

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

April 16, 2016

Present: Terry Allison, Al Buckland, Cartha Conklin, Billy Croft, Ron Dixon, Al Gerth, Gary Gray, Corinne Julian, Dene Karaus, Kevin Morris, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Andy Strawhand

Absent: Kurt Bischoff, Sean Fitzpatrick, Heidi Gerth, Ed Sharpe, Brian Smith, Patty Smith, Richard Stewart, Carolee Thatcher, John Thatcher

Guests: Dennis Fagan

Meeting called to order: 10:06 AM

Introductions: Welcome back and thank you for coming. Board took a moment to remember Dave Wallace. He will be missed. Sharon appreciated page in Newsletter.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from October 10th were approved unanimously as written.
2. Treasurer's Report: Terry/Kurt supplied a printed report with the following highlights:

Total checking/savings	\$58,523.10
Fixed assets	\$ 7,363.58 (note: includes furniture and equipment)
Total assets	\$65,886.68

➔ **LWLA will donate about \$45,000 to district for 2016 treatment. Collected about \$10,000 in member donations for treatment rest from LWLA reserve funds.**

 - a. You will see extra costs in Treasurer's Report for printing, flowers, US Treasury for NYFOLA application dues/lunch and sales tax.
 - b. You will see extra deposits in Treasurer's Report for donations for weed treatment and extra included with membership dues.

New Business:

1. President's report – November thru March business
 - A. LWLA approved for 501C classification – Tax deductible not exempt:
 1. Paperwork every year to keep up status – important or will have to do whole process again
 2. Communicated to all members in Newsletter, on website and will note at public meeting
 3. Terry paid for \$850 out of pocket since did not have preapproval from board. Did talk to Kurt. Board members said they would have approved.
 4. 35 page application – asked for a lot of history. Used notes from others that helped
 5. Reason felt was important is because may need donations in future. People may give more if tax deductible.
 6. Sent in application in January was approved in March 2016
2. 2016 Lake Treatment - Lamoka only – scheduled for week before Memorial Day
 - A. Cost will be covered due to donations
 - B. One bid so far from Solitude who took over Allied Chemical who was used previously – Solitude a larger company. Have fountains and weed harvesting equipment.
 - C. Requested DEC to allow lake to be lowered to 10 98.0 before treatment

- D. Area being covered in Lamoka Lake only – 123 Acres – map of coverage in newsletter
 - 1. Submitted in January to DEC approved in February pending request for Down Stream analysis – they want all people notified on Mud creek and Cohocton near Campbell in addition to Lamoka residence.
 - a. Wrote 6 page letter documenting known impacts – waiting to hear back from DEC
 - b. Sent letter to Lamoka residents already –only 1 negative response about transferring nutrients to other weeds instead of invasive Milfoil. Explained not transferring but rather affected by things like Zebra mussels. Happened in Waneta but 5 year cycle there complete. Lamoka still in process
 - c. In meeting concern raised about areas 223 and 229 in mouth of marsh. If treat may kill frogs and other animals
 - ➔ **Dennis will look into**
 - 2. More than just Bob Johnson Plant report used to determine area to be treated- Gordon and team also did some testing.
 - 3. It was also mentioned that the mailing list was out of date already. Suggest that someone be assigned the job to keep up to date. To do this just need to contact both counties to get new addresses
- 3. Power Canal:
 - A. Numerous complaints, blue-green algae build up, odor – Fall 2015.
 - 1. Handed out FERC agreement that governs the power canal. This was put together with NYSEG and LWLA
 - B. Dredging scheduled for May 2- 13 – this will allow water to go in/out of canal so not stagnant. Seth Davis in charge of project for NYSEC. Creating area to put soil being removed to dry near 230/Keuka Hill Road. What is left will be taken to a landfill.
 - C. Does the association need to contact the DEC and NYSEG to further rectify the canal issue?
 - 1. Jay White who lives near has ideas of what else to do and is working with Seth
 - 2. LWLA will continue to discuss how to keep clean and bring up with NYSEG when needed
- 4. Lakes Protection District Tax increase:
 - A. The increase will be 50% over current rate so that 80' of frontage or less pays \$135/year (was \$90), greater than 80' of frontage pays \$180/year (was \$120), access to lake pays \$90 (was \$60) and non-developable properties such as wetlands pay \$27 (was \$18).
 - B. This was communicated in donation solicitation letter and newsletter and will be covered in public meeting.
 - C. Update on status – Dennis talked to both counties. They plan to pass resolution to increase. District will be notifying all involved. If 5% of voters sign a petition it would require a vote. Expect to hear early fall.
- 5. Channel Clean-Up:
 - A. Bill can no longer head up – will talk to Nicky when gets back and ask to get a group of individuals together.
 - B. Others said it appears to be cleaner than 10 years ago but beavers appear to be active again.
 - C. Individuals can move things to the banks. If association gets involved need permits.
 - D. Put out word to members they can take things out and put on bank.
 - E. Permit is \$25 – get permit from Bath – Gordon has contact info
 - F. Discussed that when clean people go faster
- 6. Water Testing - Need team to begin testing by May:
 - A. Zero information for last 2 years – testing needs to be same day each month
 - B. NY State Fed Lake Association has no information on our lakes.

- C. Suggestions for testers – Maybe pay someone; Lloyd Weatherbee or Sammy Suffering or someone from Soil and Water. Environmental Conservative groups from schools. Al will contact CCC.
- 7. Environmental Conservation Grant – partnership with Finger Lakes Institute:
 - A. Stop invasion of species from Lake to Lake
 - B. IF LWLA supports will send paid lake stewards to come to lake and inspect. Will also send speakers if provide a place to present.
- 8. Lake Level – average levels per month, automated device:
 - A. Is at 10 98.0
 - B. Doing testing to see how long it takes to lower lake.
- 9. Goose egg Addling:
 - A. Registered - Geese laying right on schedule which is now.
 - B. For hunting government requires report of how many taken. To date about 35 reported.
 - C. Andy ready to file but needs \$100 for Department of interior fish and wildlife.
 - ➔ Cartha will have Kurt send check
- 10. Pontoon Palooza information – new event, specifics – August 13, 2016 2pm::
 - A. Communicated in newsletter
 - B. Waneta Inn will help support – tent outside, sell T-shirts, some sort of special
 - C. Bring boat – float and party – way to meet people
- 11. May Public Meeting – set-up volunteers to be there at 9am:
 - A. Topics: the watershed, raising the Lakes Protection District Tax, 501C status, problem with the power canal, home-made aeration devices and their benefit.
 - B. Will show a video that explains the concept of a watershed.
- 12. Water Quality Rep. Report: Topic skipped
- 13. Spring Newsletter mailing:
 - A. Newsletter was already sent out.
 - B. Should we send to Members only? - people felt should continue to send to all because of turnover and membership is up over last years
- 14. OTHER:
 - A. Golf Tournament changed to July 16, 2016. New family from PA bought Wayne Golf course.
 - B. Fund raisers – Flares make no money, clothing makes money, and Pancake breakfast makes some money. Discussed raffles but no one volunteered

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM

Next meeting(s): Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM Saturday, **May 21, 2016** at Tyrone Town Court.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinne Julian