

# ***Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association***

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FOR THE BETTERMENT OF TWO OF THE FINEST LITTLE LAKES IN New York STATE

## ***Public Meeting – May 25, 2019***

Meeting opened at 10:06 a.m.

### **Welcome & President's Report:**

- Jay welcomed the 150+ LWLA members as we kickoff the 2019 summer season at the lake.  
Jay explained that we would be sharing the information regarding the History of Waneta Lake, Lake Level, Lake Treatment, Options of clearing the channel along with many other topics.
- Jay reminded members that our lakes are part of the Susquehanna River Drainage Basin and we as the LWLA work within the perimeters of the DEC and NYSEG. He encouraged members to bring any ideas they have to him or the Board Members. The Board Members are wearing name badges to identify themselves.
- Jay introduced Paul Reiser, Town of Tyrone Historian to speak on the history of Waneta Lake. The Fall Public Meeting will include a presentation on Lamoka Lake.

### **Treasury Report by Corinne Julian**

Corinne distributed the Profit & Loss Statement, August 26, 2018-May 31, 2019. showing the Total Income of \$17,308.23; Total Expenses of \$13,658.15 with a Net Income of 3,650.08

Checking Account Total is \$2,675.66

Savings Account Total is \$33,846.11

Corinne reported the current Membership is 527 paid dues out of a total of 980 residents representing 54%

Corinne also reminded members that we only publish a full Lake Directory every 5 years due to the expense, but we are now updating the Directory annually in the Newsletter. The update is in the middle of the Newsletter so it can be removed, folded and put in the directory.

If you pay your dues by March 1<sup>st</sup> you will be assured to receive your Membership Packet with the Newsletter and magnet. Corinne also explained that because we are now classified as a non-profit organization, dues may only be paid annually.

A Member asked why we didn't raise the dues. Jay responded that the Board did discuss the idea of raising the \$20 dues, but it was felt that it may discourage some individuals from joining and that perhaps when we have a higher percentage of

membership, and at that time we will revisit the raising of the dues. Corinne reminded members that although the dues are only \$20 we are always appreciative of donations.

### **Update on the 2019 Lake Treatment—Dennis Fagan**

Dennis explained that we have been treating the lakes since 2003.

Last year the treatment on Waneta Lake was quite successful so we did not need to treat this year. Lamoka needed to be treated this year. We have \$124,000 for the treatment of the lake.

In the past we have used the chemical Renovate as the treatment. This year we are choosing to use ProcellaCOR that was approved by EPA last year, but had not been submitted for approval by the DEC. It was recently approved by DEC and thus the reason for the late treatment of Lamoka. ProcellaCOR outweighed the benefits of Renovate in the fact that with our \$124,000 we can treat 132 acres vs 98, which is a 35% increase. Rather than use 908.5 gallons of Renovate we will be using 54.6 gallons of ProcellaCOR. Environmentally we are using less chemicals. Renovate gave us two good years of treatment and ProcellaCOR can give us three years of treatment and will have a greater impact on Eurasian Millfoil and Hydrilla, even though at this point we do not have any Hydrilla detected in our lakes. ProcellaCOR has little to no effect on water used for fishing, swimming, irrigation, and drinking.

Dennis explained that the tentative schedule for the treatment is June 25<sup>th</sup> and will take one day to apply.

Public notice was posted in the Corning Leader last Wednesday, and a letter was sent to all property owners impacted by the treatment.

In the past we have drawn down the lake to 1098, but because we are treating a month later Dennis is proposing not to reduce the level below 1098.5, which is the summer level and hoping that DEC will approve.

The information will be posted on the LWLA website.

Dennis also thanked Glenn Sullivan, Gordon Shafer and Kevin Morris who helped in putting the grant together this year.

**Lake Level:** Terry Fisk reminded members that we have had a very wet three months and the level was at 1099.1 which is flood level. At that point the gates were open 24". We were at 1098.4 when NYSEG closed the gates and we are now back up to 1098.5. Terry explained that Rick Game talks almost daily to open, close, maintain or put a notch in to regulate the level. The target range is 1098.7 at the viaduct.

**Channel Between the Lakes:** Barry shared that we are at the very early stage of looking at the options of what to do with the channel. He has spoken to the Solitude Company, the same company that does our weed treatment, who has the ability to move the debris to the side or remove the debris. Before we pursue the options we must first map it out. Barry is looking for volunteers who are willing to help clean out the channel to make it easier to map the area. It is necessary to determine the depth and width. Barry explained that it is legal to move aside any item that is a hazard.

A member asked if we choose to dredge the channel how is it paid for. The answer is the LWLA.

Barry reminded members that anyone interested in helping out with the channel to sign up on the sheet available at the table at the entrance.

**Goose Permit:** Members were reminded that the old permit is no longer in effect and you must wait until our new permit is issued. If anyone is interested in being listed on the permit, sign up on the sheet available at the table at the entrance.

In order to be placed on the permit you need:

- Hunting license with a goose stamp
- Use stainless steel shot
- Notify the coordinator how many were shot
- May not shoot more than 5 in one day and 100 per year for everyone on the permit.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Ed reminded members the Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-11. It was suggested by someone from last year that we extend the breakfast beyond 11. Ed asked how many would like to have the breakfast beyond the 11:00 closing. Members felt that 11:00 was an appropriate closing time for the Breakfast. Ed also reminded that it is the volunteers that make it a success and that there is a sign-up sheet at the table at the entrance.

**Golf Tournament:** Gary shared that this year the Golf Tournament is July 13<sup>th</sup> and the forms are available at the entrance table. He reminded people to sign up quickly as it fills up quickly and last year he had to turn away a couple of teams.

The golf tournament is not a fundraiser it is a break even event that allows lake members to get together.

Jay ended the meeting asking if it would be easier for Members to have the Spring Public Meeting the first Saturday in June rather than Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. After asking for a show of hands to change or keep the annual meeting, it was unanimously agreed to continue with the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend for the LWLA Spring Public Meeting

Meeting adjourned – 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Kay Tucker*

LWLA Secretary