

Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association

Minutes from May 18, 2024-- 10:00 a.m. Tyrone Town Hall

Meeting was called to order by Jay White, President, at 10:00 m

The following members were present: Terry Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Jody Christen, Cartha Conklin, Ron Dixon, Dennis Fagan, Terry Fisk, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Patrick O-Shaughnessy, BethAn Parulski-Seager, Ed Sharpe, Sandy Tressler, Steve Tressler, Ward Votava, Tom Webb, Beth Woods, Jay White

Absent: Debbie Cooper, Jamie Day, Claud Gingrich, Gary Gray, Patty Cray, Kevin Morris, Christine Parulski, Jaci Riorden, Barb Russell, Jim Russell, Chuck Rybak, Gordon Shafer, John Thatcher, Mary Tucker, Barbara Walls,

Introduction/Welcome: Jay White, President

President's Report— Jay discussed his recent stay in Disney World. Everyone working there does their job and tries to make everything perfect for the guests. He wishes that the efforts we put forward to improving the lakes would result in that perfect world on our lakes. Everyone being happy would be great!

April 20, 2024 Approval of LWLA Board Minutes:

Minutes approved by Terry Fisk, seconded by Cartha Conklin, all in favor.

Vice-President's Report—Bill Hassoldt:

569 members, members are still trickling in, few still stating that they did not get their materials in the mail. Other nearby lakes associations have membership rates approx 55-63% of their property owners, resulting in 5 times as many members. When Bill and Corrine began membership was 40%. Goal is still 100%.

Also shared were the Schuyler County and Keuka Lake newsletters. They are mainly advertising and put out quarterly. They do not compare to the LWLA newsletter. Bill has not heard any winning results from the NYSFOLA newsletter contest.

Treasurer's Report /Update on insurance—Corrine Julian:

The last email had 3 attachments; the \$2,600 checking and \$75,000 savings, plus the 2 attachments showing the balancing of the books. The insurance for the shed was paid. Copies were obtained of the 2 full, original insurance policies if anyone would like to see them. After much discussion, Corrine will look into the specific costs for insurance/more insurance for the back-up treasurer, as well as for non-bodily damage. This will NOT be a topic for discussion at the public meeting.

Also: A future project is needed to combine all the historical data/ minutes/ grants/ etc. in a digital or filing cabinet system, so that important past knowledge is not lost.

Old Business

- **2024 LWLA Goals Approval**

- Change the following goals to :

- ~~o Formation of the Committee and Chair to proceed to meet~~

- Implement the plan with the Schuyler County Legislatures to modify the Room Tax regulation generated on Lamoka and Waneta Lake to be returned to the Lake District and used for the improvement and monitoring of our lakes.

- (This change was made because Gary Gray and Dennis Fagan already met with Carl B and Sean R and discussed the use of the occupancy tax generated on Lamoka and Waneta to aid Josh C and Darrel S in ensuring the compliance of rentals and the capacity of septics on the two lakes. All at the meeting agreed that the idea was good. A report back to Dennis is planned. There is no need for a committee.) Note- If landowners see obvious abuse of rental capacity or septic issues, call Josh or Darrel. This all applies only to Schuyler County, not Steuben.

- ~~o Formation of the Committee and Chair to begin the process of~~

- Replace the lake level gauge and add two other gauges. One at exit of North Canal on Waneta, the other somewhere to be determined at the lower end of Lamoka.

- (This change was made because Terry, Bill Jay and Kevin volunteered to get this done. They will need Gary Gray to coordinate with the county. The gauge will be flat, so ice should not be a concern. The placement at the dam and the middle launch should be fine, but the north location could be tricky. Railroad ties and pressure treated 2X4s are not legal. Surveying and recertification will be part of the process.)

- **NYSEG update—Kevin Morris- AB**

- Update on Lake Treatment June 17, 2024/Rain Date: June 18, 2024 – Dennis Fagan-**

- The request was submitted mid-March. No reply yet from DEC. Will probably not hear until a day or two before treatment.

- **Other**

- Jay called DEC after complaints around the lakes of dead fish floating, or on shore. They checked, and said there are LOTS of healthy fish, and this was most probably some form of natural correction. There have also been some drastic temperature swings that may have had an effect.

- Also, Jay discussed that landowners are seeing online videos for treatments that “eradicate” weeds, and wonder why this cannot be done on our lakes. These videos are meant for small, privately owned ponds of a few acres. This is very different from our “control” of non-native species.

- New Business**

- **Final approval of the 2024 Spring Public Meeting Agenda, May 25, Tyrone Fire Hall at 10:00 a.m.**

- Discussed Gordon Shafer’s concern that we not ask the public for a dues increase at this time, since we are not in need of more funds, and we shouldn’t look for the funds to come from those already giving. After much discussion, the board agreed to wait until the fall meeting to discuss

raising dues for “upcoming long term projects”. The board felt that this need definitely exists, with programs like the Waneta Terrace. In the meantime, specific numbers should be gathered for the amount of upcoming expenditures, so the need can be clearly shown. The raising of dues will need to be voted on by the public at the fall meeting. It was agreed that this should be removed from the spring agenda.

Agenda was approved- Corrine motioned, Ward second, all approved.

Committee Reports:

Boat Parade—Katherine Hammill AB

Clothing –Tom Webb, Ron Dixon- Come help set up for spring meeting at 8:30 AM

CSLAP—Bill Hassoldt- Boxes have not come yet. Beth never heard back about training. Both lakes have a good number of people helping sample. No current needs.

Fundraising—Jaci Riorden- AB

Golf Tournament—Saturday, July 13, 2024; 9 a.m.; \$300 team/\$75 per person. This is on the same date as the July board meeting. Will need to move the board meeting to July 20. Motion from Calvin, 2nd Ward, all in agreement.

HAB report—Terry Fisk- no HABS seen yet!

Environmental Impacts –Calvin Barnstead- June 15 will be the work day, in the afternoon after the board meeting. He will put the plea for help on social media. Target is the 6 beavers, the cache, and sticks out in the channel.

Goose Control – Gordon Shafer, Kevin Morris- AB

Lake Level – Terry Fisk- 1098.7, 2 gates open 6”, might have to close one down Monday

Lake Management—Patrick O’Shaughnessy, Steve Tressler-

The plan is to write a plan to address what is already in the lake, and what is flowing into the lake. Soil and Water already has all the needed data, and money thrown in will accelerate the projects. Relationship building is clearly needed. Misunderstandings set the Waneta Terrace project back a bit, but hopefully is getting squeezed back onto a tight schedule for this year. Clarifying discussion- this refers to the Meyers Rd ditch project at \$15,000. The release is now signed, and Jerry is looking to fit it in.

Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality Reps – Cartha Conklin-

Jerry and Jessica help so many people in the county. The newsletter shows many of their efforts. If we move the spring meeting for next year, they may be able to attend. Our own highway superintendent Matt Stiles may also be a good contact.

The next meeting is Tues. June 9 at Birds Eye Hollow. Cartha cannot attend. Let her know if you can.

Other-

Dennis will not lead the work with Chautauqua lake. He defers to Calvin. Calvin will need to speak at the spring meeting. An email from Mary Hastings was forwarded from Dennis to Calvin. Dennis says Chautauqua lake is well on the way to doing work we may be interested in. Gordon expressed that we are already considered a wetland. Jay volunteered to find out from DEC if we are, or are not a designated wetland.

People are “chatting” about the man who is going to cut weeds. They are asking “can we hire him”, “does he need permits”, etc. He is not associated with LWLA, but we can expect there may be questions about him at the spring meeting.

Next year we should move the spring meeting off Memorial weekend, to the next weekend.

Next meeting:

Spring Public Meeting –May 25, 2024 Tyrone Fire Dept.
