



Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association

Board of Directors Meeting

July 20, 2024—Tyrone Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Bill Hassoldt, Vice President, in Jay White's absence. The following members were present: Terry Allison, Calvin Barnstead, Jody Christen, Cartha Conklin, Debbie Cooper, Dennis Fagan, Gary Gray, Patty Gray, Bill Hassoldt, Corinne Julian, Kevin Morris, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Steve Tressler, Mary Tucker, Ward Votava, Beth Woods

Absent: Al Buckland, Jamie Day, Ron Dixon, Terry Fisk, Claud Gingrich, Christine Parulski, BethAn Parulski-Seager, Jaci Riorden, Barb Russell, Jim Russell, John Thatcher, Sandy Tressler, Barbara Walls, Tom Webb, Jay White

Guest: Katherine Hammill and Joe Hammill

Kate updated the Board on the July 4th Boat Parade.

- People were very excited and it went well for its first year as a "judged" event.
- Need more volunteers for next year. Kate organized, printed the numbers, and hand delivered material to each registered boat owner.
- Form she used did not show all the boat numbers to allow people to vote for those boats.
- Numbers were too small to read – looking into larger numbers and perhaps reusable numbers.
- Suggested next year registration and pick up material at two locations: Arrowhead Golf Course on Waneta and Lost and Found on Lamoka
- Add information into Spring Newsletter and Spring Public Meeting

All in all the day was fun, the weather was excellent and everyone looking forward to next year's July 4th boat parade!

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ed Sharpe and Gary Gray to approve the June 15, 2024 Board of Directors Minutes as presented.

President's Report: Jay out of town, no report. Bill shared Chuck Rybak's resignation from the Board because he has moved out of the area. Patty Gray reluctantly made the motion to accept Chuck's resignation and Calvin seconded. Motion carried. Members shared their appreciation for all Chuck did as a Board Member over the many years he has served and will be missed by the LWLA.

Vice President/Membership Report: Currently at 60% membership.

Treasurer's Report: Corinne highlighted the following transactions for the July Treasurer's Report:

No surprises.

1. Transfer between accounts to cover bills
2. Paid for Waneta Terrace Project \$10,000

3. Paid Travelers for new D&O and Crime Insurance \$696
4. Renewed Lamoka Waneta domain name for Website \$21.99
5. Donation to Tyrone Fire Department \$400
6. Deposited CSLAP reimbursement from Steuben (reimbursed from Steuben SWCD \$840)
7. Paid for Oxygen Meter, \$4,185

Checking Account Balance: \$4,017.21; Savings Account Balance \$57,680.20

Patrick O'Shaughnessy and Calvin Barnstead (second) A motion to approve the cost of fluoroprobe testing on Lamoka and Waneta Lakes at a cost of \$25 per lake, per test. (See CSLAP section for explanation of the testing). MOTION Carried.

Terry Allison and Ed Sharpe (second) that a \$600 be withdrawn from savings for Petty Cash and Clothing for the Pancake Breakfast. Also moved that this be part of our operating expenses for 2025 so there would be no need to transfer the funds each year.

OLD BUSINESS:

NYSEG Report: No update

Lake Treatment 2024:

Dennis reported that on June 17th they treated Waneta Lake (treating 38.9 acres on Waneta Lake) and part of Lamoka Lake. On June 18th they finished Lamoka Lake (138 acres on Lamoka Lake) Post treatment monitored the afternoon of June 19th and sampled again on June 24th results were non detectable. It is a very fast acting treatment and dissipates quickly.

Early August a survey of the lakes by Adirondack Research Institute to determine where the 2025 treatment will take place.

Boat Gauge: Gary Gray reported the request has been submitted and now is in the hands of Schuyler County. (2024 Goal to be completed)

Occupancy Tax collected by the county. Dennis reported that he met with the Schuyler County Legislatures to modify the Room Tax regulation generated on Lamoka and Waneta Lakes and they agreed to give the Lake District \$4,000 a year to be used for improvements and monitoring of Lamoka Waneta Lakes. (2024 goal COMPLETED)

NEW BUSINESS:

A message from Steve Tressler was sent to the Board members prior to the meeting. A friend recommended since we are not going to see any type of community sewer system we have to deal with the onsite septic systems around the lake. A friend suggested we educate the lake residence on the benefit of planting native flower species and grasses over their leach fields. Shallow rooting native plants and grasses that do not need a great deal of water, but do require high nutrients. Studies have shown that these plants can reduce nutrient loading from onsite septic systems. Using these types of plants would require no mowing over the leach field,

therefore, less chance of grass clipping going into the lake. See website for list of recommended plants and grasses for NY.

Committee Reports

- **Clothing:** No report
- **CSLAP:** Next testing date is July 28, 2024. On August 3, 2024 we will begin testing Fluoroprobe testing on Lamoka and Waneta Lakes at the same time we collect CSLAP samples. This will tell us the differential population of Good and Bad Algae (Blue/Green Algae is bad; Green and Brown Algae is good) Request to approved the additional testing (fluoroprobe testing at a cost of \$25 per lake per test, plus Shipping and Handling for August 11, 25, September 8, 22.
- **Environmental Impact Chair** –Calvin reported that the gentleman who removes/cuts the weeds for property owners has volunteered his services to use his equipment to remove the beaver cache. Scheduled work is July 26, 2024. Information also sent to respond to NYS DEC to request our lakes kept as a lake and not a marshland. More information will be sent to members as it becomes available.
- Fundraising: No Report, Jaci Riorden absent.
- **Goose Control:** permit expires in January and Kevin just sent it out this month—it takes this long for the permit to be processed and approved. Lamoka reports seeing fewer geese this year.
- **HAB Report:** Terry was out of the country on vacation and sent the following report: We had a monster HAB on June 14-15 on the entire lake from the north end of Waneta to the Bradford Dam.
- **Lake Level:** 1098.7 as of this morning, July 20, 2024.
- **Lake Management Committee:** We continue to look at Comprehensive Lake Management Comprehensive Plans, and we feel that with all of these resources, we may be able to write our own Lake Management Comprehensive Plan. We also need to develop an HAB action plan, and advocacy of Soil and Water, Town Supervisors, County Legislatures, etc. for municipality support.
- **Pancake Breakfast**—Saturday, August 3, 2024. Set up on Friday, August 2, 2024 at 3:00, Saturday need volunteers for cleanup. Light Family always in attendance to serve. Agreed on price at \$10 adults 13 and up, \$7 for 6-12 and 5 and under free.
- **Steuben/Schuyler Water Quality:** Cartha reported that both Steuben and Schuyler will not be meeting until September

OTHER: None

Having no further business, a motion (Terry Allison, second by Patrick O'Shaughnessy) to close the LWLA meeting at 11:25 a.m. was unanimously approved.

Mary Tucker
Secretary, LWLA