

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association

Incorporated 1965

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF TWO OF THE FINEST LITTLE LAKES IN New York STATE

Public Meeting – May 27, 2017

Meeting started at 10:00 am

Welcome & President's Report:

Terry introduced herself and welcomed everyone as we kickoff the 2017 summer season at the lake and reminded everyone that the Agenda was available on the table as they came in. The Questions and Answers would be addressed after the adjournment. Participants were encouraged to write their questions on the bottom of the agenda form.

Treasurer's Report by Corinne Julian

Corinne distributed the Balance Sheet Detail as of May 27th showing the checking account balance of \$1,147.23, savings account balance of \$23,186.06. With Petty Cash, Fixed Assets, and Liabilities & Equity leaving a Net Income of \$31,696.89

Corinne also reminded members to update their membership. There are 985 total lake property owners of which 529 or about 52% of the members have paid their dues to date.

Corinne also requested if anyone knows of someone buying or selling lake property please e-mail treasurer@lamokawaneta.com to allow us to keep membership database up to date.

Update on the 2017 Lake Treatment—Dennis Fagan

Dennis explained that we have been treating the lakes since 2003 and for the first time we ran into problems with DEC and their recent Chemical Containment Policy.

- Difficulty this year was because we were treating the Channel to Mill Pond. Everything flows south, hence very little dissolution.
- DEC wanted the lake lowered 4 feet.
- Dennis met with the DEC Executives and convinced them that by containing it for 37 ½ to 45 days-time dissolution in non- treated water from Mud Creek to Mill Pond would get down to 6-10 parts per billion.
- The schedule was to treat the lake on Monday, but the lake level was not down the required 6". (We missed it by a tenth of a foot)
- Contractor had a conflict with Tuesday
- Wednesday the lake level was at the required 1098.0
- Prior to treatment dam gates were still open, NYSEG was called and they closed the gates and treatment began at 11 a.m.

- Next day the water level was at 1097.9 caused by the equalization of the two lakes.
- Rain on Thursday brought it back up to 1098.0
- Good news: this was the worst case and the last time we treat Mill Pond (in Dennis' lifetime.) We can now concentrate where we need it, on the two lakes.

Alternative to Chemical Lake Treatment—Sam Suffern

Sam reminded the members that he presented the proposal 20 years ago and DEC rejected the proposal. Sam is retired and currently living in Tennessee and now has the time to study and research the use of Chinese Grass Carp.

- Proposing a literature search and survey on fisheries and water quality.
- Would like the Lake Association to get behind the idea to present to the DEC to change their point of view.
- The proposal is to get rid of the weeds and not ruin the fisheries. The fish will eat the weeds so they don't grow up.
- Members expressed an interest in pursuing the study. Terry invited Sam to attend a Board Meeting to share and update the Board.

Septic System Upgrades & Inspection

Terry reminded members that we have 110 lake property owners that are not in compliance. She asked members to reach out to their neighbors and encourage them to inspect and/or upgrade their septic system. Lake health is important and vital to lake living.

Solar Energy as an alternative – Roger Ort & Laurey Peck

- Two types of mount: House Mount & Ground Mount
- Myth that we do not have enough sun. From May-September we have 15 hours of daily sun.
- Solar Panels use the rays of the sun to create electricity. Electricity produced is DC (direct current) power. Our homes run on AC (alternating current) power.
- Electricity is produced during the day and consumed at night.
- Why Solar?
 - Clean Energy
 - Works
 - Price of the panels is decreasing
 - Tax Credit
 - Can reduce your electric bill to the cost of the meter fee
- If interested, contact: www.solarschuyler.com
 - Sign up for a free assessment
 - Have an assessment done and review the quote
 - Sign a contract
 - Have your system installed (takes approximately 2-4 months start to finish)

Boat Safety Presentation— Dave White

Dave is with NYSea Grant. His title is. Recreation Specialist, NY Sea Grant and Assoc. Director - Great Lakes Research Consortium.

- Life Jackets—right kind, size, type on any water vessel.
- Vessel is anything you can ride on or in.
- Anyone under 12 must always wear a life jacket.
- Paddleboards must have a lifejacket on or easily accessible
- Anyone under the age of 21 must take a boating safety course to operate a boat solo. The course is available on line.
- Personal Water Craft you must have taken the boater safety course and must be 14 years old to operate the PWC.
- Must always wear a life jacket when operating a PWC.
- Must have 3 flares on your boat and check the expiration date. There are electronic flares available, but they must be Coast Guard approved.
- No plant or animal species should be on your boat when launching your boat.

There were free handouts of reflective paddle stickers and “If Found” stickers to place on your paddle boats, row boats, etc. if they were to float away the finder would know whom to contact.

A member asked the question what was the distance and speed from shore. Answer: 200 feet from the shoreline and 5 mph.

Reminders:

- ✓ July 15th Golf Tournament, Captain & Crew. Pre-registration must be by July 10th. Contact Gary Gray at gjgray1465@yahoo.com
- ✓ July 1, Flare Night, 9:30PM
- ✓ July 1, Boat Parade @ 2:00
- ✓ August 5, Pancake Breakfast 8-11 a.m. If able to help, contact Ed Sharpe at waneta4072@aol.com
- ✓ August 26 – Public Meeting @ Tyrone Fire Hall

Terry ended the meeting saying she appreciated everyone’s comments and that the input helps the board.

Meeting adjourned – 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kay Tucker
Secretary, LWLA