

**Minutes**  
**Ida Lake Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Ida Township Hall**  
**April 22, 2017**

**Members Present**

President – Dick Sudmeier  
 Treasurer – Jim Peterson  
 Dr at Large – Jeff Johnson  
 District 1 – Wes Smith  
 District 2 –  
 District 3 –  
 District 4 –  
 District 5 –  
 District 6 –  
 District 7 - Suzanne Sudmeier  
 District 8 –

Vice President – Cecil Hauri  
 Secretary - Barb Kilgore  
 District 9 – Andy Lopez  
 District 10 – Joyce Tomasulo  
 District 11 - Don Erstad,  
 District 12 – Glenn VanAmber  
 District 13 –  
 District 14 –  
 District 15 –  
 District 16 – John Dahl  
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President Dick Sudmeier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Agenda.** Andy Lopez made the motion to approve the agenda. Wes Smith seconded the motion. The newsletter and director vacancies were added. Motion approved.

**Secretary's Report.** Barb Kilgore read the minutes of the September 24, 2016 Directors meeting. Don Erstad made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Jim Peterson presented the Treasurer's report. There were total assets of \$97,308.90 as of April 20, 2017. Paid memberships of 467 for 2016 set a record. So far there are 103 paid memberships for 2017. Jim had the following bills to be paid: Conservation MN - \$300.00, Dick Sudmeier - \$8.94., Glenn Van Amber made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Jim also received a request from MN Lakes & Rivers. The cost of membership is \$300.00 annually. He said they would be willing to send someone to talk to us. Jeff Johnson suggested we should have someone come to talk to us before committing to contributing.

**Old Business**

**Water Quality Data.** Dick Sudmeier was able to get water quality data from Alexandria Lakes Area Sewer District (ALASD). He emailed the graphs relating to Lake Ida to the Directors. He also had information on other area lakes. The graphs showed that phosphorus levels are down, chlorophyll was up and Secci disc water clarity is improved quite a bit because of the Zebra Mussels.

- **RMB Labs Report.** Dick inquired with RMB Labs on the cost of getting a report from them for all of the data we have collected over the years and compare it to other similar lakes and classifications. The cost would be \$100-\$300. Jeff Johnson said we don't need anymore information. The information we have shows the trends for the lake. No report will be ordered at this time. Joyce Tomasulo pointed out that individuals can go to the RMB website and look up the information for themselves.

**Ditch 23.** Dick Sudmeier informed us that \$227,000 grant for the feasibility study has been approved. The bid for the study has not gone out yet. Once a plan has been completed Dick has a friend, an engineer, who will review the plan.

**Leaf Lane.** Jim Peterson said the Douglas County project to find a solution for the problem of water coming through the culvert and ditch under County Road 34 and causing wash outs on Leaf Lane is in process, but is very slow moving.

**Betsy Ross Road.** Dick Sudmeier reported that The Soil & Water Engineer was out last fall to review the water runoff problems. He received no report back except that it is a very complicated issue.

**Christopherson Road.** Dancia Dirks from Douglas County Soil & Water will be meeting with Dick Sudmeier on April 23, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. to look out the low farmland and the culvert under the road.

#### **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)**

- **Curly-leaf Pondweed.** Dick reported that the grant from the state for treating the Curly-leaf Pondweed was turned down. We did receive a grant from Douglas County last year and that should be available again this year. The company who treats Curly-leaf Pondweed is PLM. They will obtain the needed permit from the DNR and treat the areas when the water reaches the appropriate temperature. The cost is \$1600 per year. The treatment usually needs to be done three years in a row to eliminate the weed. This is the second year of treatment on the current areas.
- **AIS Boat Inspections.** Dick Sudmeier said that Douglas County Land & Resources will be handling the inspections again this year. The county will provide 250 hours of level one inspections and 100 hours of level 2 inspections this year. The cost for extra hours is \$6.00 per hour for level one inspections. Last year we paid for 300 extra hours of level one inspections and requested that those hours should include holiday weekends and fishing tournaments. Jeff Johnson said he feels it is a waste of money as it will not stop the spread of invasive species anyway. Glenn Van Amber made the motion to approve up to \$1800 for 300 hours of level one inspections. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved by a majority vote. Dick will submit the paperwork to the county requesting the hours for holiday weekends and fishing tournaments.

