



Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association

Board of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2024—Tyrone Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m. by President, Jay White

The following members were present: Terry Allison, Jesse Cates, Jody Christen, Debbie Cooper, Ron Dixon, Dennis Fagan, Terry Fisk, Patty Gray, Katherine Hammill, Bill Hassoldt, Kevin Morris, Gary Rose, Ed Sharpe, Cameron Spicknall, Linda Spicknall, Steve Tressler, Mary Tucker, , Beth Woods, Jay White

Absent: Calvin Barnstead, Cartha Conklin, Claud Gingrich, Gary Gray, Corinne Julian, Patrick O’Shaughnessy, Christine Parulski, BethAn Parulski-Seager, Jaci Riorden, Barb Russell, Jim Russell, John Thatcher, Sandy Tressler, Ward Votava, Barbara Walls, Tom Webb

Guest(s): None

Approval of Minutes: September 21, 2024 Minutes approved as written.

President’s Report: No report

Vice President/Membership Report: Membership news will be mailed in December.

Treasurer’s Report:

Checking Account Balance: \$6,697.01; Savings Account Balance \$57,684.60

Still waiting on Calvin to give her the name for the \$100 donation to the “weed man” who helped with the removal of the beaver cache.

OLD BUSINESS:

NYSEG Report: No update, Kevin is going to check on the update on the changes.

Update on the Adirondack Research Institute, 2025 Lake Treatment: No update.

The Adirondack Research Institute is extremely busy this time of year doing rake tosses and gathering the results. The final report should be received sometime the end of October or beginning of November.

Dennis reported the unofficial numbers he received that he needed to turn into the Lake District so Schuyler and Steuben can build it into their budgets.

Rake Toss Data:

Waneta Lake: Eurasian Milfoil found for a total of 45-60 acres of treatment 2025

- 11 on the north end
- 11 on the west side
- 5 on the east side

Lamoka Lake: Eurasian Milfoil found for a total of 35-40 acres of treatment 2025

- 8 Southwest side
- 3 South central
- 3 East side

Dennis also explained the RFP permitting the 2 firms to aid in the writing of the permit of the treatment project that is sent to DEC. The firm that is chosen will do 60-70% of the paperwork and he will do the remainder.

Dennis believes the best estimate for the 2025 treatment revenue:

\$110,292 Schuyler County

\$41,796 Steuben County

Total Tax Revenue:

\$9,000 Waste Water Management Revenue

\$4,000 Room Tax

Plant Study for 2025 \$13,400

Budget for 2025 = \$125,000

Projected Fund Balance at the end of 2024:

Schuyler - \$119,000

Steuben- \$47,000

Projected Fund Balance for 2025

Schuyler - \$119,000

Steuben - \$50,000

Pattie Gray mentioned that last year on Waneta Lake that the day of treatment the curly pond weed was thick and the boat kept overheating.

Boat Gauge: Pattie reported the gauge should be moving forward as the season is slowing down.

NEW BUSINESS:

LWLA Survey: Copies of the LWLA Survey of Lake Property Owners was sent to the board members for their feedback and additions. Comments included: 6 pages is too long, some of the questions can be merged, how will we get the survey to the lake property owners? Cameron Spicknall offered to work on the questions that could be merged and a better response to the questions than 1-5. It was also suggested that the survey be offered in paper form and online. Kate Hammill volunteered to adapt the paper copy to an electronic online form. Kate will send a copy of the second draft of the survey and the goal is to include it online and in the 2025 Spring newsletter.

Committee Reports

- **Clothing:** No report (Tom Webb absent)
- **CSLAP:** Bill Hassoldt reported CSLAP completed the 2024 season and he thanked all the volunteers and Steve Tressler for his service on the DO (dissolved oxygen) meter reading. Next year Steve hopes to collect samples around oxygenated areas vs non-oxygenated areas. He has a list of property owners who volunteered at the Fall Public Meeting to use their area.
The more data the quicker and easier to apply for grants. To correct any problems in the lake it will take a large chunk of money.

- **Environmental Impact Chair** –No Report, Calvin Barnstead absent.
- **Fundraising:** No Report, Jaci Riorden absent.
- **Goose Control:** Our permit expires December 2024 and Kevin will apply for a new permit in November 2024.
- **HAB Report:** On June 11, 2024 Lamoka, Waneta, Channel, and Mill Pond stream all had HAB.
To date: Lamoka reported 14, Waneta 9, Channel 2 HABs.
Terry reiterated HABs is not a local problem but state and country wide! Hoping to gather more information at the upcoming NYSFOLA Regional Conference October 26, 2024.
- **Lake Level:** 1098.7 – 1098.8. The plan is to drop November 1to the winter level of 1098.0-1098.2
- **Lake Management Committee:** Steve has picked up sample bottles to test for both E. coli and fecal coliform. When the weather was dry for three weeks, water was still running into the lake. Jay and Steve will collect the samples over the next couple of weeks.
We need to concentrate on what is coming into our lakes. Debbie Cooper brought up the Canandaigua Lake Friendly Living program. Debbie will look into the program and determine how it can be used on Lamoka and Waneta Lakes.
- **Steuben/Schuyler Soil and Water:** No update--Schuyler meets November 21, 2024

OTHER: Steve shared the Michigan Lake artificial wetlands hydroponics in the lake. The plants absorb the nitrogen. Jay also was familiar with the study and is going to attempt it at his property this spring.

Steve also suggested the LWLA join the North America Lake Management Society Publication at a cost of \$175.

A motion by Cameron Spicknall the LWLA join the North America Lake Management Society Publication at a cost of \$175. Second by Ed Sharpe

MOTION CARRIED

Having no further business, 2024 LWLA Board Meeting closed at 11:35 a.m.

Mary Tucker

Secretary, LWLA