

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
July 25, 2019

Members Present

President – Elaine Greer	Vice President – David Geddes
Treasurer –	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 – Jerry McClure	District 10 – Amy Sunderland,
District 2 –	District 11 – Bob Reed, Dave Murphy
District 3 – Jim Phillips	District 12 –
District 4 –	District 13 –
District 5 –Mike Shaugnessy,	District 14 – Elke Richards, Jim Conn
District 6 –	District 15 –
District 7 – Tom Duxbury, Duane Doucette	District 16 – John Dahl,
District 8 –	District 17 –
District 9 –	District 18 –
Past President – Dick Sudmeier	

President Elaine Greer called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Meeting Agenda We failed to formally approve the agenda, but Elaine Greer had emailed it to the Directors prior to the meeting.

Secretary's Report Jim Conn moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting with stated corrections. Dick Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report as of July 25, 2020. Treasurer Mike Kleve was unable to attend the meeting. The financial report was emailed to the directors, but due to a technical glitch was not received prior to the meeting. The information included here was added after the report was received. The directors will approve the report at the August meeting.

Total cash assets of \$93,530.58.

Membership dues paid so far in 2020 for various years: \$9,050.00. There are 411 current 2020 memberships.

Bills to be paid:

- \$615 for US Liability Insurance Company, for non-profit directors and officers insurance

We received the grant money to reimburse us for most of the CLP treatment for \$8,639.24, and that money has been put into the account.

Old Business

Directory Distribution: Directory distribution continues. The directory is a benefit to those who have paid their 2020 dues.

4th of July parade review: The board is glad that we went ahead with the parade. Thanks to Jim Conn for leading. While someone reported seeing 30 boats in the parade; however, when Jim looped back after the parade, he counted 81 decorated boats. It was a boost to everyone and to camaraderie.

Water Talks, Legacy of the Lakes, July 13 Report – Cabin and Lakehome Shoreline

Management: The talk was given by Paul Radomski of the MN DNR. Elaine Greer attended virtually. The talk reiterated issues with phosphorus runoff and the benefits of deep root systems planted by shorelines. She also noted that he mentioned Eurasian Watermilfoil and that the treatment may do more harm than good. Zebra mussel cycles are here to stay. Elke Richards noted that the money for grants for shoreline improvements is already used up this year. Looking for more funds for 60% reimbursement.

August 10 is the next talk – Our Magnificent Lake History,

info@legacyofthelakes.org/water-talks: 7:00 p.m.

Fish Survey/Stocking: There are 5 people on the committee. Duane Doucette will have a meeting to discuss the situation for walleye stocking. One person from DNR may meet with them. DNR has hired a lot of bright new people, so the team will pursue trying to meet and work around issues with COVID.

Elaine Greer noted that stocking was done in the fall. We need to contact the stocking people in August to be sure they have the 1,000 lbs of fingerlings that we committed to for our final year. We also have to submit for \$500 from Viking Sportsmans Club. They normally provide that reimbursement after the stocking is done and we can show the bill paid.

Duane said Jeff Johnson may have handled the stocking in the past. We may need a permit signed by Elaine. Elaine said she'd go ahead and contact the stocking people. Duane will check with Jeff Johnson.

Ditch 23 Update: The grant was been submitted again in July. We should hear by the end of August from Douglas County Soil & Water if it has been accepted. We don't know if funds have been reduced by COVID or not.

Storage Unit Update: The county board approved an increase to the building size to 8400 sq. ft., but they maintained the lighting restrictions.

Watercraft Inspection Update: The program has 11 reviewers and 2000 inspections on all the lakes. On Lake Ida we have 2 sites with inspections, Pilgrim Point with 300+ inspections (80 hours - 60 hours for decontamination), and the south landing with 43 inspections (70

hours). It is generally manned from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday- Monday. There is no information on whether they have found anything.

AIS Report: Bob Reed has been doing webinars. The latest on Starry Stonewort is that it is as close as Lake Winnebigoishish. It is primarily in lakes that are heavy in Chara and most is found next to boat ramps. It is causing a negative effect. They don't recommend mechanical removal as it chops up the plant bulbils – rather plants should be pulled out. DNR requires approval to use a “vacuum”. There is a meeting next month on zebra mussels and the use of low dose copper as a treatment – it will be a webinar so people can watch as they want. Justin Swart of DNR is holding Starry Trek on August 15. Online registration by August 6th. Teams can register together. Will be held outdoors.

David Geddes reported on the bait disposal survey that was done last year. There were a lot of responses from the Alexandria area. Preliminary results showed that between 20-22% of people are throwing bait back into water, which is not desirable as it can result in parasitic diseases going into the lake that get into the fish. The website of the research team will be provided for Newsletter.

