

# **Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association**

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

## **Public Meeting – August 31, 2019**

Meeting opened at 10:06 a.m.

### **Welcome & President's Report:**

- Jay welcomed the 90+ LWLA members and summarized that the LWLA Events this year were very successful: Golf Tournament, Pancake Breakfast, Lamoka Pontoon Palooza. Unfortunately the weather of thunder and lightning forced the cancellation of the Waneta Pontoon Palooza.
- The Lake Association continues to work with NYSEG in developing a plan specifically targeting a draw down date.
- The latest Weed Treatment proved very successful in the treatment of the Eurasian Milfoil. One could actually see where the treatment stopped. We used a less expensive treatment this year so we were able to treat a larger area. Jay reminded members that we continue to look for alternative non chemical treatment and attend NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lakes Association) annual meeting to learn of new ideas.
- LWLA will add a 3<sup>rd</sup> Flare Night to open the lake season. We will now have Flare Night Memorial Day Weekend, July 4, and Labor Day. The Association would like to encourage people to use the electronic flares as they are better for the environment and lasts forever, only need to change batteries.
- Jay introduced Paul Reiser, Town of Tyrone Historian to speak on the history of Lamoka Lake.
- Jean Hubsch announced the Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Day will be Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> for Yates & Schuyler County Residents. Registration period is August 16-September 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be found on line at <http://yatescounty.org> or you may pick up a form at the Yates County Legislative Office.

### **Treasurers Report by Corinne Julian**

Corinne distributed the Profit & Loss Statement, August 26, 2018-August 31, 2019 showing the Total Income of \$22,245.53; Total Expenses of \$16,238.03 with a Net Income of 6,007.50

Checking Account Total is \$4,180 Savings Account Total is \$34,700

If anyone is interested in seeing the breakdown and specific items, please do not hesitate to contact her.

One member asked what CC meant after Clothing, Membership Donations, and Membership Dues. Corinne responded that CC indicates paid by Credit Card.

Corinne reminded members if they pay their dues by March 1<sup>st</sup> they will be assured to receive their Membership Packet with the Newsletter and magnet. Corinne also explained that because we are now classified as a non-profit organization, dues are tax deductible. Dues for LWLA remain at \$20 a year, but the Association will always accept donations!

Bill Hassoldt (VP) reported the current Membership is 557 paid dues out of a total of 970+ residents representing 57%

Membership mailing for 2020 will be mailed out December 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues are \$20 and may be paid by credit card via the LWLA website or mail your check and membership form to LWLA.

### **Update on the 2019 Lake Treatment—Dennis Fagan**

Dennis reported that the treatment is showing success with the elimination of targeted Eurasian Milfoil. We are just beginning to receive data from the treatment, but the observations show a drastic reduction/elimination of the Eurasian Milfoil. Dennis reminded the members that the old chemical (Renovate) would require a concentration of 2,500 parts per billion totaling 900-1,000 gallons while treating 98 acres. The new chemical (ProcellaCOR ) would require a concentration of 6-8 ppb totaling 50 gallons while treating 132 acres, so we were able to treat a much larger area with a 3-4 year re-growth.

**Lake Level:** Rick Game shared the Lake Draw Down information that is done to allow people to work on their lake frontage. With the cooperation of NYSEG the target date is first part of October with a goal of 1098.7 on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Rick assured members this is a gradual draw down.

### **Boat & Jet Ski Safety:** Presented by Steuben County Sheriff Jim Allard

Sheriff Allard explained he grew up in Tyrone and owns a cottage on the northern end of Waneta. He asks the LWLA officers and members what they would like to see from the sheriff's department. He presents regularly at the Keuka Lake Association and would be more than happy to do the same for the LWLA.

Sheriff Allard touched briefly on Brianna's Law. (Brianna's Law is named after Brianna Lieneck, an 11-year-old Long Island girl who was killed in a 2005 boating accident.)

The measure expands an earlier law signed by Governor Cuomo that requires boaters born after May 1, 1996 to complete a safety course before operating a motorized watercraft.

