

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

June 20, 2015

Present: Terry Allison, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Dick Fagan, Terry Fisk, Sean Fitzpatrick, Al Gerth, Gary Gray, Jean Hubsch, Dene Karaus, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Brian Smith, Andy Strawhand, Carolee Thatcher, David Wallace

Absent: Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland, John Herbert, Chris Kain, Patty Smith, Richard Stewart, John Thatcher

Guests: Dennis Fagan, Heidi Gerth

Meeting called to order: 10:02 AM

President Terry started the meeting with a “Welcome back!” We’ve got a busy agenda so let’s dig in. Kurt is absent today because of his father’s funeral.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from May 16th BOD Mtg were approved as written.

Minutes from May 23rd Public Forum were approved on condition that the name “Darryl” is changed to “Dennis” on page 2, weed raking section, 4th sentence. (This has been done and corrected minutes sent electronically to the board members.)

Treasurer’s Report: Terry Allison gave a brief report of the numbers as follows:

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| Checking | \$18,936.24 |
| Savings | \$20,171.46 |
| Petty cash | \$ 500.00 |
| Fixed assets | \$ 5,025.46 (Furniture and equipment) |
| Total | \$44,633.16 |

NEW BUSINESS:

President’s Report:

Aeration project: Dennis Fagan turned in the official application form for the state grant request for \$150,000. Terry stated that even if we get the grant we don’t necessarily have to do it. We can turn it down. Dennis said the county could handle the cash flow for the \$150,000 project. The annual cost of estimated \$10,000 for electricity and maintenance could be absorbed by the Lakes Preservation District based on tax revenue. The main goal of the north end of Waneta Lake experiment is to reduce the scum and the main source of blue-green algae blooms there. IF it works... maybe six phases to cover the entirety of both lakes which means BIG dollars and annual costs would increase appropriately. There was some discussion and it seemed the result was to proceed with the experiment proposed at the north end of Waneta Lake. One step at a time: get the \$\$, get system going, evaluate if the experiment works as planned on the north end of Waneta Lake, evaluate desire to proceed with other areas.

Weed treatment: This year it cost \$162,000. Treatment was done 10 days before the flood, so we surpassed the bare minimum of 3-days maximum effectiveness of the chemical. The DEC watches for any sending of Renovate downstream to farms where they may extract water for irrigation purposes. Dennis said lake concentrations were all low and the water in Mud Creek tested negative for Renovate.

Flood issues: Need to gather the wants/needs of property owners; some have dock panels missing, etc. Maybe get a “Lost & Found” area on the website for docks, boats, jet skis, paddles, barrels, etc. The Tyrone dump is open Mon-Fri for flood debris only. Saturday is still “normal garbage” only. If you need

trucking call the Town of Tyrone to arrange a pickup. Call "211" for Schuylar County Emergency hotline. Town and county damage estimates \$3 to \$4 million. Plus state damages of about \$1 million. These numbers do not include personal property damage/losses. Please call Bill Kennedy at 607-535-8200 to report your personal property numbers.

Gravel haulers: call: Don DesRochers 607-292-3185 or Paul Earnhart 607-292-3152

Waterfront changes: will require evaluation by Soil & Water and DEC

Boating ban was lifted on both lakes at 6:00 AM this morning. We now have a boating advisory w/ 5 mph speed limit. Schuylar County Sheriff will be busy in Watkins Glen for the cardboard boat regatta, so Steuben County Sheriff will be patrolling the lakes for speeders, etc.

Clean-up day for Lamoka Lake: Looking at 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on June 27th for a general clean-up of floating and partly submerged debris. People, pontoon boats, chainsaws and towlines will be needed to do the extraction work. Will try to get Town of Tyrone trucks and employees for the hauling. Notification by email to lake residents database and on the website.

Thank-you/donation to Town of Tyrone highway employees for work done in loading and stacking the chemical bags that arrived without pallets before the lake treatment: Have to ask Paul Earnhart for advice so we can stay within the rules, but thinking of tickets to pancake breakfast or gift certificate to dinner somewhere. This would be for their whole families. Once Cartha Conklin checks to find out how many employees assisted in the work, gift certificates will be purchased and given to them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Boat Parade: scheduled July 4th

Flares: The cost for incendiary flares has gone up to nearly \$3 each. Motion made for us to exit the business of incendiary flares; approved unanimously. We'll sell the flares that we have left and let the stores know where to get flares for themselves if they want to bother with them in the future. The battery-operated flares are still something the LWLA wants to provide locally. They are now at Cook's for sale to the public.

Golf Tournament: Set for July 11th. Will send out sign-up sheets for teams. Entry fee is \$55/person and it is a total pay-out event. (No profit, this is a community outreach event.) Motion made to provide up to \$500 toward prizes; approved unanimously.

Lake Level: June 14th deluge of anywhere from 3 to 6 inches of rainfall in four hours caused the lakes to rise nearly 1 ½ feet. NYSEG came down that very evening to open gates. We're still letting water out as fast as we can but have had to reduce the gate openings because we were causing Mud Creek to overflow its banks and flood some roads somewhere between Bradford and Savona. Still getting a lot of debris built-up at the gates and the lip of the spillway. NYSEG has been here almost every day to remove the stuff once I inform them of it being there.

Lake Testing: Maybe get out there and test the waters next week?

Rummage Sales: Lamoka is July 18-19, Waneta is July 25-26. Signs need to be posted. Carolee will see about getting an all-residents email sent. Al Gerth will see about getting it posted on Craig's List.

Pancake Breakfast: August 8th. Dick Fagan will be moving south and unable to chair the event. He says he's got a list of the supplies on-hand and what needs to be purchased. Might need to ask for a second donation when people take seconds on meat products – usually whole platefuls when done.

OTHER:

July 11th Chicken BBQ at Wayne American Legion – 12:00 to 4:00, Take out only

Time to make our \$400 yearly contribution to the Tyrone Fire Department for the use of their facilities.

They've been really good to us recently... Remember to thank your local emergency, police, fire, rescue and highway workers.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM

Next meeting: 10:00 AM Saturday, **July 18, 2015** at Town of Tyrone Courtroom

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Fisk