

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall Parking Lot
June 27, 2019

Members Present

President – Elaine Greer	Vice President – David Geddes
Treasurer – Mike Kleve	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 – Jerry McClure	District 10 –
District 2 –	District 11 – Bob Reed
District 3 –	District 12 –
District 4 –	District 13 – Mike McNab, Leon Bresley
District 5 – Mike Shaughnessy	District 14 – Jim Conn
District 6 –	District 15 –
District 7 –	District 16 –
District 8 – Bud Nielsen	District 17 –
District 9 – Andy Lopez, Dian Lopez	District 18 – Ron Hamby
Past President – Dick Sudmeier	

President Elaine Greer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Agenda Dian Lopez moved to approve the agenda. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report Andy Lopez moved to approve the minutes. Jim Conn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report as of June 25, 2020.

Total cash assets of \$83,168.92.

Membership dues paid so far in 2020: \$8,000, some of which are payments for future years of membership. We have a total of 371 paid 2020 memberships as of 6/25/2020.

Bills to be paid:

- \$10,386 is the gross owed for PLM for Curly Leaf treatment (part of which will be reimbursed by a grant – see below) – Bud Nielsen moved to approve this payment (already paid) – Bob Reed seconded. Payment approved.
- Jim Conn moved to reimburse Pamela for the Weebly website annual fee (\$144 due now) and for the GSuite bill for our email when that bill comes in August (for approximately \$70). Dick Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Open commitments:

- Fish Stocking: We have received \$4900.00 from member donations so far. Donations from outside organizations have not been received this year yet, perhaps

due to COVID. We usually get something from Leaf Valley, and Viking Sportsman Club usually gives \$500.

There was no separate motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as the motions to pay the outstanding bills followed the explanation of the Treasurer's report and the approval was implied.

Old Business

New Directors: We welcome Mike Shaughnessy and Charlie Leonard as new directors for District 5. Mike has met Charlie. There are still two vacancies in District 15.

Lake Ida Diretory Disbursement Status: All directories are in the hands of directors. Mike is trying to get out an updated report of paid memberships every week to the Directors. Mike Shaughnessy requested that changes to payments be highlighted. He also needs more books. Mike Kleve had more directories in his car and distributed them to those Directors that need more. Distributing the directories has been an incentive to get people to pay their 2020 dues. Jim Conn wanted to discuss the policy of payment prior to receiving a directory. It was explained that all directors may receive extra books to have available as they encourage new members.

Newsletter: The Newsletter gets mailed to all property owners, whether they are paid members or not.

Douglas County Lakeshore Restoration Cost Share Flyers: Elaine had handouts/flyers that she made available. There is a cost sharing grant of 25% for lakeshore owners for improvements for erosion. She wants to encourage the membership to become involved.

July 4th Boat Parade Revisit: It was decided that we should go ahead and hold the boat parade since physical distancing could be accomplished in boats. It was decided to begin at 9:00 am at Pilgrims Point and parade the South end. Jim Conn said that he would be available to lead in his Chris Craft. Pamela said that she would email the membership and update the website.

Fish Stocking: We had decided last fall to set up a committee to study the benefits of fish stocking and decide whether it was cost effective to continue. Jeff Johnson has already volunteered to be on the committee. A new member, Jeff Peterson, has also volunteered. It was suggested they should talk to the new DNR guy (Dave Beck retired). Duane Doucette wants to talk to him. David Geddes said we asked Dave Beck previously if it was effective. He said he didn't know but said he could know in a year. What does their survey say? The committee needs to look into this.

Mike McNab said that he talked to some folks at Green Lake in Spicer who said it is easy to change limits and adjust slot sizes etc.. Stocking is effective if there are good places to

spawn. Dumping from a boat landing is ineffective because the predator fish eat them all. Green Lake stocks by taking them into the middle of the lake and it is more effective. Bud Nielsen mentioned that the dispersal method is standard operating procedure for the DNR. They are usually distributed around the lake in the deeper water. He said that Green Lake became a bass lake and that caused the walleye to decrease. He also opined that changing slot limits is unenforceable.

It was suggested that we pause stocking for a year and analyze the results. We have one more year's verbal commitment to stocking with the company we purchase the fish from. Dick Sudmeier wondered how many walleye are being removed from the lake. He asked if there was a way we can do a survey of walleye fisherman.

Water Talks Programs: The Legacy of the Lakes is sponsoring Water Talks Programs this summer. The next one is July 13 on lakeshore restoration. These will be available on-line after the fact, as well. Email will be sent out to the membership in case they are interested.

New Business

Curley Leaf Pondweed: CLP treatment has been done. Mike Kleve paid \$10,386, down from last year because they treated less acreage. The grant from Douglas County pays 75%, so we will get back \$7,500 back from what we paid.

Water Clarity: Tamara and Jeff Peterson test the water for us. They pick up at Soil and Water and the test goes to RMB Labs. Jerry McClure did it 10 years. The Labs are in Detroit Lakes. They did the test and are waiting to see the results. The RMB website has results from last 20 years. We pay a bill to RMB Labs. Each lake has their own volunteers

DCLA Report: DCLA is going to do water testing on a certain number of lakes, which they haven't done before. They are going to do it and compare (to what?). Our volunteer testers test for phosphorus and algae and water clarity. DCLA will be measuring chlorine and oxygen levels, etc. Douglas County Lakes Association membership bills us \$2 per member and this year's bill has a \$350 water testing fee, presumably to cover this new testing.

Watercraft Inspection: It is ongoing – we normally pay for additional hours. We may be too late to submit a request for additional hours. We believe we need more people on the weekends when activity is higher. Justin Swart is in charge of the program. Elaine will find out what they're doing.

Storage Unit Proposal: Elaine Went to the County meeting on Tuesday. There was good representation from the lake property owners. They passed the proposal with 14 provisions, part of which included adopting lighting that's hooded and off by 9 pm, of certain lumens and color based on international dark sky association recommendations. Trees have to be planted-a specific distance from the center line of the road. They tried to push through increasing size of building, but it did not pass. They will have to apply for rental of

watercraft at a later date. Currently they are only approved for rental of storage. They moved the entrance to route 5 instead of 34. Lake residents need to be stewards to be sure they're doing what is required.

Ditch 23: There is no money yet for Ditch 23. The grant will be applied for again this fall for \$700,000+.

Membership in Conservation Minnesota: We decided not to join for 2020.

Other New Business:

Newsletter: It is time to be thinking about articles for the Fall Newsletter and get that information to Deb Hertzog. We should include again more information on the cost sharing opportunities for lakeshore improvements since homeowners could still be doing projects in the fall. Get other ideas to Deb!

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday July 25th, 9:00am, method to be determined.

Andy Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike McNab seconded the motion. Motion passed, and Elaine adjourned the meeting at 9:55.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary