

**Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Via Conference Call
April 25, 2019**

Members Present

President – Elaine Greer	Vice President – David Geddes
Treasurer – Mike Kleve	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 –	District 10 – Amy Sunderland
District 2 –	District 11 – Bob Reed, Dave Murphy
District 3 – Jim Phillips	District 12 – Glen VanAmber
District 4 –	District 13 – Leon Bresley
District 5 –	District 14 – Elke Richards
District 6 –	District 15 –
District 7 – Tom Duxbury	District 16 –
District 8 – Bud Nielsen	District 17 –
District 9 – Andy Lopez, Dian Lopez	District 18 –
	Past President – Dick Sudmeier

President Elaine Greer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Also in attendance were Deb Hertzog (Newsletter) and Tina Lindstrom (Directory) as non-voting members.

Meeting Agenda Amy Sunderland moved to approve the agenda. Pamela Phillips seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report There was discussion about whether Jeff Johnson as a prior past president should have been allowed to make motions and vote at the last meeting since Dick Sudmeier was now past president. According to the by-laws, only the most recent past president is member-at-large to the board. Some questioned whether the motions and votes at the last meeting were, therefore, valid. Pamela mentioned that most of the time we had 2-3 people making motions at the same time, and she put Jeff down since he was loudest and easily identified. Since all of the motions were seconded and voted on by a majority, it was decided to keep the motions approved, but note in the minutes from the September meeting the discrepancy. Mike Kleve moved to footnote the minutes to explain the motions by Jeff Johnson. Bob Reed seconded. Motion passed. Dave Murphy moved to approve the September minutes with the annotation. Jim Phillips seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report as of 3/31/2020.
Total cash assets of \$85,755.15

Membership dues paid so far in 2020: \$500, 20 memberships added since last report; we had 475 members at the end of 2019.

Memorial Gifts so far in 2020: \$100

Bills to be paid:

- Insty Prints - \$2,252.40 for 600 hard copy directories (enough for paid members and extra for new paying members in the future)
- CNA Surety for the “dishonesty policy” which protects board members from liability for misrepresentation (not the same as the liability insurance policy) – \$167
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Open commitments:

- Ditch 23 project \$
- Fish Stocking: \$16,000 verbal commitment for 2020 (at end of 2019, the Walleye Stocking Fund was at zero, after paying the 2019 commitment which was covered by transferring \$2118 from the general fund). We originally made a 3 year verbal commitment and 2020 would be the third year.

Mike went over the 2019 end of year report. Jim Phillips moved to approve the payments done in late 2019 and approve the Treasurer’s report for 2019. Amy Sunderland seconded the motion. Motion approved.

On the March 2020 financials report, current cash account is down due to low receipts of membership and walleye stocking so far. The investment account is down because of Corona virus. Mike Kleve checked today, and the fund up a bit more again.

There were some **2019 expenditures paid in 2020** to InstyPrints (\$318.42) for printing the letters that were mailed out requesting updated information for the printed directory, (\$421.84) for stamps for the mailing since it wasn’t allowed to be bulk mailed, and (\$1500) to Douglas County Water & Soil for the additional boat inspection hours.

Glen VanAmber moved to approve these 2019 expenditures that we already paid. Elke Richards seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Amy Sunderland moved to approve the payment of the bills yet to be paid. Glen Van Amber seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Discussion on Treasurer’s report:

Dave Murphy asked about the number of directories being printed, which is explained above.

Amy Sunderland asked whether we make the directory public online. We have not in the past to protect privacy. It is only printed and provided to paying members.

Bud Nielsen asked for clarification about the insurance policies. There are two separate policies, one for liability, and one for deception/dishonesty/misrepresentation (which is the one being paid now).

Dian Lopez moved to accept the 2020 financial report. Jim Phillips seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

Ditch 23: The grant was not approved for improvements, but it will be applied for again. It is on hold at this point. It was believed that there was not enough money for all grants applied for and it was applied to other projects.

AIS Report:

Douglas County Soil & Water Commission did an aquatic vegetation and AIS survey that was very extensive. Lake Ida was in it specifically. We do have weeds that need to be treated and the survey reemphasized that the survey done for ILA was accurate. Mike Kleve asked if that survey was done after we did our treatment, and it was as it was done in July 2019. Our treatment was done in the spring.

David Geddes mentioned that on page 3 of the report there is an overview of water qualities in the lake. In some areas we're doing moderately well. He would like to see other lakes in Douglas County for comparison.

Curly Leaf Pond Weed (CLP) Treatment:

Elaine Greer said that AIS Consulting does the survey for us to see where we need treatment. They are open and doing the surveys. The cost for delineation will be \$850. Elaine will contact them and get the ball rolling.

Dick Sudmeier stated that Douglas County Land and Resources (DCL&R) has grants available for paying 75% of the cost of treating CLP. It was approved by DCL&R (Justin Schwartz). They will pay \$16,333 or 75% of the total project cost, whichever is lesser of the two. ILA will have an expense of \$3-5K.

Mike Kleve moved that we approve the commitment of \$850 to AIS Consulting for the survey. Dick Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

PLM will do the treatment based on last year. Dick Sudmeier noted that if there are changes based on this spring's survey, we might have to change areas treated. It is a 3 year process. But because of variations in locations, and the fact that they don't treat weeds that are too deep (more than 15 feet) because of dilution, we can't completely rid CLP – we can only manage it. Elaine said that PLM estimates treatment to cost \$20,644.80, of which DCL&R will reimburse ILA the portion noted above. Dick Sudmeier moved to plan on expending at least the amount we did last year so that we can move forward when the water reaches the right temperature. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

ILA attempted to apply for a grant from DNR for invasive species this year. Applications had to be applied for at 9:00 on a certain morning. Elaine did not get it in in time. The grants were all exhausted within 5 minutes. Dave Geddes talked to DNR with concerns about the procedure for submitting online and suggested a larger window to apply, and then using a lottery system to grant. He will talk to them again.

Mike Kleve asked whether we will get the opportunity to request extra hours for water craft inspection from DCL&R. Dick Sudmeier said they usually contact ILA to ask if we want the extra hours, and they haven't contacted us yet.

Jerry Hagenmiller notified ILA that there were two other Douglas County Soil & Water Commission grants awarded:

One for \$18,508 for erosion on north side of lake from sediment from farm land. They are going to install sediment control on the farm land.

Second for \$338,000 to reduce pollution and erosion. There is a 25% matching cost from other entities such as ILA or property owners. It is for any homeowner on the lake. They have allotted some for some gullies on the east side of lake and for a pit closure on Miltona that would impact our lake. They have other money available for shoreline projects, water gardens, etc. Elaine has a brochure, which Pamela will post on the web. Deb Hertzog will also include information in the Newsletter.

Pilgrim Point (PP) Update – Bud Nielsen talked to Brad Bonk (head of parks dept at public works) for the latest update. A lot has changed. PP has taken the listing down and are not accepting more offers at this point. The County and the Pilgrim Point conference board had a good relationship to move ahead, but everything at a standstill right now. They may lose some grant money. Bud thinks nothing will be done this year, and maybe not next year.

Directory has been a huge project. Thanks to Tina Lindstrand, Mike Kleve, and Tina's committee of Betty Cichy-Anderson and Lynette Dempsey. The front cover has been sent in to Insty Prints for approval. There is a page of information on Lake Ida. The committee also requested information regarding changed email addresses even though those will not be printed (just property addresses and phone numbers). There are 761 residents listed, and there have been some changes. District Directors need to look at their lists and ensure the right properties are listed for their districts. The 2nd page is the new black and white map marked by district to include the new district 18. The 3rd page is a colored map with roads. The next two sections are property owners by lake address and then by district. The committee has had some calls on errors. The directories should be available by May 16th.

Tina said the committee was amazing. They received a 20% response rate by mail and some by email. The committee called the rest of the residents. Lots of land lines have been dropped. Over the summer it would be great if District Directors could verify emails and phone numbers of people in their district. There are a few people who don't want their names in the directory, so it was suggested the addresses remain as place holders and the names not be printed. The names will continue to be available for the Director's lists and the financial and email databases.

Pamela Phillips moved to honor requests not to print names if so requested. Dick Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Tina noted that if there is a spring meeting, paid members can pick them up. If not, Directors could drop them off on the doorstep or go around and ask for updates. Or Directors could email people in their district and put them on their doorstep for pickup. Bud Nielsen suggested that directors passing them out is an advantage. Mike Kleve will pick them up them up from the printer. He will give each District Director enough for their paid members plus 5 or so extra. Directors will keep track of who they give them out to.

New Business

Director Vacancies: see below

Other New Business:

May Meeting: we are not likely to have an actual meeting, especially since Ida Township has notified us that they are currently not allowing use of their building for any outside organizations. It was suggested that we do another conference call for Directors only and let the full membership know that we will not have a general meeting. ILA can ask for questions/concerns ahead of the meeting. The board can report back to them after the meeting in an email or on the web. David Murphy suggested setting up video meeting for May with a Google service he has. Elke Richards suggested that we record the meeting and share the link later to the full membership on the website. Pamela Phillips moved that we look into a video meeting and recording. Mike Kleve seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Spring Cleanup – It was decided this should not be done as a big group, but that we suggest everyone clean up their districts throughout the spring on their walks. Deb Hertzog will include this information on the Newsletter.

Spring Newsletter – Deb stated that she needs articles by Thursday the 30th. She needs to get the Newsletter to the printer by May 4th. She will note in the Newsletter that only paid members will get printed directories, and they will be available by the end of May.

ILA received a survey from Douglas County to help with planning. Elaine will email them with a list of issues that we might want to work on this year.

Director Vacancies:

Elke Richards asked who will deliver directories to the two districts with no directors (15 and 5). Could there be a flyer for inclusion in the directory in the districts that need new directors? Elke would be willing to create something. We would need to include information on what a director does. There was a question of how much that might cost. Bud Nielsen noted that could be put in Newsletter. Bud will look for some information. Dick Sudmeier noted that it is in the by-laws. Pamela Phillips offered to provide the information from the by-laws to Deb for the Newsletter. Tina Lindstrand will provide the new district map for inclusion in the Newsletter and to Pamela for the website. It was suggested that we also let people know what the time commitment is and they can do it even if not living here. Dave Murphy suggested changing the term director to representative so it's not so intimidating. Dick Sudmeier said we can't because of our registration and tax exempt status, etc.

Amy Sunderland stated that her husband painted an image of Lake Ida and that we could use for cover with no charge. Tina and Mike noted that we are too far along with the printing plans. Amy said she would share the image with the Directors.

Mike Kleve again noted that there is always a disconnect between dues received and the report of paid members because of when people pay dues. The sheet he provided was a supplemental to show the starting balance for each year. We started year with 93 paid members in 2020. We have received 20 dues payments, some were for 2019, some 2020, some for 2021. So money doesn't always show and equate to current membership numbers.

David Geddes reported that AIS classes that were going to be in Alexandria at the end of May have been cancelled. There will be an on-line course for AIS 101. He will send out the information.

Dick Sudmeier asked if there were any people who opted out of treatment for CLP? No one opted out.

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday, May 25th, 9:00am.

Adjourn: Amy Sunderland moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary