

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
June 22, 2019

Members Present

President – Dick Sudmeier	Vice President – Elaine Greer
Treasurer – Mike Kleve	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 – Wes Smith, Jerry McClure	District 9 –
District 2 –	District 10 – David Geddes, Amy Sunderland
District 3 – Jim Phillips	District 11 – Dave Murphy
District 4 – Rob Everson	District 12 – Glen Van Amber
District 5 –	District 13 – Leon Bresley, Michael McNab
District 6 –	District 14 –
District 7 – Tom Duxbury, Suzanne Sudmeier	District 15 –
District 8 – Bud Nielsen	District 16 –
	District 17 –

President Dick Sudmeier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Agenda Jim Phillips moved to approve the agenda. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report Jerry McClure moved to approve the minutes. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved. Welcomed Pamela as new Secretary.

Treasurer's Report as of June 21, 2019.

Total cash assets of \$86,185.90

Membership dues paid so far in 2019 - \$7,650 (some toward future memberships);

354 current memberships

Bills to be paid:

- \$300 for Conservation Minnesota if we opt to continue – ILA turned it down last year – table it to find out how we benefit and look into it.
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Open commitments:

- Ditch 23 project – may still owe around \$15,000 – \$230,000 was estimated to be the full amount for the study. 25% of the funds for the study (and study around whole lake) were to come from someone else (ILA and/or other property owners). We were asked for \$15,000. When they get their final bill from engineer, they expect the total will be less, so ILA's portion may be less than \$15,000.
- Fish Stocking - \$8,039 in the fund so far this year

Getting ready for the annual audit.

Jim Phillips moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Suzanne Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

Ditch 23: 4 pages of bigger 18 page report were received from Jerry Hagenmiller of Douglas County Soil & Water Commission (DCSWC) – result of meeting w/contractor and DNR on 12 June. Contractor showed data that the soil is full of phosphorus and that in summer a large amount comes into lake through ditch (which we already knew). Good graphs. Report goes through different options. The amount of phosphorus that comes into the lake is broken into percentages. 2% from Garfield waste water treatment, 35% from DNR wetlands from the saturated soil, the rest comes from the ditches that flow into that DNR land. The engineers offer 3 options:

Alternate C is an option where they put in a pipeline that would bypass DNR wetland completely – turned on and off in the summer – Ditches would go right into the lake, but would actually carry less phosphorus than they do passing through the over-saturated wetlands.

Option D – (2D Model results) – Site 1 – culverts and channel widening of existing ditch that goes through area to 50 feet and increase the flow. Bypasses and cuts down amount of water that is sitting in the wetlands area absorbing all the phosphorus.

Last page – summary – several options were not recommended. Dredging would be exceedingly expensive. Flow diversion and new ditch system is not an option. Retrofitting the upstream detention areas that are not functioning - not suggested.

At the bottom of the report – permit implications – benefits or changes if we did option. The ditching – increasing 50 feet would reduce level in the 100s of Kg per year coming into the lake. Upstream pond would only reduce 10s of kg. Option for Alum treatment – binds to phosphorus and causes it to settle to bottom of pond so it wouldn't go into lake. Trouble is has to be done every couple of years. Very expensive. Carp and other things could churn up the bottom, making it not a viable option, and it doesn't get rid of the phosphorus.

Waste Water Treatment could get after Garfield system to reduce 10s of kg. But they are only 2% of problem.

Alternate D includes pipe bypass – the engineers claim it would cut down 100s of kg per year going into the lake.

DNR owns the property – were involved in the meeting. 2 groups in the DNR. People in Fergus Falls said there was no permit and they wouldn't care what we did. The fisheries part of DNR (Dean Beck in Glenwood) said it would require a variance to do any of the work to

dig a ditch or bypass. He would have to approve. According to Jerry Hagenmiller, Beck didn't sound too resistant to the idea. Beck indicated that DNR may actually like to sell the area – maybe to the county. Dick may call Dave Rush to see if the county may be interested.

