

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
August Annual Meeting
Ida Township Hall
August 23, 2014

President Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Secretary's Report

Dian Lopez made the motion to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2014 meeting as read by Secretary Barb Kilgore. Suzanne Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Peterson gave the Treasurer's report. He reported a balance of overall total assets of \$83,524.58 and a membership total of 367 as of August 21, 2014. \$3,150 in donations has been received for walleye stocking. Andy Lopez made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dan Berke seconded the motion. Motion approved.

DNR Speaker. Mike Bolinski, the DNR Watercraft Inspection Supervisor in our area, gave a presentation on Invasive Species. Of the five he mentioned, Curly-Leaf pondweed and Zebra Mussels have been found in Lake Ida.

- **Zebra Mussels.** He would like people to check their docks and lifts for Zebra Mussels when they take them out of the lake this fall and send any pictures to the DNR or Diane Achterkirch of the ILA. His email address is Michael.Bolinski@state.mn.us. The DNR website is up-to-date on the infested waters in the state. He said that research is still being done by the University of MN for a good way to treat them. He projected that it will take 4-5 years for the Zebra Mussels to spread throughout the lake. One adult can produce one million eggs (veligers) in one year. It is important to note that they are not taking any of the pollutants out of the lake; they are just taking the plankton out. It is against the law to transport any invasive species. Docks or lifts need to be out of the water for at least 21 days before they can be sold. If planning on taking your boat to another lake, it should be kept out of the water for five days or be sanitized by a DNR boat decontamination unit. Property owners should keep the lower units of their boat motors out of the water and check the filters on their lake pumps often.
- **Curly-leaf Pondweed.** Dian Lopez informed us that Curly-leaf Pondweed has been found in Little Ida by the Betsy Ross Resort and that the ILA has obtain grants and have treated the area for the last couple of years. Hopefully we can completely irradiate it.

University of MN Morris Interns. Ben Odegaard and Francis Reed gave a report on the work they did this summer as Lake Access Monitors and working with Steve Henry of Douglas County Soil and Water. Lake Access Monitoring – they had a mostly positive response from the boaters and they didn't find any invasive species. They suggested that we have garbage cans at the lake accesses for boaters to dump their bait into next year. Work with Steve Henry – they did testing in Ditch 23 before and after the wetland and there was a big difference. After the wetlands the water was ranked crystal clear. They reported that Lake Ida is a pretty healthy lake and ILA needs to work on keeping it that way. Rain Gardens are a good way to help create a buffer zone between water runoff and the lake. There are grants available to help property owners on the lake to create rain gardens. If interested, people can contact Steve Henry of Douglas County Soil & Water. He is located in the USDA office between Hwy 29 and Nokomis in Alexandria.

Election of Officers.

- **Treasurer.** Dian Lopez made the motion to nominate Jim Peterson for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. Jim Peterson was elected Treasurer by a unanimous decision.
- **Vice President.** Dian Lopez made the motion to nominate Dick Sudmeier as Vice President. There were no other nominations. Rosemary Edzel seconded the nomination. Dick Sudmeier was elected Vice President by a unanimous decision.

Director Elections.

The even numbered district directors were up for election this year, plus District 3 and District 11 have openings for co-directors. The following people were elected as directors in their districts:

District 2 – Janet Vandendriessche/Cecil Hauri	District 10-Taryn Flolid, Joyce Tomasuto
District 3 – Co-director still open	District 11-Co-Director Diane Achterkirch
District 4 – Rob Everson, Greg Anderson	District 12-Mary Saarion/Glenn Van Amber
District 6- open	District 14-Greg Draves, Greg Nolan
District 8- Bud Nielson, Dorothy Shinn	District 16-John Dahl, Cliff Drenttel

Water Monitoring. Jerry McClure reported that the testing that has been done by RMB Labs shows that Lake Ida is below the expected range in phosphate and chlorophyll and above the expected range in clarity. The ILA has been testing since 1997 and there has been a slight deterioration.

Lake Charlie Dam. Jeff Johnson informed us that the DNR will not repair the Lake Charlie Dam while the water level is this high, but Dean Beck from the DNR assured him that the dam will be repaired this year when the water level drops.

Walleye Stocking. Brian Van Horn presented the ILA with a donation of \$2,500 for walleye stocking. With that donation, we have a balance of \$5,600 in donations for walleye stocking for this year. Todd Achterkirch made a motion that the ILA matches the donated funds collected for walleye stocking. There was no second. There was some discussion on whether fish stocking meets

with the mission statement of the ILA and that it doesn't benefit the property owners who do not enjoy fishing. Jim Peterson informed us that approximately \$10,000 is collected annually in dues paid by the property owners. Greg Holl made the motion to match the donations for walleye fingerling stocking with a cap of \$5,000 for this year. Dennis Westrom seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority vote. There were a few votes opposed. It was decided that the amount spent by the ILA on fish stocking should go on a year-by-year basis. Carl Saarion made the motion that we should formally thank the Leaf Valley Sportsmen for their generous donation. Dian Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved. Barb Kilgore will send a thank you letter to them.

Other. Dian Lopez is a member of a committee set up by Douglas County Land & Resources, which will decide how best to spend the \$179,000 received from the state this year. The money is designated to help stop the spread of invasive species. Dian said that the county should receive another \$500,000 next year. She asked for suggestions from the directors on how the money can best be spent. Dian also informed everyone that the Douglas County Lakes Association will be having their Annual Public Meeting on September 10, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. at the Douglas County Public Works Building.

Dian Lopez made the motion to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Kilgore, Secretary