- **Online Training Class.** There is an online class for people wanting to learn more about detecting invasive species.

**Fish Stocking.** Jeff Johnson reported that the walleye fish stocking didn't happen this year as there was a shortage of fish for stocking. The fisheries had a bad year last year and only had enough walleye fingerlings to meet the state orders. The state pays them more per pound than we do. The Fish Stocking Committee recommends that we carry the money over and hope that there is fish available this year for stocking. There are four fish growers in the area. We may have to put in bids to all four companies this year. We won't find out until August or September if there will be fish available. The information will be put into the newsletter and a letter will be sent to the Leaf Valley Sportsmen asking them if we can hold onto their \$2500 donation until next year.

#### **New Business**

**Newsletter.** Diane Achterkirch will put the newsletter together and get it mailed out again this year, but requested finished articles be provided by the directors as she is very busy and doesn't have time to write the whole paper. Deadline for articles is May 1, 2017 to give her time to get the newsletter out before the Membership meeting in May. Jeff Johnson will write an article on fish stocking, Dick Sudmeier will write articles on water quality, testing, inspections, etc. Don Erstad will write an article on membership dues, Jim Peterson will write an article on memorial gifts, Jerry Mc Clure will write an article on the Curly-leaf Pondweed and information will be provided about the Fourth of July Boat Parade and the local Paddleboard event on July 14, 2017. Dick Sudmeier received input on whether we should sell advertising in the newsletter. There were no volunteers and it would take extensive time to get advertisers, so we won't be selling advertising.

**Membership Meeting May 27, 2017.** The General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ida Township Hall. The Directors will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. Dick Sudmeier asked for suggested speakers. Glenn Van Amber had two requests. 1.) Let's Go Fishing would like to speak at the meeting. It would take about ten minutes. 2.) Douglas County Historical Society would like to give a 15 to 20 minute presentation on the history of Lake Ida. Getting someone from MN Lakes & Rivers and our Douglas County Commissioner, Keith Englund, were also suggested. Suzanne Sudmeier made the motion to have speakers from Let's Go Fishing and the Douglas County Historical Society for the May meeting and have the MN Lakes & Rivers and the County Commissioner at our August Annual meeting. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Glenn Van Amber will contact the speakers.

**Directors Vacancies.** There are Director vacancies in Districts 4, 5, 6 and 9.

**ILA Projects and Accomplishments Report.** Taryn Flolid, Dick Sudmeier, Jim Peterson and Dian Lopez went through all of the minutes and files from the ILA and have put together a

report on the projects and activities of the ILA since its inception. It was decided to include the report in the newsletter and also put it on the ILA website.

**Upcoming Events.**

- **AIS Training and Detecting Program.** Detecting and tracking Invasive species will be on May 5, 2017 at the Public Works Building all day.
- **Paddleboard Event.** July 14, 2017. A 23 mile paddleboard event is looking for volunteers with pontoon boats to help direct the boarders through the lake.
- **Kids Ground Water Program.** May 3, 2017 at the Runestone Center. Learning about Soil & Water. Need Volunteers.

**Adopt a Ditch Project.** The ILA has adopted a three-mile section along County Road 34 for picking up litter. The cleanup is tentatively scheduled for May 2, 2017. The volunteers will meet at the intersection of Pilgrim Point Road and County Road 34. Look for an email for the details.

**Other.** Jim Peterson said he received membership dues and a walleye stocking donation from someone representing a company for lake treatments and native grasses, which is not on the lake, requesting a directory. It was decided that he should send the money back and not provide a directory since it includes member's private phone numbers.

**Adjourn.** Andy Lopez made the motion to adjourn by acclamation at 10:25 a.m. Joyce Tomasulo seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectively submitted, Barb Kilgore, ILA Secretary