

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Spring Meeting at Large
Ida Township Hall
May 27, 2017

President Dick Sudmeier opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

Agenda. Dick Sudmeier went over the agenda for the meeting. Jeff Johnson made the motion to approve the agenda. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report. Barb Kilgore read the minutes of the August 27, 2016 meeting. Suzanne Sudmeier made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Jim Peterson, showing total assets of \$ 95,398.78 and a membership total of 105 so far this year. Jim noted that \$10,500 of the total assets are designated for fish stocking since we weren't able to spend it last year. At the end of 2016, we had 467 paid members, which was an all time record. Dian Lopez made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Joyce Tomasulo seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

Water Quality. Sudmeier reported that over the last five years the phosphorus levels in Lake Ida have gone down and the water clarity has improved. The clarity has improved because of zebra mussels.

- **Ditch 23.** Sudmeier reported that the \$227,000 grant for the feasibility study has been approved, however the Douglas County Soil & Water has not written the Request for Proposal and has not been put out for bids. The Board will try to get a copy of the grant and check on the timeline.
- **Betsy Ross Road.** The Soil & Water Engineer who reviewed this runoff issue said it is very complicated and suggested the ILA work with the farm owners where the runoff is coming from. The Board will meet with the Douglas County Soil & Water representatives in an attempt to find a solution.
- **Christopherson Road.** The Board will meet with a Soil & Water Engineer this summer to work on a solution.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

- **Lake Access Monitoring.** Dick Sudmeier reported that Douglas County is taking care of all the lake access monitoring again this year. The County has allotted 150 hours of level one monitoring and 150 hours of level two monitoring for Lake Ida. The ILA

has paid for 300 more hours of level one monitoring and have requested the hours be scheduled for holiday weekends and fishing tournaments.

- **Curly-leaf Pondweed.** The curly-leaf pondweed areas were treated on May 22, 2017. This was the second year of treatment. The areas will need to be treated again next year. A grant from Douglas County will reimburse the ILA for the treatment this year.

Fish Stocking. Jeff Johnson informed us that we were unable to do any walleye stocking last winter because the local fisheries had a bad year in 2016 and didn't have enough fish for the local lake associations. The fish committee recommends doubling the fish stocking this year to help make up for last year and also to be responsible when walleye fishing and only take a few to eat and release the rest. The local fisheries hope to have enough fish this year. Taryn Flolid noted that \$2500 of the money designated for fish stocking was from a donation the Leaf Valley Sportsmen.

There was a question regarding fish spawning areas not being marked like they used to be. Dick explained that the DNR is in charge of the spawning areas not the ILA.

New Business

Director Vacancies. There are vacancies for Directors in the following districts: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 17. Try to recruit directors for your districts. The odd number districts will be up for election in August.

Fourth of July Boat Parade. The Boat Parade will be held on the south end of the lake this year. The parade will begin at Pilgrim Point at 10:00 a.m. Jim Conn will be leading the parade. Everyone is invited to participate.

Big Ole Sup-athon July 14, 2017. There will be a paddle board (Sup-Athon) that will be crossing Lake Ida on July 14, 2017 from the north inlet down to the south outlet. Volunteers are needed to anchor their boats out on the lake and direct the participants to the south outlet. Dick will send out an email blast on what is needed.

Shoreline Restoration. Sudmeier said there is a lot of useful information on lake shore buffers on alexarealakes.org and on bluethumb.org. Grants are available from Douglas County Soil & Water.

Adjourn. Jim Conn made the motion to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Suzanne Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Let's Go Fishing. Dale Buucholz gave a presentation on the Let's Go Fishing program for people who wanted to stay.

Respectively submitted, Barb Kilgore, ILA Secretary