

**Minutes  
Ida Lake Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Ida Township Hall  
April 24, 2010**

**Members Present**

Dian Lopez – President	Barb Kilgore - Secretary
Jim Peterson – Treasurer	Rob Auel-Director at Large
District 1 - Wes Smith/Jerry McClure	District 11 - Don Erstad/Mike Shaughnessy
District 2 – Gary Dormanen	District 12 – Glenn VanAmber
District 5 - Bill Sandstrom	District 13 - Dave Josephs
District 7 - Jack Petrillo	District 14 - Al Hoeben
District 8 - Bud Nielsen	District 15 - Michael Elias
District 9 -Andy Lopez	District 16 - John Dahl

Dian Lopez opened meeting at 8:35 am

Wes Smith suggested that we send a thank you note to Jan Hausmann for his cooperation in cleaning up the spill off from his cattle field into Lake Ida.

Someone else suggested that we send a thank you note to the students of Alexandria Technical College, ATTN: Rob Auel, for their work on cleaning up Highway County 34.

Mike Shaughnessy read the minutes from the last meeting on 9/26/09. Andy Lopez moved that they be approved. It was seconded and approved.

Jim Peterson handed out and the read a summary of the Treasurer's report and the bills pending payment. We had 412 members in 2009, the same as the previous year. Andy moved that they be approved. It was seconded by Mike Shaughnessy and approved.

**Worm Spraying**

Worm spraying was discussed. Rob Auel stated that Benson Company needs approval before they can spray. Questions were raised on where to spray and how to pay for it.

Bud Nielson said that the dues were raised to cover the cost of spraying and we should just spray the problem areas.

Rob Auel suggested we spray the same areas as last year since that is where there is a problem with the worms. The districts will have the option to opt-in or opt-out of the spraying. Rob Auel volunteered to coordinate the spraying. Directors should call him as soon as anyone sees a worm as they need to be sprayed when they are between 3/4 to an inch long. There will be a two week cut off to opt-in for spraying.

Bill Sandstrom made the motion to spray the areas we did last year with the opt-in, opt-out options made by the directors and pay for it with funds from the general fund. Mike Shaughnessy seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion approved.

#### **Spring Meeting**

Mike Shaughnessy made the motion to hold the spring meeting on May 29, 2010 at 9:00 am with Board of Directors meeting at 8:00 am. Gary Dormanen seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion approved

#### **Spring Newsletter**

Mike Shaughnessy informed the Directors that he is working on the spring newsletter and asked for any additional items to include in it.

#### **Jan Hausmann Farm**

It was reported that Jan Hausmann had received a grant to cover some of the cost for landscaping an area on his farm to control the run off from going directly into the lake. The remaining cost to him will be \$1600. The Ida Lake Association (ILA) will pay him that amount as the Directors had approved to pay him up to \$2500.

**Curly-leaf Pond weed** Wes Smith reported that so far this spring he hasn't found any but would like the ILA to give him permission to spray by hand if the need arises. Spraying by hand will be a considerable savings over hiring it done. Jim Peterson made the motion to approve up to \$500 for spraying if needed. Rob Auel seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion approved.

#### **Christopherson Bay – ice fisherman litter**

Jim Peterson stated that he received a letter from a group of people from around Christopherson Bay stating that there was a lot of litter left by the ice fisherman in that area this winter. The letter stated the amount of litter increased this year because of a private access by the old Christopherson Bay Resort. Mary Alice Huwe is the owner and she was charging to let people use the access. It was suggested that a reminder be put in the newsletter for people to clean up after themselves.

#### **Schwab's (Erickson's) Bay No Wake Zone**

Glenn VanAmber informed the directors that he has collected 20 signatures on a petition to request that the waterway between the points on Schwab's Bay be made a no wake zone. He would like to bring it before the County Commissioners this week. The no wake zone needs the DNR's approval. It was suggested that Dave Rush, Director of Land & Resources come to the County Commissioners meeting and support the petition. It was suggested that it be called a no wake area instead of a no wake zone.

#### **Fish Stocking**

Bill Sandstrom reported on stocking the lake with walleye. He stated that the DNR puts in 2.5 million fry every year. Bill stated that the Lakes area Chamber of Commerce and the



Viking Sportsman have a fund matching program in effect for stocking the area lakes. He would like to stock 650 lbs of fish for five years in a row. The fish are stocked by Bosek Fisheries in the fall of the year with the fingerlings reaching up to about five inches in length.

### **Water Monitoring**

Bill Sandstrom said that there is a couple of spots on the west side of the lake where we need someone to do secchi disc readings.

We also need someone from June on to take water samples and secchi disc readings to Emily Siira's office in Detroit Lakes. Don Erstad suggested including Ditch 23 samples as well. Bud Nielson said to include the sediment ponds in the ditches.

### **Cozy Nook Pond Dock**

It was reported that the dock in the pond across from Cozy Nook has collapsed. The ILA had put the dock in for monitoring the water. People in Cozy Nook and the Farm are supposed to monitor the water. Bill Sandstrom will contact Jerry Olson, one of the farm owners about the dock.

### **Zebra Mussels**

Dian Lopez reported that the County Commissioners are in the process of restricting water traffic between Lakes Darling and Cowdry and Lakes Geneva and Victoria.

A grant was received to monitor infested lakes. They will also put up a billboard and pamphlets to educate people. ILA offered \$1500 to the Douglas County Lakes Association (DCLA) to help with the costs. Glenn VanAmber made the motion to reaffirm the \$1500 for education and \$2000 for monitoring infested lakes as part of the DCLA grant to the DNR. Mike Shaughnessy seconded the motion. Vote Taken. Motion approved.

Dian Lopez applied for and received a grant from the DNR for \$1000 to monitor bass fishing tournaments on the lake. We will pay half of the costs of the monitoring and the DNR will pay the other half. She also applied for a grant from the Runestone Electric round-up fund, but that one was denied.

### **Directory**

Andy Lopez volunteered to help with the new directory. Jim Peterson has the data base. Mike Shaughnessy will help sell ads. Glenn VanAmber and Bud Nielson also agreed to help.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Picnic.** The picnic will be held on July 17 from 1-4 pm at Pilgrim Point Camp. The camp has been reserved and deposit has been paid. The cost to the Association is \$3.75 per person. Programs suggested were zebra mussel and alien species presentations by DCLA and Emily Siira, Douglas County Water Planner. Rob Auel agreed to have the tent canopies that were used last year available.

- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parades.** It was suggested to have two parades. One on the large upper lake and one on the lower lake.
- **Newsletter.** A short newsletter will be handed out at the end of June to remind people of the events.

#### Other

- **Andy Lopez** turned in a bill to Jim Peterson for the goodies for the meeting.
- **Bud Nielson** stated there is a moratorium of five years on new lake accesses. He also noted that the Native Americans have had a treaty since 1854 that gives them unlimited access to hunt and fish off the reservations. They may start fishing early. The Governor said he will enforce the state laws.
- **Betsy Ross Resort access** has received an extension for one year.

#### Adjourn

Glenn VanAmber made the motion to adjourn at 10:20 am. Jack Petrillo seconded the motion. Vote Taken. Motion approved.

Respectively submitted  
Barb Kilgore ILA Secretary