

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

July 8, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Vice President Jay White (Jay led the meeting in preparation of moving to President in September.)

Present: Terry Allison, Patrick Allison, Kurt Bischoff, Al Buckland, Cartha Conklin, Sean Fitzpatrick, Rick Game, Al Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Corrinne Julian, Dean Karas, Kevin Morris, Barry Pappas, Chuck Ryback, Joan Ryback, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Ray Stebbins, John Thatcher, Mary Kay Tucker, Jay White

Guest: Terry Fisk

Absent: Calvin Barnstead, Ron Dixon, Heidi Gerth, Gary Gray, Richard Stewart, Andy Strawhand, Carolee Thatcher, Tom Webb

Minutes of the June 17, 2017 minutes were approved with the following corrections:

- Clothing: "Chuck told the members that he recently purchased \$3,759 worth of clothing, not \$370
- Gauge Discussion: power point was sent by Terry Fisk not Fish

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report: Corrinne Julian went over the LWLA Balance Sheet as of July 8, 2017.

Checking Account Balance-- \$2,131.15 with \$275 donation in memory of Bonita Clarkson from Wixson Road.

Savings Account Balance-- \$19,187.90

Total Fixed Assets -- \$7,363.58

Total Assets -- \$28,682.63

Treasurers' Report Accepted as Presented

President's Report: Jay reported that he has had some people ask about the slime in the lake. Is it normal? Is it algae? Gordon said algae normally forms on southern nyad and milfoil grass, but he has not seen it on Lamoka.

Jay also thanked Gordon, Dennis and Rick for organizing and the updates on the lake treatment this year.

Jay has heard from Don Cook from the Finger Lakes Institute Organization. They would like Jay to speak at their July 17th meeting as to who we are (LWLA), how do we finance our treatment, etc. They also told Jay that after his presentation they would let him know if they will consider offering us membership in their organization. Gordon shared that in the past we were members of the organization. The concern is are we really a part of the Finger Lakes Association because of the flow of the lake.

Some Board Members asked what would be the advantage of the membership in the organization. The advantage is the research the organization does and shares with the members.

Jay told the members that he would be sending out the talking points to his presentation for members to add to or correct. Board members had no objection to Jay speaking at the July 17th meeting.

Terry reported that NYSFOLA encouraged the small lake associations' band together to present a stronger voice in Albany.

Sylvan Beach Association also asked Jay to attend their August meeting to share with them who we are and what we are. Sylvan Beach is not represented on our LWLA Board. Kurt explained that in the past he had gone door to door to distribute a copy of the directory. He felt the Sylvan Beach residents were very friendly. Cartha explained that Sylvan Beach pays Association Dues and some residents might not want to pay two dues. Sylvan Beach has 54 dock spaces and 200+ residents.

Jay asked if it would be possible to have a Sylvan Beach representative on the Board. Corrine reminded the Board that they must be paid members prior to joining the Board. Chuck reminded the board that there should be more than one representative from Sylvan Beach and sited Weller Island has 6 representatives for 33 cottages. It was the feeling of the Board that before we extend and encourage Sylvan Beach representatives that we wait until after the August meeting.

The Board had no objection to Jay attending the Sylvan Beach Association meeting in August and cautioned Jay to be clear on the difference between the district and the association.

Jay will be sending out a copy of his power point presentation prior to the August meeting with the Sylvan Beach Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CLOTHING: Chuck reported that the t-shirts are done and he will be picking them up from the distributor. We have lost our retailers for our LWLA clothing sales. The person at the Waneta Inn no longer works there and Cooks have decided to take a different direction. That leaves the Association members to get the product out there in addition to the public meetings and pancake breakfast.

Dean reminded Board members that at one time we had considered doing online sales. Sean shared that we tried selling online for two years, but the markup cost is so minimal and adding in the cost of mailing and shipping caused a loss rather than a profit. Chuck reminded members that the markup is only \$1 to \$2 per item. It was suggested that with our new distributor and expansion of products that we consider a 30% markup and offer retailers a \$1 or \$2 for selling the items in their store, which might be an incentive to the retailers to carry the LWLA clothing items. We will begin advertising on our Facebook page and look at stores in Penn Yan, the Golf Course and possibly the Windmill. Chuck will begin the new pricing and look into other retail outlets for sales.

GOOSE CONTROL: No Report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: No Report

LAKE LEVEL: Rick reported the lake level is at 1099.1 and needs to be at that containment level for the treatment to be effective.

