



# Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

**October 21, 2023—Tyrone Town Hall**

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, Debbie Cooper, Ron Dixon, Dennis Fagan, Terry Fisk, Bill Hassoldt, Kevin Morris, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, BethAn Parulski-Seager, Barb Russell, Jim Russell, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Sandy Tressler, Steve Tressler, Mary Tucker, Tom Webb, Beth Woods, Jay White

**Absent:** Al Buckland, Jody Christen, Jamie Day, Claud Gingrich, Gary Gray, Patty Gray, Corinne Julian, Christine Parulski, Jaci Riorden, John Thatcher, Barbara Walls

**Guest:** Brud Suire

**September 16, 2023 Board of Directors Minutes:** Motion by Terry Fisk, Second Calvin Barnstead, Approved Unanimously, without any corrections.

**President's Report:** Jay introduced Terry Allison, Newsletter & Directory—Terry explained that the Newsletter belongs to the Association and asked that Board Members fill out the index cards she handed out to list ideas for the 2024 Spring Newsletter. (Anyone not at the October 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and has ideas, please send them to Terry at [terryallison94@gmail.com](mailto:terryallison94@gmail.com).)

Jay reminded members that Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> the NYSFOLA Western Division will be held at the TYRONE FIRE HALL and NOT Briggs Barbecue as originally scheduled. We will be setting up on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Vice President/Membership Report:** Bill reported that we had a total of 586 members for the 2023 year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Corinne sent everyone a copy of the Treasurer's Report in her absence. We have \$5,300.69 in the Checking account. We paid \$59.49 to MerchantOne (credit card handler) and \$76.00 for LWLA Clothing Merchandise to replenish inventory. We have \$67,470.66 in Savings.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lake Treatment:** Dennis reported the Lake District commission met and made recommendations based on our proposal to treat 51 acres in the Channel, 87 acres on Lamoka Lake and 38.9 acres on Waneta Lake.

The expenses came in at \$173,400 which includes septic inspection, plant study, permits, and treatment.

We budgeted \$152,000. Because we did not treat Lamoka last year we will take money out of our Fund Balance, which will reduce the fund balance to \$66,000 Schuyler, \$30,000 Steuben.

**NYSEG Update:** reported that we were finally able to begin dropping the lake level yesterday, October 20, 2023. DEC had concerns on downstream issues. Our target is 1097.5 for three weeks then close the gates to raise the level up to **winter level 1098.0** RG&E/NYSEG inspected the dam. Kevin was there to discuss the management plan and it was decided to make minor modifications to the plan with prioritizing changes. Rich Ayling, from NYSEG, reminded Kevin they do not want the dam and they also do not want Red Bank Island. Kevin assured Rich that LWLA is also not interested in either the dam OR Red Bank Island.

**NYSFOLA Fall Regional Meeting**—Jay announced the meeting has been moved from Briggs Barbecue to the Tyrone Fire Hall. He also asked the board to approve a donation of \$200 to the Tyrone Fire Hall because of the short notice in booking the event at the fire hall. Jim Russell made a motion the LWLA Board approve a donation of \$200 to the Tyrone Fire Department for the use of the hall on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Ward Votava seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mary Tucker reminded Board Members that the October 20, 2023 Board Minutes will be approved via email so they can be placed on our website before the April 20, 2024 meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Clothing:** Chuck reported that our one and only gift certificate issued 1 ½ years ago has been used! Chuck will be doing inventory on Thursday Afternoon and welcomes all volunteers. As of 2024, Tom Webb will be taking over the Clothing Committee.
- **CSLAP:** Next year, 2024, CSLAP will be offering 4 or 8 samplings. Discussion: It was recommended that we continue with the 8 samplings. Mary Tucker, reminded CSLAP members to fill out the volunteer forms for 2024. Calvin made a motion that LWLA pay the CSLAP fee for 8 samples at a cost of \$470 Lamoka, Deep Lake and Waneta, Shallow Lake for \$370. Barb Russell, seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.** Terry Fisk reminded board members that we will receive the 2023 data results in April or May in 2024. Patrick and Terry have compiled previous years data into a PowerPoint presentation that will be used at the October 28<sup>th</sup> NYSFOLA Regional meeting. After the presentation, Terry and Patrick will post it on our webpage. Terry met with Dr. Kraft from Cornell University who is doing a study on Microcystis and its apparent attraction to vitamin B1 (thiamine) in the water which may somehow explain how such exotic chemicals in waste water can affect our lakes. Dr. Kraft has collected several bloom samples and will report back to Terry and Steve.
- **Environmental Impact Chair**—Calvin will renew our permit and will meet with the committee after the spring public meeting. Calvin shared that the DEC is stocking our lakes with muskie not Bass. A member reminded the board that it started with the Muskie Program to control the Bass population. Calvin reminded members that fishing tournaments must register with DEC.

- **Goose Control:** Nothing new to report. The hunting permit expires in February and will be renewed. Addling permit will also be renewed. Always looking for help in addling of eggs in the spring. Contact Gordon Shafer. [shaferhg@roadrunner.com](mailto:shaferhg@roadrunner.com)
- **HAB Report:** Terry gave a breakdown of the number of HABs that were reported to him and Bill since 2020. (Prior years had smaller, isolated HABs at shoreline; not reported.)

Year	Lamoka	Waneta
2023	12	18
2022	7	26
2021	0	6
2020	0	1

Terry indicated that we don't have as many HAB days, but they seem to stay longer and extend further out from shore. Terry also shared a chart with the number of HABs that have been reported across all of New York State—HABs are in nearly ALL the lakes. We are not alone!

- **Lake Level:** See NYSEG Report. The gates are open 12" today and the current level is 1098.7

**UPDATE ON DRAWDOWN:** Gates opened 12" at 12:15PM October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1098.7'  
Gates closed 3:00PM Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1097.6'  
Lakes equilibrated three days later, Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1097.4'

- **Lake Management Committee:** No report
- **WAVE:** The Wave Team gathered the specimens on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in the pouring rain! They were sent to DEC to be analyzed and we should receive the report sometime after December. Three samples were taken from Waneta lake (NYSEG Canal, Arrowhead Creek, and Lawrence Road ditch), and two samples from Lamoka lake (Little and Big Tobyhanna).
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** Cartha reported an Osprey nest was sited on the north end of Waneta.
- **Other:** Steve Tressler has written 4 articles on his webpage: [www.baldeaglefarm.com](http://www.baldeaglefarm.com)  
Articles dealing with: **What is in a Lake? How are Lakes Classified? Oh, No, My Lake is Eutrophic, What's up with Cyanobacteria?** The link will also be placed on our website.

Having no further business, a motion by Chuck Rybak and a second by Ed Sharpe to close the LWLA meeting at 11:35 a.m.

*Mary Tucker*  
Secretary, LWLA