

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Zoom Virtual Meeting
September 26, 2020

Members Present

President – Elaine Greer	Vice President – David Geddes
Treasurer – Mike Kleve	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 –	District 10 – Frank Steen
District 2 – Grace Alberg	District 11 – Bob Reed
District 3 – Jim Phillips	District 12 –
District 4 –	District 13 – Leon Bresley
District 5 – Mike Shaughnessy	District 14 – Jim Conn, Elke Richards
District 6 –	District 15 –
District 7 – Duane Doucette	District 16 – John Dahl
District 8 – Lee Katzmarek, Bud Nielsen	District 17 –
District 9 – Dian Lopez, Andy Lopez	District 18 – Ron Hamby
Past President – Dick Sudmeier	

Jeff Johnson also attended as a member of the Fishing Committee to give a report.

President Elaine Greer called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Meeting Agenda Lee Katzmarek moved to approve the agenda. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2020.

Total cash assets of \$95,166.

Membership dues received so far in 2020: \$11,100 (not all memberships are paid in the year of membership). Current 2020 memberships are at 466, slightly behind the 478 members at this time in 2019.

Bills to be paid:

- None

Open commitments:

- Fish Stocking \$16,000 (\$6,665 in the fund for August. Add memorial gifts at year end \$590 for \$7,255.00 available funds. Received \$225 for stocking – brings total to \$7,480 – short \$8,520.00 of our commitment.

Bud Nielsen moved to pay open bills and approve the Treasurer's report. Mike Shaugnessy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

We are due for our annual financial audit, which is hands off for Treasurer Mike Kleve. Glen VanAmber is putting a team together. Glen will send the names to the ILA President to see if she approves. Then Glen and the team will do the audit. They will look at possible dates and need to find a place. At year's end, Mike will send out the financial report and summary as to how we finished out the year.

Old Business

Thank you to our previous directors, Amy Sunderland and Glen VanAmber, who are coming off the board. We welcome new 2021 Directors Grace Alberg, District 2; Frank Steen, District 10; and Dan Montgomery, District 12. Mike Kleve moved to approve the new directors; Dian Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ron Hamby announced he will be stepping down as a director for District 18. He said that Matt Gunlogson is willing to step up and he is looking for one more. Elaine will speak with Matt. Roger Schultz is considering whether to step up as a director for District 15.

Water Talks: A new Water Talks was recorded by the Legacy of the Lakes Museum on Invasive Species. There was an article in the Echo Press this week about the talk. Dian saw part of it and said it was very interesting, and people could go back through the Museum website to see it.

Douglas County Lakes Association Meeting: Dian Lopez tried to get on, but her internet failed.

Boat Landing Lighting (north side of Pilgrim Point off Sugar Sands): Duane Doucette gave an update. He met with Jason Peterson of the Douglas County Sheriff's. They agreed to patrol more. The landing has been very busy with boats on and off, which deters vandalism. DNR will not put up lighting, citing budget cuts. ILA can do it on their own, but it must be solar. Duane did a lot of research on lighting and found several different options. If we pursue it, we should go with something that will cover a 75-80 foot area covering the parking area down to landing. The cost would be around \$3,000. Battery life would be 8-12 years, depending on use. Batteries cost about \$350 and will likely go down in the future. We should use a wooden pole, which we could get from the REA used pole yard. Duane has applied to the REA Roundup Program. The next funding round is November 1st. Duane has reached out to DCLA but hasn't heard back yet. The DNR recommended this particular light – they've used it at 300 different locations in the state. It can be motion activated or constantly on. An app can control it, as well as the intensity. This light is approved by the Dark Sky Association. 99.9% of the light is downward. David Geddes mentioned that this is a good example for the rest of the lake.

Elke Richards asked if we have confirmation from both neighbors that they want lighting. We should make sure the neighbors are on board. The neighbor to the north is 3 lots away with a lot of trees between them and the landing. Both neighbors are on board according to Duane.

Ron Hamby asked whether we're only considering the one landing. Elaine said that it's the one that has had vandalism issues. Lee Katzmarek noted that other landings may want it once they see this landing and if it is successful.

Bud Nielsen noted that when we did the south landing, the Viking Sportsman and the VFW kicked in some money. Maybe we could look to them for help with funding.

Big Horn Bay Lights: The Association has had the electrician back out. He put a switch on each of three lights. There's one other they can't control. They continue working on alleviating the light case out from their property that bothers other lake residents. The three lights will be turned off in the winter when the leaves are gone. The electrician said they cast downward already and couldn't improve much.

AIS Report: David Geddes noted that we received an inquiry from Greg Gargano from the north end of Little Ida. Many weeds are catching in props, etc. Bob Reed also went to see Greg. Greg brought sample of weeds to a professional firm for identification. The firm identified Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP), as well as several native aquatic plants (coontail, and others). He found some CLP off the end of the dock. Nine or ten other homeowners are concerned. This raises two questions. Is CLP moving into shallower water, near the end of their docks. Or is this abundant growth of other aquatic plants? If this is CLP, could ILA treat in the shallower water in future years? Elaine noted that we didn't treat smaller areas this year due to the cost. But she learned that we had done the smaller areas in the past, so ILA will take a harder look at those areas for next year. David pulled up the 2018 AEM post treatment survey. Treatment seems to be working well, but the hot spot is Little Ida – CLP is pretty much all over the place. At what point does it become an issue for the homeowners to handle vs. ILA? Schwab's Bay is also an issue. Dick Sudmeier said that treatment has been effective in certain areas. Dick suggested that we get bids and ideas from other companies. The CLP treatment doesn't affect the other weeds, which are native (and affected by the clarity of the lake). CLP is the only plant DNR approves to treat. David said the early timing of treatment is that CLP emerges before the other plants emerge, therefore not affecting the other weeds. Weed rollers help with the other weeds in swimming areas, as well as some aquacide around their boats. Homeowners need DNR approval for the rollers or aquacide. Rollers require an annual permit; permits for aquacide are for limited areas. David will look at some other companies for estimates and give recommendations to Elaine.

Fish Survey/Stocking: Jeff Johnson gave a report from the DNR. Good News/Bad News – they see no fry in the electro shocking from natural reproduction. The fish we stocked last fall appeared because they were bigger – quite a few and they were pleasantly surprised. Fingerlings are much more effective.

Stuart Klug was under the understanding that we would stock the 6-8" instead of 4-6". As long as we don't do fry, it shouldn't matter, because other things eat the fry. So fingerlings are better. John Dahl will go when they are stocked this fall at the Pilgrim Point Landing. We will stock with the smaller fingerlings as we get more fish per pound. Ron Hamby had read that releasing them in the middle of the lake rather than by shore is effective. However, the DNR requirements say to release from the landings.

Pilgrim Point Update – Bud Nielsen talked to Dave Rush. There is an agreement between the County and a developer (Swansons) to do a joint purchase. The offer was for \$5 million; the county is kicking in 1 Million. The Church accepted the offer and it is expected to close in October sometime. Once closed, the County will have access to cut down some trees and remove the buildings. No development will occur until there is sufficient planning for the area. There are a significant number of individual lots to the east of the county property in the development plan. The county will likely have to spend another million to get the property ready. They will be responsible for putting a road in, and they need a storm water retention pond. North of the road going into the camp will be desirable lots. Lots on the south side are in an environmentally sensitive area. Erosion is a concern, trees and sand. The Lake Association could work with the developer on cluster housing and docks. There will be public hearings later and ILA will send representatives with concerns from the Association and from property owners.

New Business

Other New Business:

Fall Cleanup: Saturday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. was selected for highway cleanup along Co. Rd. 34. Mike Kleve can get 3-4 people from Cozy Nook. Dick Sudmeier will pick up the vests from the Douglas County Public Works and will contact Jim Peterson (he has poker sticks). Pamela will send out an email to the membership for volunteers.

Frank Steen, D10 had questions about wake restrictions in high water and wondered if there had been any wake boat studies. The ILA is contributing to research on the height, energy, and impact of wake boats and other large watercraft, conducted by the University of Minnesota St. Anthony Falls Laboratory. The DNR or Douglas County names no wake zones due to high water.

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday April 24th, 9:00am.

Adjourn: Pamela Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary