

# Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association

## Public Meeting

As lake property owners, we all have an obligation to adjust the way we live to protect Lamoka-Waneta Lakes rather than to adjust Lamoka-Waneta Lakes to protect the way we live.

August 25, 2018

Meeting began approx. 10:05 a.m. with an attendance of approximately 70 people in the audience. President Jay White reviewed LWLA events held during the summer months, ie Pontoon Palooza, etc.

Reviewed several 'complaint' issues:

**Water Level** - Terry Fisk to discuss later - Per Jay - Be patient when lake level is being lowered - it's a large area to have an effect

Berm in front of dam - hurts LWLA effort to adjust lake level

**Lake Drawdown** - Can't wait until the lake freezes - Harmful to animals that burrow into the mud - Becomes DEC problem.

**Weeds** - 22 different species in Waneta, 28 different species in Lamoka. Treatment is only for invasive species. Jay recommends the public educate themselves as to what the different plants look like.

If there are plants in front of your house, if you can, please pull them yourself.

Grass Carp - LWLA is investigating using grass carp. DEC does NOT allow them to be put into the lakes.

Harvesters - Do not get rid of weeds - only mows them down about 4 feet

**Timing of treatment** - LWLA does not have much choice as to when to apply the treatment - Small window of time to apply - depends on growth cycle of plant

**HAB** - Harmful Algae Blooms - None in our lakes yet - put in aerators to keep HAB from forming.

**Septic tank clean out program** -If you receive a letter to get your tank cleaned and inspected, please follow through

**People fishing near your dock** - Only can hope they are courteous.\*\*\*Your property ends at the water's edge.\*\*\* Lake itself is public property. Where most docks are located in the water they are actually on public property.

Please feel free to contact Jay or any Board member if you have questions.

**Treasurers report** - Corinne reviewed the Financial Report.

The yearly supplement to the Directory will go out to you after your dues are paid. 12/01/18 is next membership mailing. Today LWLA is involved in a trial use of credit/debit cards

**Membership/credit cards** - VP Bill Hassoldt gave info that out of approx. 976 lake property owners, 542 are paid LWLA members (56%). Dues help pay primarily for lake level treatments. A trial for use of credit cards is done today for dues and clothing sales. If the trial works as expected, the Board will have to approve but credit cards would be able to be used on the LWLA website. LWLA is going to try to get the system to take recurring payments for yearly membership dues.

***Reminder that prepay dues are no longer taken.***

**Lakes Treatment** - a review was given by Dennis Fagan.

On 5/14-15 124 acres on the NE & W sides of Waneta were treated.

On 5/15 11.2 acres on the far north side of Lamoka was treated.

The treatment has been considered a success.

On Waneta out of 276 rake tosses, 13 had some milfoil. Last year 68.1% of rake tosses had milfoil - Plant species approx. 17 - Plant density trace to sparse

The scum layer is way down -During hot weather it can become HAB - Last year this did not happen until into September.

Major plants on Waneta - Southern Nead, Coontail, and curly leaf pond weed.

On Lamoka out of 182 rake tosses, 85 had some milfoil

Lamoka needs to be treated in 2019.

**Budget** - Revenue \$154,000

Expenses - Septic -\$15,000, Plant study \$11,000, Herbicide \$189,000, Admin \$2,000

A good portion of the fund balances for both Schuyler and Steuben Counties were spent, Fund balance at 2018 year end Schuyler - approximately \$4600, Steuben - approx. \$100

Looking at a new chemical - PorcellaCOR which may be a possibility - would use a lot less so would save money - effective for milfoil and hydrilla. Full lake effectiveness is unknown. SePro Corp has applied to DEC to use this in NYS - Waiting on approval from DEC.

**Water Level** - Presented by Rick Game -

At 1099.2 the lake flows over the dam. Have to be careful of areas below the dam when considering opening the gates. 1098.7 is the target height. This is the level that works the best for the most people. There was a discussion re: the 2 stop logs in the weir that are used to regulate the lake level. The cut in the weir is 4 foot wide and 1 foot deep. Every 3 years the lake level is lowered in October to facilitate lakeshore maintenance - the last time was 2017.

Thanks to Dennis, Gordon, Rick, and everyone for all the work done on lake levels, weeds, etc.

**Clothing** - If want to buy something after this meeting, call Chuck Rybak - number in the directory.

**Pancake Breakfast** - Ed & Jackie Sharpe - Not meant as a fund raiser - more of a meet & greet for community

Jay requested any ideas that anyone may have for a community project.

**Goose Control** - Yearly permit from US Wildlife requires each goose shot must be reported - so far nothing has been reported.

**Goose Control:** Kevin Norris has been helping Andy Strawhand with goose control - He will eventually take over the committee.

September is goose season. More volunteers are needed for the egg addling program - contact Gordon Shafer.

**Please do NOT feed the Geese/Ducks!!**

**Elections** were directed by Sean Fitzpatrick. BOD are 2 year terms while Officer terms are for 1 year. Try to split evenly between Lamoka and Waneta Lakes. Can have up to 30 BOD. Currently have 9 from Lamoka and 14 from Waneta.

3 BOD are retiring: Rich Stewart, Andy Strawhand, and Jon Thatcher.

Directors up for reelection were read and unanimously approved.

Officers are: Pres - Jay White(W)

VP - Bill Hassoldt(L)

Treasurer - Corinne Julian(W)

Secretary - Mary Tucker(W)

After the meeting there were a few displays for everyone to look at:

Terry Fisk - slide show of dam and gauges

Kurt Bischkoff - display of weeds and what they look like

For sale: LED flares - 3 for \$27 including batteries and carry case

Cartha Conklin for Mary Tucker  
LWLA Secretary