Next week the DNR, Dean Beck, after he's studied the report, will get back to Jerry with some final ideas about how hard it would be to get the variance. Then the engineering firm has to give some cost estimates once they determine the feasibility. Jerry expects that we'll have cost estimates by end of July. Then DCSWD needs to go through grant application to help fund the project. The engineering firm could come to ILA's July 27th Directors meeting to discuss plans and costs. (Would need longer meeting to stay and discuss the options after the engineers present them to make decisions.) Grant application has to be done by August 31st. Grants include follow-up studies – water monitoring, etc. ILA has input – we're likely to be asked in next round for some matching fund contribution.

Runoff Issues:

DCSWD has a couple of issues they are working on that they got grant money for and they got matching funding from townships or individual property owners. Doesn't affect ILA since we've not been asked for money. North end of Lake Ida (Little Ida) and another issue on Leaf Lane (Rob Auel's place).

Curly Leaf Pondweed Treatment: 32 acres were treated at a cost of \$19,649.28, which ILA has paid. ILA will get a check for 75% to reimburse us (covered by a grant). ILA's contribution was to be \$4912. But the County will also reimburse ILA \$1,150 for the last survey. So ILA will end up paying \$3,762 for treatment of 32 acres. PLM didn't recommend conducting another survey this summer, but next spring instead. ILA will pay \$850 for that survey before deciding what to treat. The County will pay for that survey plus another 75% for any treatment.

AIS Inspectors: David Geddes reported:

David Geddes and Bob Reed were trained. Pamela has added a new contact button on website for them. The Minnesota AIS Research Center (MAISRC) is sponsoring several events this summer.

August 17th – statewide AIS event – some training and information shared. Last year they checked public accesses at Lake Ida.

July 13th - Kids fishing day at Fleet Farms around the state.

MAISRC launching a beta test program on current AIS detectors – training 4 hours.

July 25th AIS plant identification seminar. David will attend.

Research team asking for help doing survey of people who fish – David offered to help. Survey will be on postcards with 6 questions.

Water testing volunteers: Jerry McClure and Wes Smith have been doing it for 10 years. Need new volunteers to take over learn how to do it from them this summer and then do it next summer. Jerry will send Pamela info to include in an email to membership asking for volunteers. Could use volunteers specific to the 3 areas to avoid traveling over rough water.

Ditch Cleanup: – had plenty of volunteers – thank you.

Boat Parade: – north loop counter clockwise – meet at Pilgrim Point at 10 am. Rain date is on the 5th. If it rains that date, it will be cancelled.

Director's Handbook: Dick is working on it. Wants to be able to include proof of liability insurance for all Director's before finishing.

New Business

Redistricting: New district – should it be 3A and 3B or add 18? No decision was made. A new map will need to be drawn for the Annual Meeting. Jim Phillips offered to try to find 2 new Directors for the new district.

Director Vacancies: 2, 5, 9, 15 – when going around to collect dues, try to get people to volunteer to be Directors.

Newsletter: Deb Hertzog has volunteered – give her ideas or articles for August Newsletter. Any attaboys – (Pamela to send email address to the Directors)

Fish Stocking & Slot Limits: All agreed last month's speaker at the general meeting was a great presentation. No consensus on what should be done. Maybe we should encourage self-imposed limits in our Newsletter or by email? Should we change possession or daily limits – half limits? Maybe survey the whole membership at some point? If there was a consensus, we'd have to go to DNR to have them go through notifications and hearings to change anything legally.

DNR puts in walleye fry – 3% grow to adults (26,000), and that ends up being a lot of walleye. We spend a lot more for fewer fingerlings and we have no idea how many make it to adulthood.

No Wake Zone: There is officially a300 No Wake Zone all the way around the lake due to the high water – it was in the paper. Pamela will send an email out to the membership with a copy of the letter issued by the county.

Ida Bayview Condos: Jim Phillips went to their association meeting to give an update on the road paving. A member who was at the ILA May general meeting gave a really good update on what transpired. Jim also gave an update on the membership options and ways to join.

Directors Responsibilities: Should go around to the people on their list and get people to pay their dues. Good to explain how much effort the board puts into getting grants, etc. and how the \$25 benefits the lake property owners. Dick will provide a summary.

Pilgrim Point: They are planning to sell. Some have heard they are trying to find a conservation oriented buyer. Not looking to subdivide into housing, etc. This summer they are opening the camp up to people to rent and use for the day.

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday July 27th, 9:00am.

Adjourn Jim Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary