

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association

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

FALL

Public Meeting – August 28, 2021

Meeting started at 10:02 a.m.

Welcome & President's Report:

Jay welcomed everyone to the Fall Public Meeting of the Lamoka-Waneta Lake Association, and thanked everyone for attending. Jay also thanked the Wayne Fire Department for hosting our Fall Public Meeting. Due to a scheduling conflict with Tyrone Fire Hall, the Wayne Fire Department was kind enough to offer its facilities.

What is the LWLA doing...

Jay explained that we have more than a weed problem. We also have a "muck" problem and we are in the process of looking for a representative to develop our lake management plan to help us address this problem. Other lakes are able to obtain grants to help with projects on their lakes. The development of the plan will enable LWLA to seek out these grants.

- **Securing signage** around the lake that we are part of the Susquehanna Drainage Basin. Many people are not aware that we drain into the Susquehanna River and as you drive around many lake areas you will see similar signs. Jay has attempted to contact the offices of the Susquehanna Drainage Basin and they are currently not back in their offices at this time and only are taking messages. Jay will continue to reach out to them.
- **CSLAP update:** We finished our first year of testing last year and are currently in our second year. The data and summary can be found on our website: <https://www.lamokawaneta.com> We discovered that water in Lamoka Lake exchanges at a rate of 0.8 years while Waneta Lake is 3.6 years. So, anything that goes into Waneta Lake will sit there for 3.6 years.
- **HAB** (harmful algae blooms) Jay reminded everyone that if you have what looks like an HAB, contact us and we will come and take a sample to be tested. *"If you see it, avoid it and report it to the LWLA team. Do not let children, pets or livestock in the area where it exists."* We are hoping to have a representative from the New York State Finger Lakes Association (NYSFOLA) speak on HAB at our 2022 Spring LWLA Public Meeting.
- **National Park Service:** we have been contacted by the park service that they are in the process of turning our area into a National Park Heritage Area. We had a representative zoom into one of our meetings this year and explain the process. The Association was assured that being designated as a National Park Heritage Area would not change anything we are currently doing now. There are no restrictions to the area.
- **Lake Level:** Currently (as of this meeting 8/28/2021) we are at 1098.7, our ideal summer level. We are aware that the gates are open 12" and are monitoring the

lakes carefully. Rick Game, LWLA Board Member in charge of Lake Level, is the contact person with NYSEG who controls the gates. The regular NYSEG person in charge of authorizing the opening and closing of the gates is out with COVID and there is a substitute who does not have the authority to authorize the overtime that may be needed to open or close the gates, and thus needs to go up the chain of command for permission.

- **Environmental Committee Chair:** LWLA is currently looking for an individual to serve as the chair of the environmental committee. There are lots of resources and LWLA is willing to help. Example of a project: Dredging the channel between the two lakes if needed. The chair would spearhead the project.
- **Goose Control:** LWLA has a Goose Management Program chaired by Kevin Morris. The program is designed to manage the population, not eradicate the population. LWLA has a permit and anyone interested in this project, please contact Kevin Morris (607-368-1853 or morriskt@corning.com)

Treasurer's Report: Our treasurer was not able to be at the meeting today, but sent the Balance Sheet Detail as of August 28, 2021 and Profit and Loss Statement May 29-August 28, 2021. Both of these reports will be on our website.

Currently:

Total Checking: \$2,795.73

Total Savings: \$54,462.99 (We will be using some of this money to hire a lake management representative to help us develop our plan to make us eligible to plan and obtain grants for our projects.)

Weed Removal--Kennedy's Hauling: Bill and James Kennedy, owners of Kennedy's Hauling, presented their new service of Seaweed Pickup. In addition to their current services of weekly garbage pickup, gravel driveways, hauling stone, dirt, etc. and snow removal, they are now able to pick up your seaweed from your property. Due to the fact this is a new area of their business they are still working through how much to charge. Currently there is a \$10 fee to show up and then the price is determined by the amount of seaweed to be hauled away. Price starts at \$5 and dependent on the size/amount will go from there. Once this service is up and running, they will have a regular pickup provided weekly.

