

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Spring Meeting at Large
Ida Township Hall
May 24, 2014

President Jeff Johnson opened meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Jim Bosek. Jim Bosek of Bosek Fisheries spoke about fish stocking of walleye in Lake Ida. He explained that aggressive stocking back in the 1980's made the fishing much better at that time. In the 90's the state cut back on the stocking and the fishing fell off. Bosek explained that Lake Ida is a put and take system as far as walleyes go, because there are not adequate spawning areas on the lake. The DNR is currently stocking walleye on an every other year basis. Bosek recommends that the ILA stocks walleye fingerlings every year, if possible, to increase the walleye population in the lake. A question and answer session occurred. Bosek reported that a stocking permit to strip walleyes at the north inlet on Lake Ida and incubating the eggs and stocking the fry back in the lake is free but there will be a cost to Bosek's Fisheries for providing the service. Bosek said that the fry incubation process works to a point and is worth a try, but land owners along the north inlet need to allow it. Bosek said that he does not recommend slot limits as you end up with small fish or big mature fish, no intermediate sizes.

Fish Director. Todd Achterkirch volunteered to be the Fish Director for the ILA to oversee the fish stocking for Lake Ida. Dave Ellis made the motion to approve Todd Achterkirch as Fish Director for the ILA. Stan Peterson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

President's Report. Jeff Johnson would like to spend his time as president working on eliminating putting treated sewage into the lake.

Secretary's Report. Barb Kilgore read the minutes of the August 24, 2013 meeting. Dan Berke made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Stan Peterson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Jim Peterson, showing total assets of \$ 73,522.60 and a membership total of 93 so far this year. Candace Ellis made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Newsletter. Jeff said we need a volunteer to put together upcoming newsletters as Mike Shaughnessy has moved away from the lake.

Lake Charlie Dam. Jeff Johnson reported that he had talked to Dean Beck of the DNR and they plan on repairing the dam this week. They plan on replacing the existing boards with aluminum.

AIS Inspections. Suzanne Sudmeier reported that Ida Township working with the ILA has received \$2500 grant for monitoring boats at the Lake Ida public accesses for aquatic invasive species (AIS). Three people have been trained by the DNR and are approved. A grant from the University of Morris MN has been received for two interns to help out with the lake monitoring and also to work with Steve Henry on any projects he may have for them this summer.

Comments.

- **Candace Ellis** stated that she agrees with Jeff Johnson and would like to see the elimination of treated sewer water into Lake Ida. She would like to receive information on short term and long term effects of this issue. Jeff Johnson informed her that this is a political issue and it will take time to organize ourselves and to put pressure on the government units to change the current policies that are in place.
- **Bud Neilson** reported that Tom Anderson, Douglas County Soil and Ag inspector, was going to clean the sediment out of the sediment pond in Ditch 23 and nothing has been done. Steve Henry needs to work with Tom Anderson to get this done. Jim Peterson reported that the last time the sediment pond was cleaned out, ILA contributed \$5,000 towards cleaning it.

Adjourn. Dan Berke made the motion to adjourn at 10:06 a.m. LaVonne Hildebrandt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectively submitted, Barb Kilgore, ILA Secretary