Clothing:** No Report
- **CSLAP:** We completed our first CSLAP testing last Sunday, June 11, 2023 and will test 7 more times.
- **Environmental Impact Chair** –Calvin reported that on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> they had 13 volunteers that worked for three hours in water and removed an incredible amount of wood from the canal from the bridge to Lamoka Lake. You can now travel through the canal from the bridge to Lamoka and you will not hit anything. A member asked about the Bridge to Waneta Lake. Calvin said that they found nothing but “sludge” There is still one problem and that is a Beaver’s Cache that is getting bigger and is beginning to block the canal. Calvin will be discussing this with DEC to see what can be done with the Beaver Cache.

- **Golf Tournament:** The 2023 Sean Fitzpatrick Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 15, 2023. Contact Gary Gray at [glgray1465@yahoo.com](mailto:glgray1465@yahoo.com) or call 607-292-9922. Jackie Sharpe, Board Member Ed Sharpe's wife, has donated a Golf Theme Quilt to the LWLA that we can raffle before and at the tournament. Mary Tucker will talk with Arrowhead to see if they are willing to display the quilt and take raffle money.
- **Goose Control:** No Report
- **HAB Report:** Terry Fisk reported Lamoka Lake is leading in HAB reporting. They seem to have large areas of HAB sightings. Terry and Jay also noticed that Waneta has ten aerators around the lake and more people are investing in putting in an aerator. HABs do not like oxygenated water and moving water that is the result of an aerator. If you have any questions regarding an aerator system, contact Terry Fisk (607-731-8863) or Ward Votava (607-382-1433) on Waneta Lake.
- **Lake Level:** Terry Fisk and Kevin Morris both work with NYSEG to maintain lake level that is currently at 1098.8 and will be ready for the weed treatment on Monday, June 19, 2023. Kevin took all of the readings recorded from 1963-2023 (some years are missing) and it is determined that the Spring is the trouble point where we tend to go up to 1099. We draw down every three years to 1097.5 in the fall to allow lake owners to work on their lake frontage. **2023 is the year we will be drawing down!**
- **Lake Management Committee:** The committee participated in 4 zoom meetings with Steuben and Schuyler Soil and Water Conservation Representatives. (See president's report for notes). Jay reported that after the various meetings with the various agencies we discovered that Lamoka Waneta Lake is at the top of the priority list for grants and aid.  
Jay asked the Board to make a motion to approve the Lake Management Committee continue to research grants for the possibility of water/and or/sewer around the Towns of Bradford, Orange, Tyrone and Wayne. The committee will also research bio-mass removal.  
**Motion made to support the Lake Management Committee continue to research and study grant availability for sewer/and or/water and bio mass removal.** Terry Allison with a second by Terry Fisk.
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** Cartha reported the Schuyler SWC will meet at the Hansen Gravel Pit to pick Water Chestnuts. This is done yearly and has been very successful.  
**The Tyrone Planning Board will hold a Town Meeting on Monday, August 7 from 6:00-8:00 pm to go over the Tyrone Survey Results.**

## OTHER:

- Jay shared a letter from CD3systems explaining that we may already be aware of DEC funding for the Finger Lakes Watershed Communities Grant for \$350,000. CD3 waterless cleaning systems are eligible as equipment for projects that improve stewardship of the Finger Lakes Watershed.

Bill Hassoldt sent a statement via email (he could not make the meeting): *Rushford Lake used part of this grant a few years ago to build their boat wash station. It has significantly helped them to prevent invasive species.*

Board was very much interested to have the Lake Management Committee look into the system. Jay and the Lake Management Committee will look into the CD3 waterless cleaning systems and report back to the Board.

- **WAVE Program:** Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators. The Team (Terry Fisk, Bill Hassoldt, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Barbara Russell, Mary Tucker, Tom Webb, Jay White) will be collecting samples of macroinvertebrates to assess the stream's health. The collection takes place once between July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is another way for the LWLA to determine what is flowing into our lakes.
  - The team will be sampling the following streams:
    - Tobyhanna Creek
    - Little Tobyhanna Creek
    - NYSEG Canal
    - Arrowhead Creek
    - Lawrence Road Creek
  - Samples will be submitted to DEC/WAVE program and the results will be available to us February 1, 2024.
  - This is a volunteer program and there is no cost to the LWLA except the supplies: 2 ice cube trays, 5-gallon bucket, 2 white dish pans, small paint brushes, magnifying glass, gloves, isopropyl alcohol.

Having no further business, a motion by Terry Fisk and a second by Gordon Shafer to close the LWLA meeting at 11:57 a.m.

*Mary Tucker*

Secretary, LWLA