James encouraged everyone to pick up a business card on the back table with all their contact information.

A question was asked if the seaweed needed to be put into containers? *No, just place the seaweed on the edge of your driveway and they will pick it up from there.*

Jay explained that the LWLA did contact Cardinal and Casella and they were not interested in offering the service of seaweed pickup.

"No Wake Zone" What & Why--Steuben County Sheriff James Allard

This past week we experienced a great deal of localized flooding and the counties and sheriff departments have the authority to issue warnings in a variety of stages.

- Severe Warning—loss of life and/or property—no boat traffic and no one on the lake.
- Advisory Warning—debris on the lake that can be dangerous to boats and people.

- The regular Wake Zone according to a letter dated August 8, 2006 from William E. Yessman, Jr., Schuyler County Sheriff “The speed limit for the channel and pond would be five miles per hour within one hundred feet of shore. The speed limit on the lake (Lamoka and it would be the same for Waneta since it is also in Schuyler County) is five miles per hour within two hundred feet of shore.

If you see someone who is constantly breaking the law, get the boat description and notify the sheriff’s department.

Question was asked how do we communicate this to people, especially those who are launching their boats and do not live on the lake and may not be aware of the warnings? *Currently it is posted on our Facebook page and LWLA is going to attempt to send out email alerts to everyone on our list regarding the warnings.*

Sheriff Allard will work with the Association to get signs that can be posted at the boat launch warning people of the Advisory Warning and No Wake Zone, for those visiting our lakes.

As far as fishing tournaments—the DEC has a list of all the tournaments, which the LWLA does receive, but there is no contact name/information to notify them ahead of time regarding the Advisory Warning and No Wake Zone.

Terry Fisk, LWLA Board Member, shared three pieces of wood that were floating in front on his cottage. One piece was a 2 x 2 x 6 piece of wood and the other two pieces contained nails and metal hinges.

Terry recommended that everyone keep their shoreline clean so it does not run into the lake when high water occurs.

Boating Safety Course:

Boater Certificate New Law:

As of January 1, 2020, New York will begin a phase-in-by-age law that will require a new age group to become certified each year, requiring all motorized boat and PWC operators to pass a boater safety course and to carry a New York boater card by January 1, 2025. All motorized boat operators born on or after January 1, 1993, will be required to carry the New York boater card by January 1, 2020.

Courses are available online NYS Parks & Recreation or check the Steuben Sheriff’s website for in person courses.

Questions for Sheriff Allard:

Question was asked if there was an ordinance/recommendation regarding music on the lake? Especially when they play all afternoon up to 10:00 at night. *Yes, it is up to the local ordinance as to the decibel. Recommend you speak with your neighbor first regarding the loud music.*

Question regarding Nighttime Fishing—there are boats out at midnight/1 a.m. with large spotlights that shine in cottage windows. Is there an ordinance for that? *Sheriff Allard will check on that and what enforcement can be done.*

Boat Launch Trailers parked along the road due to the lack of parking at the launch site. *The boat launch is in Schuyler County and Sheriff Allard is from Steuben County. He suggested if we wanted to have parking on only one side of the road that we start with the Tyrone Town Board as parking is a local ordinance.*

Update on Lake Treatment—Dennis Fagan

Every year in August a plant study is conducted by Bob Johnson from Cornell. DEC considers it to be the best plant survey in any lake association.

We take the lake toss samples and then develop a plan to treat in the spring of the next year.

We are the first Lake Association to receive a 5-year certificate for treatment and we are on our second certificate.

Spring of 2021 we treated 116.1 acres on Waneta Lake at the north end, northeast and westside. This year's rake toss we found Eurasian water milfoil on the east and south end so we will propose to treat 50-70 acres at those ends. This is half of what we did this spring.

From the rake toss we also discovered:

- Waneta had 5% increase in plant growth and our density decreased.
- Lamoka shows Eurasian water milfoil growing mostly at the west end, southern end, and northern end of the channel. This year we treated all of Mill Pond but found some Eurasian water milfoil regrowing which should not be happening. Dennis is in contact with the contractor and the company because the treatment performance is not as good as it has been in the past. Lamoka did not show any major difference of quantity and type of native plant growth.
- Please see attached rake toss chart for data on each lake.

The first year we treated the lakes with Sonar and we killed all the invasive and native plants. DEC was upset with us, but the cottage owners loved us!

We then switched to Renovate where we used 2,000-3,000 parts per billion using 1,000 gallons to treat the lakes. In 2019 we switched to Procellacor and we now use 2-6 parts per billion using a total of 50 gallons on both lakes, and we do not need to drop the lake level for treatment as we did in the past.

We have drastically reduced the amount of chemicals we are putting in our lakes.

We have tried biological treatment with no success, but we continue to look at alternative ways to treat the lakes.

Questions:

An individual thanked Dennis for his extensive data and time and effort that he puts into the treatment of our lakes. Question: if Waneta's plant growth is up and the density is down, why are we treating less this year than last?

The treatment is determined by the location of the invasive plant growth and the density does not figure into the treatment plan. We look at where it is growing and we attempt to control it. We can only control and not eradicate.

Where does the money come from for the treatment?

Once we have developed our treatment plan it is submitted to Schuyler and Steuben Counties. Everyone on the lake pays a tax in January based on the linear footage of lake front. \$180 greater than 80 feet; \$135 less than 80 feet; \$90 for access. The total

annual tax revenue is a little over \$150,000. Of this amount, \$15,000 is spent on the septic management program, \$11,000 for the annual plant survey, and the remainder is for our invasive weed control efforts.

2022 LWLA Board Elections– Jay White

We currently have 23 Board members on the LWLA—11 from Lamoka and 12 from Waneta Lake. Our by-laws allow us up to 30 board members serving a two year term.

The following board members are up for re-election:

Lamoka Lake	Waneta Lake
Ron Dixon	Calvin Barnstead
Rick Game	Gary Gray
Claud Gingrich	
Chuck Rybak	
Joan Rybak	
Gordon Shafer	

The following members have agreed to serve another two-year term:

Ron Dixon, Rick Game, Claud Gingrich, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Calvin Barnstead, Gary Gray.

The following Board Members agreed to serve as officers of the LWLA for one more year:

Jay White, President
Bill Hassoldt, Vice President
Corinne Julian, Treasurer,
Mary Tucker, Secretary

Jay took nominations/volunteers from the floor. The following agreed to serve a two-year term as a LWLA Board member beginning 2022:

- Jeff Francis (Waneta)
- Patty Gray (Waneta)
- Steve Hullings (Waneta)
- Wayne Lynch (Channel)
- Jeanie Maine (Lamoka)
- Ward Votava (Waneta)

Motion made to accept the nominations for the LWLA Board and Officers.
Unanimous

Questions & Comments:

If the plants are still native, can we still pick them from out front of our cottage?
yes! Pull them out—do not pull and put them back in the lake.

Will Kennedy Hauling come to the lakeside to pick up the seaweed?
No they will only pick up at the end of the driveway

Why was the Pontoon Palooza moved from the weekend of the Sam Pallet band?
The Pontoon Palooza is an LWLA event, the Sam Pallet band is a private event sponsored and organized by Sam Pallet. The two were never connected so to respect Sam Pallet's date, we did move our date for the Lamoka Pontoon Palooza.

If we are not on Facebook, how are we notified of alerts, etc.?
The LWLA does put out email alerts. Please make sure your email is up to date with our membership chair, Bill Hassoldt. wfhas@icloud.com

Can the LWLA at the Spring Public Meeting have a presentation on how to manage Caterpillars – perhaps aerial spraying etc.?
The topic will be put on the Spring Public Meeting Agenda. However, Bill Hassoldt reminded everyone that aerial spraying is toxic to fish and you cannot spray within 500 feet of a body of water.

Jay asked those in attendance if they prefer the LWLA Fall Public meeting the weekend before Labor Day (August 27, 2022) OR Labor Day weekend (September 3, 2022)

Members voted overwhelmingly to hold the LWLA Fall Public Meeting for the weekend BEFORE Labor Day, August 27, 2022.

No further questions or comments the meeting closed at 11:15

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tucker
Secretary, LWLA