

**Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Spring Meeting at Large
Ida Township Hall
May 29, 2010**

President Dian Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:12 am

The Directors present were introduced.

District 1 - Jerry McClure

District 2- Gary Dormanen

District 3 - Denny Gormley

District 4 - Greg Anderson

District 5 - Bill Sandstrom/ Dan Berke

District 9 -Andy Lopez/Dave & Lucy Cook

District 10 - Frank Bartlett

District 11 - Don Erstad

District 12 - Glenn Van Amber/Chuck Myrin

District 13 – George Marthaler

District 14- Paul Anderson

District 16 - John Dahl/Cliff Drettel

Minutes of the August 22, 2010 Fall Meeting were read by Secretary Barb Kilgore. Muriel Smith wanted it noted in the minutes the Jerry McClure was very active in helping with the Curly Pond Leaf. Andy Lopez made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Dan Berke seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented and distributed by Treasurer Jim Peterson. He reported a balance of overall total assets of \$69,640.42 as of May 28, 2010. The report did not include the cost of worm spraying, which is \$9,600. He reported that there are 184 members as of this meeting in 2010.

Worm Spraying

Rob Auel reported that the directors had a two-week period in which to opt in or out of worm spraying in their districts. The spraying was done on Thursday, May 20, 2010, by Benson Air Ag. The spraying was done at an ideal time. The districts sprayed were the same as last year. They were all or part of districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 17. Rob stated that he received a few complaints from districts 9 and 10 that were not sprayed, but the complaints came after the spraying was already completed so they will not be done this year. They may be considered for spraying next year. Rob pointed out that if someone in the district objects to spraying, the district cannot be sprayed. Bud Anderson added that people need to be educated that the spray is what is recommended by the DNR and it is soap based, so is not harmful to the environment. An environmental advisor will be asked to write an article in the newsletter to inform people about spraying and about the army worms. It takes 3-5 day for the spray to affect the worms.

Upcoming Events

- **Picnic.** The annual picnic will be held on July 17, 2010, from 1-4 pm at Pilgrim Point Camp. The Directors will be doing the food preparation. Possible programs will be about zebra mussels and Emily Siira, Douglas County Water Planner will be invited to speak.

Jeff Johnson will be demonstrating cooking and cleaning of bass. Don Erstad thanked Jeff Johnson for catching, cleaning and cooking bass for last year's picnic. Jeff agreed to show anyone who wants to know how to clean the bass, so that they taste good. A flyer about the picnic will be distributed at the end of June with the newsletter.

- **4th of July Boat Parades.** There will be a parade on the south end of the lake this year. It will start at Pilgrim's Point at 10:00 am and will end up back there for watermelon and lemonade. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place for the best decorated boats. The parade flyer will be included in the newsletter at the end of June.

2010 Directory Dian announced that the Lake Association will be publishing a new directory this year. Andy Lopez stated that a small group: Glenn VanAmber, Mike Shaughnessy Bud Nielson and he are working on updating the information for the new directory. Andy asked that any new information on names, addresses and phone numbers be sent to Jim Peterson, so he can inform Glenn VanAmber. Advertising space is still available at a cost of \$75 for a half page and \$125 for a full page. Contact Andy for anyone wanting to advertise in the directory. Andy is the Web Master for the Lake Association website and any information or suggestions can be emailed to him at directory@lakeida.org. The directories will be available at the fall meeting.

Schwab's Bay No Wake Area Glenn VanAmber reported that a no wake area has been approved by the County Commissioners for Schwab's Bay and the buoys have been put in place.

Good Neighbors

- Glenn VanAmber for all the work he did on the Schwab's Bay no wake area.
- Wes Smith and Jerry McClure for their work on reducing the amount of curly pond leaf.
- Rob Auel's Technical students who came out and cleaned the road ditches for us.
- Norm Wussow family has planted alfalfa to help with runoff from his farm
- Jan Hausmann had received the grant and is working on putting the berm to stop runoff from his farm.

Not so Good Neighbors

- Still have some runoff through Ditch 23 from Garfield.
- Some Ice Fisherman on Christopherson Bay left a lot of debris on the lake for volunteers to clean up this spring.

Fish stocking Bill Sandstrom stated that this last year we stocked 12,000-13,000 walleye fingerlings in the lake. Bill said the Dean Beck from the DNR recommends keeping bass to reduce the bass population to increase the habitat for walleyes. Bill recommends keeping the smaller bass and leaving the larger ones for the bass tournaments. When the DNR tested the lake by electro-shocking last fall, they reported that the numbers weren't as they should be. The DNR stocked fry this spring and will stock more in the fall. Bill recommends matching the \$2,000 contributions we get and continue to stock fingerlings into the lake this fall. Jeff Johnson

thinks the water clarity and ditch 23 need to be cleaned up. Dian Lopez stated that the City of Garfield has added a new holding pond to help take care of the problem.

Water monitoring. Dian Lopez stated that we still may need water monitoring volunteers. She said we monitor all parts of the lake and the results are published on the DNR website.

Zebra Mussel. Dian Lopez reported that the County Commissioners did vote to restrict the traffic between Lakes Darling and Cowdry and Lakes Geneva and Victoria. Dian informed everyone that our Lake Association has done a lot to help. We contributed \$2,000 for monitoring boats on infested lakes and we contributed \$1,500 for education. Dian also obtained a grant from the DNR for our lake for \$1,000 in matching funds for us to monitor the boats coming into the lakes on holidays and during bass tournaments. There is an option of putting potassium into the lake that would control the mussels, but it is a very expensive process to do and we would rather not have to do that. Jeff Johnson stated that putting 1 cup of bleach into the bilge of a boat will also kill the mussels and stop them from spreading.

What Does the Lake Association Need to Work On?

- Big Horn Bay – the lake level keeps going down towards the end of fall.
- Could reeds that float around in the spring be harvested to keep them from sinking into the lake?
- Ditch 23 needs to be cleaned up to improve the lake clarity and the water released from the City of Garfield needs to be monitored. We should have a report on the progress for the fall meeting. Mike Rosenwald said that the City of Garfield has to send samples into the MPCA before they can release any water from the holding ponds.
- Paving of roads on the east side of the Lake. Mike Rosenwald of the Township Board stated that any new blacktopping of roads needs to be done by petition. Frank Bartlett said any road issues should be handled by the Township.
- Newsletter. Marilyn Bedman stated that the last newsletter the Lake Association put out was the most informative one yet.

Adjourn Jeff Johnson made the motion to adjourn at 10:20 am. Mike Rosenwald seconded the motion. Vote Taken. Motion approved.

Respectively submitted
Barb Kilgore ILA Secretary