Under the phase-in, all motor boat operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1993 must complete a safety course to operate a motor boat beginning in 2020. Those born after Jan. 1, 1988 must complete a safety course beginning in 2022. Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 must complete a safety course beginning in 2023. Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1978 must complete a safety course beginning in 2024. The requirement would extend to all motor boat operators beginning in 2025, regardless of age.

Failure to comply could result in a fine of between \$100 and \$250 under the new law that goes into effect Jan. 1, 2020.

Steuben County Sheriff's Department has six part time deputies who work with Schuyler County Sheriff Yessman along with riding along with the DEC to patrol the two lakes.

The Steuben Sheriff's Department usually use PWC as opposed to boats.

Sheriff Allard also reminded LWLA members they are here to help and train and offer Boater Safety Course for free. They are in the process of setting up the dates and will be posted on their website.

The key points Sheriff Allard wanted to stress are: If you see something do something! Call 911 and they will pass it along to the appropriate department, and Know the Sheriff's Department is here to help!

**Questions:**

- A member asked if you needed a Personal Flotation Device on a non-motorized vessel. The answer was you need a PFD and sound producing device on all vessels. This would include kayaks & paddleboards.
- Another member reminded everyone all persons on board a recreational vessel less than 21 feet in length (including canoes, kayaks, and rowboats) must **wear** a USCG–approved PFD from November 1 to May 1.
- What happens if you cannot find your Boater Safety Course Certificate? You need to go to the online provider that issued your card. The same is true for lost Power Squadron and Coast Guard Auxiliary cards. NYS can only issue replacement certificates for the NY Safe Boating Course.

**Golf Tournament Chair Replacement:** After explanation of the duties of the Annual LWLA Golf Tournament Chair and discussion, Gary Gray agreed to remain as the Chair for the 2020 LWLA Golf Tournament. He also encouraged other members of the Association to feel free to contact him to help out.

**Election of Officers & Board Members:**

Sean Fitzpatrick explained that the Officers of the LWLA hold the position for one year and the Board seats are for two years.

This year the following Board Members are leaving:

- Patrick Allison (Waneta)
- Kurt Bischoff (Lamoka)
- Sean Fitzpatrick (Waneta)
- Wayne Lynch (Lamoka)
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The following Board Members have agreed to serve another two year term:

- Calvin Barnstead (Waneta)
- Ron Dixon ((Lamoka)
- Al Buckland (Waneta)
- Cartha Conklin (Waneta)

- Rick Game (Lamoka)
- Claud Gingrich (Lamoka)
- Gary Gray (Waneta)
- Barry Pappas (Lamoka)
- Chuck Rybak (Lamoka)
- Gordon Shaffer (Lamoka)
- Carolee Thatcher (Waneta)

Sean asked for any nominations for Board Members for the 2020. No Replies  
Therefore these seats will remain vacant.

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Sean asked for nominations for LWLA Officers: There being no new nominations for LWLA Officers, the following LWLA Officers were unanimously re-elected for another year:

- President—Jay White (Waneta)
- Vice President—Bill Hassoldt (Lamoka)
- Treasurer—Corinne Julian (Waneta)
- Secretary—Mary Tucker (Waneta)

### **Members Questions & Concerns:**

- 55 MPH speed limit on the roads is extremely dangerous during the summer season especially when people do not or cannot walk on the shoulder of the road. Is there a way to lower the speed limit during the summer season from 55 to 35 mph? *Sheriff Allard recommended to submit the proposal to the Town of Tyrone Board.*
- A member reported that there are about a half-dozen cottages on the southern end that are getting many weeds and sticks washed up on their shore and he pays \$600 to have it removed. His concern was this due to the draw down? *Dennis Fagan replied that he also has seen the “sludge” in the last 3-4 years and sees it mostly in the Spring so it really has nothing to do with the draw down in the Fall.*

There being no other business or questions and concerns, the meeting was closed at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary Kay Tucker*  
LWLA Secretary