

**Minutes  
Ida Lake Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Ida Township Hall  
August 24, 2019**

**Members Present**

President – Dick Sudmeier	Vice President – Elaine Greer
Treasurer – Mike Kleve	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 – Wesley Smith, Jerry McClure	District 10 – David Geddes
District 2 –	District 11 – Dave Murphy, Donald Erstad
District 3 – Jim Phillips	District 12 – Glen Van Amber
District 4 – Rob Everson	District 13 – Michael McNab, Leon Bresley
District 5 –	District 14 – Jim Conn
District 6 –	District 15 –
District 7 – Tom Duxbury	District 16 – Cliff Drentell, John Dahl
District 8 – Bud Nielsen	District 17 – Jean Challeen, Betty Cichy Anderson
District 9 – Andy Lopez	District 18 –
Director at Large – Jeff Johnson	Newsletter –

President Dick Sudmeier called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Meeting Agenda** Dian Lopez moved to approve the agenda. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Secretary's Report** Jim Conn moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Jim Phillips seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** as of August 24, 2019.

Total cash assets of \$103,940.53

Membership dues paid so far in 2019: \$9,650, 417 memberships (28 online so far, 4 on square)

Bills to be paid:

- To Pamela for G Suite email tools associated with Weebly website - \$70
- \$378 County Insurance – blanket liability
- \$268 for copies, etc. for ILA (Dick Sudmeier)

Open commitments:

- Fish Stocking \$8,732.84

Had a clean audit by Glen VanAmber and Barry Waldrige for 2018.

Jim Phillips moved to pay open bills and approve the Treasurer's report. Wesley Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Old Business**

**Ditch 23:** Making progress. At the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, Douglas County Soil & Water Conservation District (DCS&WCD) had a new layout and final recommendation from the engineers. They propose digging a new 50 ft wide ditch to replace Ditch 23 as it goes through the swamp and running the new ditch along the north side where the soil is not contaminated. DCS&WCD approved applying for a grant to do that project. Money includes refurbishing the pond upstream that is filled in and fix the dam. \$722,000 will be the total cost for both efforts. They will send in the grant application by September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will hear in December if it is approved, and they will let bids for people to start work in the summer. Estimated 768kg of phosphorus is going into lake. Only 500kg is going into the holding area. It will eliminate about 268kg (30%) of load going into lake. If they improve the holding area upstream, they may reduce another 100 kg and improve close to 50% going into lake.

**Runoff Issues:** The study for Ditch 23 also looked at entirety of the lake. Jerry Hagenmiller of DCS&WCD said they will get a couple of projects done this fall – one on the north shore, and one on the east shore - little projects of \$5,000 or \$20,000. They have grant money, except for the 25% or 30% that has to be contributed by someone else. Not sure who will provide those funds. They may involve Township since their road is being washed out.

**Redistricting, New District 18:** Actual addresses are needed – we already have a volunteer for one of the directors.

**Fish Survey/Stocking:** Dean Beck talked in spring. They just did a survey in August with nets using them in the same areas they have for 20 years. Two things are: 1) lowest number of walleyes ever caught in Lake Ida (also in Miltona and Minnewaska) 2) very few small walleyes – weight up in from those caught in the past. What happened to the walleye fry DNR stocked? – Possibly predation, loss of plankton, avoidance of nets...

DNR stocks fry, ILA stocks fingerlings. The lake is changing and will support different species of fish.

Monday August 26<sup>th</sup> – Dean Beck will speak at Legacy of the Lakes Museum. He will summarize and interpret the study.

**AIS Report:** David Geddes will have a show and tell at the annual meeting to explain what Starry Stonewort is.

### **New Business**

New Director's Handbooks are on the table – new map, IRS statement, updated bylaws, liability insurance.

2015 was the last paper ILA Directory – Elaine found a volunteer to be on committee to do a new one – Tina Lindstrand.

**Goose Problem** – shoreline buffer of plants works quite well. Guns with blanks. Hardware store in Glenwood has coyote signs that move. You can also buy metal silhouettes of dogs.

**Complaints:** Noise from speakers on boats, especially wakeboarders. Bright lights. Headlights on pontoons are illegal to use out on the lake except to dock.

Dick said his farewells and will remain on as a Director at Large. Accomplishments: Manure platform at one of the farms, put together a History of Lake Ida and what the Association has done (Dick will provide it for website), Betsy Ross project, walleye stocking, curly leaf pondweed treatment, AIS monitoring, water testing. Some other things that were done outside meetings and not included in the minutes – should be added to the history.

We all thanked Dick for his service.

**Next Directors Board Meeting:** Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am.

**Adjourn:** Jim Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectively submitted,  
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary