

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

August 15, 2015

Present: Terry Allison, Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland, Cartha Conklin, Terry Fisk, Sean Fitzpatrick, Al Gerth, Gary Gray, Jean Hubsch, Dene Karaus, Kevin Morris, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Brian Smith, Patty Smith, Andy Strawhand, Carolee Thatcher, John Thatcher, David Wallace

Absent: Ron Dixon, Dick Fagan, John Herbert, Chris Kain, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Richard Stewart

Guests: Dennis Fagan, Bob DeYager

Meeting called to order: 10:08 AM

Introduction: This is our last meeting, other than the public meeting, for this group of board members. We will have a new board starting September after the nominations and elections. We are all workers with important jobs to do, with a wide variety of things being done for the Association. Thank you for all you have done. And let's look forward to more progress in the coming year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from July 18th BOD Mtg were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Kurt supplied a printed report with the following highlights:

Checking	\$16,798.08
Savings	\$20,173.98
Petty cash	\$ 500.00
Fixed assets	\$ 5,025.46 (Furniture and equipment)
Total	\$42,497.52

Kurt also supplied information from the pancake breakfast:

\$1,211 in sales
\$ 973 cost (not including cost of printing tickets)
\$ 215 estimated income from the event

NEW BUSINESS:

Tractor Trailer in the Drink – A status report by Dennis Fagan: A tractor trailer loaded with salt from Cargille in Watkins came down CR23 at about 8:30 PM last night and landed in/on the Tobyhanna dam. The driver was OK. He was ticketed for being on a posted road. There are floating rolls downstream to catch any spilled diesel fuel. Some salt was spilled into the water, the trailer side is ripped wide open and salt bags are exposed. There will be a three day clean-up process to get the truck, trailer and contents removed from the area. This is the third major accident at that location in the last three years.

Weed surveys – A status report by Dennis Fagan: Bob Johnson is here doing rake tosses and assessing the extent and types of weeds in both lakes. Waneta lake is done, Lamoka lake is currently in process.

Waneta: Two areas of new Eurasian Milfoil, both at North end of the lake. One of those areas had been treated this spring, the other area was not treated. The good news is that the overall weed population in Waneta is greatly reduced. The number of areas found to have "Trace" weeds increased greatly while the number of areas with sparse, moderate and dense amounts of weeds have reduced. Dennis will share the numbers and percentages at the public meeting.

Boat Launch Channel: No information.

Lamoka: Only partially done but have found eight areas with Eurasian Milfoil on Lamoka; five on the North end near the opening to the channel. The other three areas are down near the entrance to the channel to Mill Pond.

Mill Pond: Also partially done but have found twenty areas with Eurasian Milfoil.

President's Report:

Dredging of Power Canal: NYSEG has contracted a company to dredge the power canal; probably late this fall to early next spring. The main concern is a silted up "island" located about 85 feet up from the mouth where the beaver dam and a downed tree had been removed in previous years.

Nominating Committee: There are several people currently on this board who will be resigning after their term is up at the end of August 2015. Dene and Sean are polling current board members and soliciting other new members from the property owners. The list of returning board members has us with 11 from Waneta and 10 from Lamoka which is fairly good. Our Bylaws say we can have a maximum of 30, but there is no specified minimum. Officers are up for renewal each year: President – Terry is willing to serve once again, Vice President – Cartha is willing to continue, Treasurer – Kurt is willing to continue, Secretary – Terry is resigning, leaving an opening for everyone to consider stepping up for. Feel free to call/ask Terry what the duties of the Secretarial position are.

Public Meeting is August 29th NOT Labor Day Weekend: Kurt will email the wide distribution list to remind people of the meeting and to ask for self-nominations to serve on the board. The agenda will be a brief intro by President Terry followed by nominations/elections then reports from the various committees (2 to 5 minutes each, please!) and we will also have time for Dennis Fagan to report on weeds and truck accidents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Clothing: Chuck and Joan were not present to give a report but Kurt says they sold some clothing at the May Expo, sold about \$582 at the pancake breakfast and we also took in about \$240 for LED flares at the breakfast. There were no stick flares there to be sold.

Flares: John Thatcher says we still have stick flares for distributors. Plan to tell them to buy what we have now because we won't be supplying them next year. Current price is \$80 for a case of 36 flares.

Geese: Andy Strawhand says the goose kill numbers are down but he suspects some people have shot geese but not reported them yet.

Lake Level: Terry Fisk says the current level is 1098.68 and has been bouncing between 1098.66 and 1098.70 for the last three weeks. The variations are due to rain storms and evaporation. Both gates are fully closed and the notch has one block in it for an overflow at 1098.5

Pancake Breakfast: Al Gerth said a big thank you to all who helped make it possible. The food was good. There was too much sausage and not enough bacon even though they bought the same amounts of both last year. There were close to 200 diners, plus workers bringing the total served to over 200.

Water Quality Testing: Kurt Bischoff shared results of water quality testing they did late July (27th?). Brian and Kurt did the Waneta testing. Ed and Kurt did the Lamoka testing. Lamoka's water is about 2X clearer than Waneta's – probably due to the increased population of Zebra Mussels in Lamoka this year and the decline in Waneta. They plan to retest in about two weeks.

Steuben/Schuyler Watershed Committee: Kurt Bischoff said Schuyler has had one meeting so far this year with the next meeting taking place in about three weeks.

Dennis Fagan added the **Schuyler regional water treatment plant** for Watkins and Montour is gaining bipartisan support so it will most likely come to fruition. Testing of septic systems around the

lakes is ongoing with the every 5-year pump and inspect notices being sent out when the time rolls around for each property.

Household Waste Pickup: Kurt shared the approaching date of September 19th for the pickup of electronics and other residential waste material. You must pre-register via a form that is available on a website somewhere. (He will let us know since he didn't have that information available at the time.)

OTHER:

Dennis Fagan: State legislators "pork spending" may possibly provide the funds for our lake aeration experiment at the north end of Waneta. The \$150,000 is small potatoes compared to other requests that are in the books.

DIY Fountains and Aerators: Kurt's son purchased a 120 VAC 1 HP motor and attached it to his dock – it cleared out the muck and opened up a nice swimming area. Kurt recently borrowed it and is trying it out on his waterfront area now. Terry Fisk says he recently followed Jay White's ideas for a DIY water fountain/aerator (see the LWLA website) and built one for himself using the ½ HP electric sump pump. It's been in operation a little over one week and it has cleared up the slime/algae and has already made an improvement on the mucky bottom returning it to a rocky bottom.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM

Next meeting(s):

- Public Meeting 10:00 AM Saturday, **August 29, 2015** at Tyrone Fire Hall.
- LWLA Board meeting is 10:00 AM September 19th at the Town of Tyrone Courtroom.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Fisk