

**Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
September 25, 2015**

Members Present

President – Dick Sudmeier	Vice President –
Treasurer – Jim Peterson	Secretary - Barb Kilgore
Dr at Large – Jeff Johnson	District 9 –
District 1 – Jerry McClure/Wes Smith	District 10 –Taryn Flolid/Joyce Tomasulo
District 2 –Cecil Hauri/ Janet Vandendriessche	District 11 - Don Erstad
District 3 – I	District 12 –
District 4 –	District 13 –Leon Bresley
District 5 –	District 14 –
District 6 -	District 15 – Michael Elias
District 7 -	District 16 – John Dahl
District 8 – Dorothy Shinn	District 17 –

President Dick Sudmeier called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Agenda. Janet Vandendriessche made the motion to approve the agenda. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report. Barb Kilgore read the minutes of the August 22, 2015 meeting. Jim Peterson had one correction to the bills paid; to add \$322.13 to Insty Prints for the newsletter. Jeff Johnson made the motion to approve the corrected minutes. Leon Bresley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Jim Peterson presented the Treasurer's report. There were total assets of \$85,592.37 as of September 24, 2015. We had paid memberships of 428. Post card reminders will be sent to property owners, who have not paid this year. Jim reported that so far in 2015 we have collected \$10,850 in membership dues, \$4,640 for walleye stocking and \$325 in memorial gifts. Jim had the following bill to be paid: RMB Labs - \$48.00. Jeff Johnson made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Leon Bresley seconded the motion. Motion approved. Jim told the board that the Leaf Valley Sportsmen plan on contributing to the walleye stocking again this year, but the amount is not known at this time.

Credit Cards to Collect Dues. Jim Peterson informed the Board that the Carlos Lake Association has started allowing their membership to pay for their dues with credit cards and so far they have been happy with the results. The cost of using credit cards is 2.5 to 2.7% depending on the card. Janet Vandendriessche made the motion to approve allowing the use of credit cards to pay dues. Joyce Tomasulo seconded the motion. Motion was

tabled until the April 28, 2016 meeting, so more information can be obtained. Questions raised were: Is there a minimum amount required by the credit card companies and did it raise their membership.

Old Business

Feedlot Subsidy. Dick Sudmeier informed the Board that there are a couple of issues with the \$3,000 subsidy to a local farmer to help with the report that is needed for him to proceed with applying for grants to improve the handling of manure on his farm. 1.) The ILA by-laws state that any expenditures over \$500 need a two-thirds majority vote by the directors. 2.) We don't have anything in writing from the farmer or know who the farmer is. Of the directors present 6 out of 12 voted to proceed with the subsidy, so it didn't meet the two-thirds majority vote. Jeff Johnson pointed out that the money will only be spent if the project actually goes through. Janet Vandendriessche made the motion to ratify the vote that was taken at the Annual meeting. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Dick Sudmeier and Jeff Johnson will meet with Mae Peterhn, Douglas County Feedlot Coordinator, to get further details. A poll of all of the directors for a vote may be needed.

Ditch 23. Dick reported that Dian Lopez has been in contact with County Commissioners, Jerry Johnson and Bev Bales and they have ordered a new larger holding pond be put in on DNR property to replace the current pond that has outlived its usefulness. Wes Smith and Don Erstad volunteered to go to the next county commissioner's meeting to make sure this issue is going forward. Dian Lopez is also working on a second phase that would include a 30 acre wetland restoration project with a local land owner. This plan would last as a good filtration system for Lake Ida for 30 years. New information was obtained that the property owner may be eligible for a one-time monetary payment of up to \$7,000 and acre for use of the property. Nothing is definite on the second phase.

Water Quality. Jerry McClure reported that the trend line from the tests done by RMB Labs isn't showing any significant trends. Jerry did note that the mean clarity reading by Cozy Nook is 12 feet and by Ditch 23 it is 10.6 feet and the total phosphorus readings by Cozy Nook is 23 and by Ditch 23 it is 70, showing a significant difference.

AIS Lake Access Monitoring. Dick reported that 400 hours of lake access monitoring were done this summer and no invasive species were found. The DNR has informed us that there will not be as many funds available for next year. The monitors noted it would be nice to have trash cans at the lake accesses.

Fishing Report. Jeff Johnson reported that 2.7 million walleye fry were put in last year and the surviving fry should be 10-14 inches long by now. The DNR will be testing to see how many have survived. Jeff noted that Lake Ida is a put and take lake as far as walleye fishing goes. We currently have approximately \$10,000 for stocking, which includes the \$4,640 in walleye stocking contributions this year, \$3,840 left over from last years stocking plus the amount we will get from the Leaf Valley Sportman. In the past, they have contributed

\$2,500. Jeff Johnson made the motion that the ILA add an additional \$2,000 for walleye stocking to the moneys already available. Leon Bresley seconded the motion. Motion approved. Jeff Johnson and Todd Achterkirch will supervise the bid process and stocking of the fingerlings. Taryn Flolid pointed out that she has received some comments from members in her district in opposition to using membership dues for fish stocking.

Memorial Gifts. Jim Peterson stated the memorial gifts are published once a year in the newsletter.

New Business

Vice President. The nominating committee appointed Cecil Hauri to fulfill Dick Sudmeier's term as Vice President. Cecil Hauri was appointed by a unanimous decision.

Future Plans & Projects

Dick Sudmeier suggested reading the mission statement at the opening of each Board of Directors meeting.

Don Erstad suggested appointing someone to monitor the Secchi disc clarity readings around the lake. Currently they are being reported directly to the state. Jerry McClure didn't feel that this is necessary since the ILA is doing testing throughout the summer and getting the results from RMB Labs.

Priority Projects.

1. Ditch 23 – continue monitoring the progress on the new pond and proceed with working on phase two.
2. Betsy Ross Road Culvert – to work with the farmer, Jan Hausman, to put in a grass strip with some type of stand pipe to slow down the runoff going directly into Little Ida in District one. It may require funds for use of the farmers property.
3. Dick Sudmeier would like to schedule a viewing of all of the significant problem areas around the lake,
4. Jim Peterson suggested having the directors check on the culverts in their district.
5. Lake Charlie Dam-the fish barriers in the dam still have not been repaired.

Meeting Time and schedule

The Board of Directors meetings will be on the fourth Saturday of the month, beginning at 8:00 a.m. from April through September.

Adjourn. Jeff Johnson made the motion to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectively submitted, Barb Kilgore, ILA Secretary