

**Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Spring Meeting at Large
Ida Township Hall
May 26, 2012**

President Dian Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:10 am

Dian introduced the Board members and directors and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes August 27, 2011. The minutes of the August 27, 2011 Annual Meeting were read by Secretary Barb Kilgore. Greg Anderson made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Greg Draves seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Jim Peterson. He reported a balance of overall total assets of \$ 64,553.09 and the membership total of 137 as of May 25, 2012. Jeff Johnson made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Marilyn Bedman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Lake Ida Report. Dian Lopez explained that Emily Siira of Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation obtained a grant and put together an extensive report on Lake Ida. The report will be used by the ILA to apply for future grants and to help make plans what we need to work on. Emily Siira has moved on to a new position with the DNR in Battle Lake. There is a new person in her position in Douglas County. We have not met the person yet. The ILA needs to keep in contact with the Douglas County Soil and Water. Grants are available to help lake shore owners with plants for their shorelines to make a buffer for the lake. The applications for the grants need to be made in the fall of the year. The report was available at the meeting.

Lake Ida Survey. Clay Fisher of the U of M Morris obtained a grant and conducted the survey regarding the knowledge of Lake Ida residents on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and where they obtained their information. The results were available at the meeting. There was also a booklet available that included pictures of AIS. Both reports will be available on the ILA website.

Fourth of July Boat Parade. Dian announced that the Fourth of July Boat Parade will be on the south end of the lake this year. It will begin on at 9:30 am at Pilgrim Point. LaRae Gormley, Nancy Anderson and Anita Conn are the co-chairs of the parade. Refreshments will be provided after the parade, depending on the lake level.

Fish Stocking. Bill Sandstrom reported that approximately 12,000 walleye fingerlings were put in the lake this spring. The DNR will do electro-shocking and if the count is less than 35 walleye the DNR will stock fry in the lake, but they will only stock fry every other year. We still get money from the Chamber of Commerce from the sales tax and The Leaf Valley

Sportsmen also make an annual contribution for stocking the lake with walleyes. Bill said he is having problems getting the DNR to post spawning areas on the lake. The DNR has only posted one area on the lake. Bill said we need more posted areas for the crappie population.

Fish Committee. Jeff Johnson said that the committee still supports the voluntary slot limit of 18-29 inches for walleye to protect spawning fish. Bill Sandstrom noted that the state limit for walleye is one fish over 20 inches. Bud Nielson said to remember that the possession includes fish in the freezer. Jeff Johnson suggested that spending money for habitat for spawning areas would be a good investment. Bud Nielson pointed out that putting in spawning habitat is very expensive.

Water Monitoring. Dian Lopez reported that we still have volunteers monitoring the lake. The results are in the study from Douglas County Soil and Water. Dian noted that the City of Garfield has put in another holding pond that should help with Ditch 23. We need to inform people not to fertilize close to the lake and to put plants in to create a buffer to filter the runoff.

Zebra Mussels. Dian informed everyone that we are working hard to keep zebra mussel out of Lake Ida. The ILA is working with Ida Township to monitor the lake accesses to educate and stop the spread of zebra mussel and other invasive species. Ida Township in a joint powers agreement with the DNR has applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$5,500. It was a requirement of the grant that it had to be a Local Government Unit to apply. A committee was formed with Tom Searcy and Barb Kilgore from the township and Dian Lopez and Greg Holl of the ILA. The committee has hired 5 people. Currently 4 of them have been trained by the DNR to monitor and collect information from boat owners entering and exiting the lake. Greg Holl has found out when the major fishing tournaments will be held on Lake Ida and we will have monitors working at the lake accesses on those dates as well as weekends and random week days throughout the summer.

Director Vacancies. There are currently vacancies for one director in districts 2, 4, 9, 10, 13 and 15. District 7 needs two directors. Dian asked for people to look for volunteers in those districts to fill the vacancies. The directors are elected at the August meeting for a two year term. The odd numbered districts are elected in the odd years and the even numbered districts in even years.

Worm Spraying. Dian stated that it was decided last fall by the directors that we wouldn't spray for army worms this year. The decision has to be made in well in advance because the company who does the spraying needs time to get a permit. Bob Peterson reported that districts 10 and 11 had a bad infestation this year and would like to spray for the worms every year. The cost of spraying every year is more than the ILA can afford at the current cost of membership. Jeff Johnson suggested that the cost should be passed on to the people who want to be sprayed and would rather see more money spent on stocking. The directors will have to come up with a proposal on what to do and vote on it at the August

meeting. The directors know who has or hasn't signed release forms for spraying. Everyone in a district has to sign the release form for the district to be sprayed.

Adjourn

Jeff Johnson made the motion to adjourn at 10:20 am. Dan Berke seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectively submitted
Barb Kilgore ILA Secretary