Rick explained the following levels and results:

1098.5 boats become stuck in the mud and Lamoka and Sylvan Beach on Waneta residents cannot get their boats out.

1099 – flooding occurs

1099.2 – need to open the gates

1099 – close the gates

There are times when water will come through the cracks even with the gates closed. Gordon explained that the notch in the dam and logs has helped, but getting to the optimum level is very difficult. 1099 is the upper control limit and 1098.7 is excellent for most. Gordon reminded the Board that the seasonal levels are targets not controls. It was also brought up that we cannot control the level of the lake based on the height of people's dock, but we can help people to address the problem such as increasing the height of their dock.

Rick shared that the 2002 Plan by NYSEG was that at 1099.2 the gates have to be opened. Both the State and the Association objected to the plan, but it seems it was never changed.

Rick will continue to monitor the lake levels and Gordon will share the results of the latest lab results on the lake treatment and will update members via e-mail.

Lake Level is an ongoing process and the discussion will continue at future meetings.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT—Barry has agreed to be the connection between Sam Suffern and the Association as Sam continues with his literature research. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Barry and he will pass them along to Sam.

LAKE TESTING – Ron is unable to continue with lake testing due to family commitments. Kurt has agreed to take over for Ron and will report out at the August meeting. Barry also offered his assistance to Kurt.

NAVIGATIONAL & RECREATIONAL LAW – No Report

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Ed reported that he is all set for workers and needs the key for the tool shed for supplies. Fliers are being posted for the LWLA Gary Light Memorial Breakfast on Saturday, August 5th, 8:00 – 11:00 at the Tyrone Fire Hall \$6 for Adults; \$5 for Kids (12 and under)

STEBEN/SCHUYLER WATER QUALITY REPS -- Cartha received an e-mail from Don Cook the NYSFOLA Western Region Conference in October will be held at Silver Lake in Perry.

Terry reminded the Board members that it is important that we have representatives at this meeting and we will have further discussion at the August Board meeting.

We still do not have a representative for Steuben County.

OTHER—

- Gordon reported that Hunt Engineering is doing a survey of the boat launch area and believes the gauge was installed too high. They will take another look at it. This could be a difference of 1 ½ “which is counter to Terry Fisk’s report at the June meeting and our observations. Terry will also be taking another read of the gauges and will report out at the August meeting. Any questions, please call or e-mail Gordon.
- Pontoon Palooza—August 12th at 2:00 p.m. and will be advertised on Facebook. Last year there were 25 boats and with the lake level up Terry asked if we could possibly consider joining the two lakes for the Palooza. Members thought it could be a good idea, but would need to see the lake level for traveling between two lakes as the date gets closer.
- Terry reminded the nomination committee that the August Public Meeting is when officers and board members are elected. Sean said he will be getting a sign-up sheet for nominations and interested candidates that will be available at the Pancake Breakfast on August 5th.
- Corrine requested that Membership duties transfer back to the Vice President from the Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer have expanded since the 501C has increased the paperwork reports along with sales tax filing, and dues are now collected on an annual basis. She feels having the Vice President taking over membership will be more efficient and also is a good checks and balances of the organization.
- Facebook Page Concerns—Sean reported that we have more requests to join our group and he checks to see if they have a connection to the lake area, graduated from area schools, own property, etc. He has no idea if they are real estate agencies, contractors, etc. and are looking to advertise on the site. Sean has developed and posted a statement regarding the guidelines for the site:

This group was created to facilitate constructive communication within the Lamoka-Waneta Lakes community and the board of the Lamokwa-Waneta Lakes Association

Ground Rules:

1. Posts should be constructive in nature and respect the opinions of all members

2. Posts should NOT contain vulgar language or intimidating text. Those that violate will have their comments removed and be banned from the site

3. The site is not a business directory. Please refrain from posting advertisements although member to member sales of "lake stuff" is permitted

4. Please share memories, and pictures, of time spent on Lamoka and Waneta Lakes.

Sincerely

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association Board of Directors

Calendar of Events:

- July 15 Golf Tournament
- July 22/23 Lamoka Lake Rummage Sales/July 29-30 Waneta Lake Rummage Sales
- August 5—Pancake Breakfast 8-11 a.m.
- August 12 – Pontoon Palooza 2:00 p.m.
- Board of Director's Meetings: August 19, 2017, September 16, 2017, October 21, 2017 (All meetings are held at the Tyrone Town Hall at 10:00 a.m.)
- NYSFOLA Fall Conference October 15, 2016 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Next Meeting: August 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Tyrone Town Court

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Tucker, Secretary