Elke Richards had a question about the amount of lead in lakes from lead sinkers (apparently a Loon swallowed a lead sinker on Gull Lake in Brainerd). David Geddes will look into her questions.

Pilgrim Point: – Elke spoke with Brad Bonk from the county on Thursday. He's still actively working on a possible purchase for public lands. She had heard rumors that a developer had won the bid, but that is false. Brophy Park was in working for 15 years. If the county does get the property, they may want a fundraising campaign to move the progress of developing faster. And ILA may have a seat at the table regarding how property owners on the lake would want it developed.

Elke asked if anyone has photos of people enjoying the point with their families, as that may show what public lands mean to people. Please provide pictures to Elke.

Amy Sunderland asked whether there was any update on availability of public funds. Elke is not sure as they did not discuss that.

New Business

Douglas County Lakes Association (DCLA) Meeting Report: Reported that zebra mussels were found in Lake Moses and Lake Aaron. Plant surveys will be done on lakes south and west of Alex, but including Lake Osakis. DCLA has requested \$100K from Wells Fargo for the water legacy fund.

Shoreline Management; Boat Wake Impacts – U of M research: U of M is doing research on boat wake impacts. The issue is before the legislature, but there have been no rulings yet. There is concern about erosion and habitat for loon nesting. U of M is requesting donations to further the project. Since ILA's purpose is to promote the well-being of the lake, we discussed whether we should donate to the research. Dick Sudmeier moved to donate \$1000 for now. Amy Sunderland seconded the motion. Motion approved. Amy

suggested we share the idea with the DCLA, as they may want to participate and encourage other lake associations to donate.

Elke suggested that we remind friends and neighbors in a friendly manner of the wake rules in general. She also suggested that this be put in the Newsletter along with a reminder of the legal hours for operating jet skis and the rules for pulling skiers (either a spotter or mirrors required), etc.

Planning Advisory Committee: What is the role of ILA? We became involved in the storage unit update. If ILA members or property owners are interested in or concerned about a situation, we can attend hearings to express our concerns or opinions. Elaine will continue to send out the list of items that the committee is discussion or hearings to be held to the directors. If something affects your district, bring it to attention of your district membership or area. If there is local interest, then it may also be interest of to ILA. Inform directors and let it bubble up.

Boat Landing Lighting: Duane Doucetter had requested that we consider lighting for the Pilgrim Point boat landing after a porta potty was vandalized and burned about 2-3 weeks ago. Residents are concerned about security at that landing. The vandals were caught on Co Rd 34, admitted the vandalism and were charged with arson. We are waiting for DNR info. Solar lights may be an option, and DNR is checking on grants. Also lighting could help people find the landing in the dark.

Elaine has spoken with Dion Turgen with DNR parks and about solar lighting and also spoke with REA about regular lighting. They recommended applying for grant for Operation Roundup which needs to be submitted by August 7 or November 6th. Dave Geddes has spoken with the sheriff's office. The Sheriff's office is willing to patrol the landing more frequently. Further discussion and opinions ensued. Dick Sudmeier feels that it's not an ILA issue but more of a local law enforcement issue. Amy Sunderland said we could suggest the Sheriff pay more attention to the area. Duane will set up a meeting with the Sheriff. Amy suggested the Sheriff come to a meeting and talk about what they can do, so we know what the possibilities are. Duane said there are some other lake associations involved with lighting at their landings.

Other New Business:

We discussed the status of the General Membership Meeting for August. Because of continuing COVID-19 restrictions on use of the Township Hall, it will not be a full membership meeting. Members can ask questions or submit concerns ahead of the meeting. Then we'll have a parking lot or Zoom meeting. We will figure out how to do on-line voting with Survey Monkey, since the full membership needs to elect the VP and Treasurer this year. Dave Murphy volunteered to set up a survey, possibly with Survey Monkey to be included in an email so everyone can vote. Also, Article 4 of the bylaws says we'll appoint a nominating committee. Dian Lopez, Elaine Greer, and possibly someone else will be the nominating committee. Normally we also take nominations from the floor.

Elaine will contact Mike Kleve to see if he's willing to continue as Treasurer. David Geddes said that he is willing to continue as VP if no one else is interested. The odd numbered district directors are up for re-election for a 2-year term by the members of the those districts. Dave Murphy will create separate surveys for each of those districts so that they can vote for their directors. It was not decided how we would determine if new people want to be considered for the positions.

Dick Sudmeier wanted to thank the new water testing team of Tamara and Jeff Peterson. In May there was cloudy water – chlorophyll was higher than usual. However, by June it was unmeasurable. They checked 4 sites. Phosphorus was also satisfactorily low. In June visibility was 19 feet. They are testing every month and sending the results to RMB labs (link on website under Lake Info Helpful Links).

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday August 22nd, 9:00am. TBD if it will be a parking lot or Zoom meeting.

Adjourn Dave Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Dick Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary