

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

April 18, 2015

Present: Terry Allison, Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Terry Fisk, Al Gerth, Gary Gray, Jean Hubsch, Dene Karaus, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Gordon Shafer, John Thatcher, David Wallace

Absent: Dick Fagan, Sean Fitzpatrick, John Herbert, Chris Kain, Ed Sharpe, Brian and Patty Smith, Richard Stewart, Andy Strawhand, Carolee Thatcher

Guests: Dennis Fagan

Meeting called to order: 10:05 AM

President Terry started the meeting with a hearty “Welcome back!” Spring is here and it’s time for us to get back to business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from October 11th BOD Mtg. were approved as written. *(After minutes have been approved they can be published on the website.)*

Treasurer’s Report: Kurt said he’s been receiving a lot of dues and donations.

Checking	\$21,863.61
Savings	\$20,170.61
Cash on hand	\$ 0.00
Fixed assets	\$ 5,025.46 (This does not include the clothing and flares we have for sale.)
Total	\$47,059.68

NEW BUSINESS:

Lake level automation: An automatic lake level sensor/recorder will cost about \$2,000 plus \$240/year for the data retrieval service. Motion made to go ahead with the purchase by Gary Gray, seconded by Dave Wallace an approved unanimously. Terry Fisk will contact Telog for a final quotation and have them start fabricating a system for us. We will need someone to make an anti-vandalism box for the electronics portion to be housed in, and then we need a local general contractor to do the installation.

New website: John Herbert was out of town a lot and had asked to be replaced by someone else to maintain the LWLA website. We now have Katie Thomlinson from the Keuka Lake bluff doing it for us. Jean, Terry and Katie decided it needed a complete re-do with a whole new look at a cost of only \$470. Changes and updates will be done as needed at an hourly rate. In order to keep the maintenance costs down Jean and Terry A. are the only persons approved to contact Katie to ask for updates/changes.

Lakes Forum: Jean Hubsch and Dick Fagan are spearheading the May 23rd meeting. The forum will include experiential information on weed control through aeration, raking, dredging, benthic mats as well as well water testing resources, septic system testing requirements. There will also be LWLA clothing and flares available for sale.

Spring newsletter: Committees did not submit articles prior to the deadline. President Terry did the whole thing herself. Rich Stewart will be publishing/ mailing the newsletter.

Environmental Impact Committee: Barry Pappas was chairing this committee but has had to step down and resign from the LWLA board of directors.

NYSFOLA Conference: April 30 – May 2, Rich Stewart is going along with the Keuka representatives. There will be a workshop on watercraft inspections looking for invasive species tagging along on boats and trailers. Dennis Fagan said this is a public awareness and education issue. Maybe we could use better, more visible signage at both sides of the boat launch site.

Lake Testing: Terry A. says since the aeration experiment seems to be off the table we need to revisit what we started last year: What do we need to test for? What dates? Can we have one team do both lakes? What tests are wanted by NYSFOLA? Dennis Fagan added that he recently attended a 12-county meeting by Senator O’Meara and indicates there may be some state funds available for our \$150k water aeration experiment project.

Lake abatement tax: Tax monies being collected do not re-fill the coffers for the next weed treatment in line. Basically no carry-over from one year to the next and the weed treatments have had to be scaled back to accommodate what can be paid for. About \$100,000 is collected in taxes annually. This year’s treatment will cost \$160,000. Cost of the chemicals and application has gone up as well as we are needing to treat a larger area. We may need to increase the assessment for property owners. Right now they are: \$90 if <80 feet frontage, \$120 if >80 feet frontage and \$60 for lake access as in Sylvan Beach, trailer parks, and right-of-ways.

Dock Placement Issues: There are no town laws in place in Tyrone, Bradford or Wayne but other lakes do have regulations as to placement and positioning of docks, steps, lifts, etc. Two adjoining properties on Waneta have gone to court to verify a right-of-way issue but there remains some issues over placement of the docks. Should we get involved? Ask towns to pass some statutes? Dennis Fagan says the Schuler County DA has been made aware of the issue but so far no actions taken.

Membership form / feedback items: Some complaints/issues have been brought up. Kurt and Terry A. have called and/or emailed those persons to discuss.

New Clothing: New clothing items w/ new LWLA logos have been ordered and should be here before the May Forum. Two different colors, usual different sizes, total order cost about \$12,000. Chuck and Joan will be out of town prior to the forum. Need help sorting and getting things set.

Tyrone Volunteer FD Raffle: Al Buckland has tickets for the annual raffle. Drawing is June 6th.

Septic System Cleaning & Inspections: Darryl Sturgis (Schuyler Soil & Water) should be at the forum to discuss this. It is really important in regards health of the lakes. “Nutrients” from faulty septic systems contribute to weed growth, among other things.

OTHER:

Dennis Fagan says the permit application was submitted March 2nd. It has not been approved yet, hopes to have it by April 10th. Would like to treat the week of May 18th. Water level needs to be at 1098.5 for the treatment then gates closed and both stop blocks installed in the notch to keep water from going downstream until the chemical concentrations decrease to acceptable numbers or a minimum of 30 days after application. If we get rainfall the lake level may come up to the top of the dam at 1099.0

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

Next meeting: 10:00 AM Saturday, **June 20, 2015** at Town of Tyrone Courtroom

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Fisk