

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
July 24, 2021

Members Present

President – Elaine Greer	Vice President – David Geddes
Treasurer – Mike Kleve	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 – Jerry McClure, Wes Smith	District 10 – Frank Steen
District 2 – Grace Alberg	District 11 – Dave Murphy (Zoom), Bob Reed
District 3 – Jim Phillips, Jeffrey Sorum	District 12 – Dan Montgomery, Mary Saarion
District 4 –	District 13 –
District 5 – Mike Shaughnessy	District 14 – Jim Conn, Elke Richards
District 6 – Tom Eystad	District 15 – Roger Schultz
District 7 –	District 16 – John Dahl
District 8 – Lee Katzmarek, Bud Nielsen	District 17 – Duane Doucette
District 9 –	District 18 –
Past President – Dick Sudmeier	

Elke Richards talked about the organics recyclables for our coffee hour. Green compostable containers will be available in the township hall in the future. She will get compostable cups, etc., for our use.

Tom Klemenhagen, Project Manager for Pilgrim Point Shores was invited for a “meet and greet” prior to the Directors Meeting to give us a history of the property and plans for development and how development may affect the lake.

Mitch Lawler – A Conservation Officer with the DNR, in enforcement – stopped by to introduce himself to the directors prior to the meeting starting.

He noted that permits are required to remove any emergent vegetation (anything that grows above the water – even a single plant). Up to 2500 square feet of submerged (underwater) vegetation can be removed by hand without a permit, or by a weed roller with a permit. All vegetation removed MUST be disposed of properly and NOT put back into the lake. The DNR can be contacted if you are aware of violations.

Meeting:

President Elaine Greer called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Meeting Agenda: Three items were added to agenda (Compostables, Christian Anderson letter, and Conservation MN). Bob Reed moved to approve the agenda. Roger Schultz seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report: Jim Conn moved to approve the minutes with the corrections that were received after email comments. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report as of July 24, 2021, presented by Mike Kleve.

Total assets (cash and investments) of \$74,810.72

Membership dues received so far in 2021: \$8,475

389 paid memberships so far in 2021 (plus 49 paid for 2022 and 14 paid beyond that)

Bills to be paid:

- Liability Insurance \$615

Fish Stocking Fund is at \$6,738.

ILA has to pay for the CLP treatment and then submit the number to Douglas County to receive the promised grant money. \$10,000 was transferred from the investment account to meet the payment of \$15,556 to PLM for the treatment. ILA received the 75% matching grant from Douglas County in the amount of \$11,667, so the \$10,000 will be transferred back to the investment account in the next accounting period.

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

Mike also noted that other water quality expenses had been lumped in with AIS for accounting purposes before, but noted that it would be moved to a new expense category of Water Quality Fund Projects, so that it can properly identify that money (for instance, the \$25,000 we donated to the Water Quality Legacy Fund, and any money spent by us on Ditch 23 in the future, or other water quality issues other than AIS).

A question was asked whether we ever evaluate the investment account and how it's performing. Mike suggested that Tom Duxbury and Mike Steidl may be good members to do a review.

Elke Richards – hoping to get compostable stuff for the Annual Meeting (event) – we need to estimate what we need to buy the cups. Dick Sudmeier suggested ordering 150 cups, Tom Eystad seconded. Motion Passed.

Old Business

Pilgrim Point Shores: debris has been removed from the park area. Only the old bath house hasn't been demolished. Tuesday the 27th is the hearing at the Willow Drive public works building.

It was suggested that with the new properties, ILA may need redistricting in the future.

4th of July Boat Participation: 70-100 boats participated. Great turnout. Tabled for a Spring meeting is a conversation on whether we need 3 different routes and different starting points to be able to cover the whole lake better since it's so large.

Ditch 23: nothing to report

DCLA Report (Dian Lopez): not present to report

AIS Report: Bob Reed and David Geddes have been visiting a lot of locations and are putting together a plan for next year. There are lots of CLP issues, so the survey area needs to be expanded.

There is an issue in District 1 which Wes and Jerry have brought up. There may be a solution for that neighborhood for the coming year – District 1 along Little Ida Beach Road and the West side of Little Ida. There is a tight area around docks. The west side of Big Horn Bay didn't get covered either.

The company surveys where we know we have CLP and around the margins, so with additional identified areas, the survey will be increased to include them (and likewise treatment).

The Petersons had noted vegetation problems in the SE quadrant of Schwab's Bay with piles of what appear to be cut vegetation floating onto shore. However, the CLP effects are generally over by June 15. What is floating up is large quantities of fresh, green vegetation that includes the roots. There is one permit for clearing vegetation in Schwab's Bay; we are hoping they are not clearing it and dumping into the bay. Mitch Lawler, the DNR Conservation Officer has enforcement capabilities and will check into this.

Bob and David are getting ready to go to Starry Trek to learn more about AIS. Leech Lake has found Starry Stonewart.

Watercraft Inspection: nothing to report

Nelson Lake Drainage Update: An article in the Echo Press yesterday noted that they got a substantial grant and said it wasn't going to be drained. The petitioners withdrew their request. The Ottertail highway department will take over review. But it is still an issue, and we need to stay on top of it so that it doesn't impact our water quality in the future.

Fish Stocking Update: Account starting to build up again.

Big Ole SUP Event: The part on Lake Ida was cancelled because of low water and not being able to navigate channels. The event was rerouted.

Clifford Drenttel, District 16 director for many years, passed away on June 26th.

New Business

Water lever – outlet dam: Elaine contacted Emily Siira – the water hydrologist for 3 counties. There is a fixed crest on the dam that is not ever manipulated. She went out and looked at the dam on Miltona. Their dam is at its crest and does not have stops in it. They would have to have the permission of everyone on the lake before a barrier could be put up. So, no one has raised that dam. Water will stop flowing over our dam when the water gets too low.

August Annual Membership meeting: Brad Bonk, Superintendent of Douglas County Parks will be the guest speaker and talk about the new park on Pilgrim Point.

Director Vacancies and Voting Procedures: Dian Lopez is part of the nominating committee and will ask others to help her as needed. Pamela Phillips volunteered to outline the procedures for voting at the beginning of the meeting. She will put information in the Newsletter regarding which positions need to be filled.

Conservation Minnesota: This is an advocacy group that works with legislature to keep water quality issues in the budget. High ratings. Membership costs \$300. We chose not to participate last year. Since we made a big financial commitment to water quality earlier this year, we decided again not to become members.

Christian Anderson sent a letter to Bob Everson, Director of District 4. He is building the seasonal storage sheds at the corner of Co. Rd. 34 and 5. He stated that his goal is to clean up the lakeshore around Lake Ida by having a place for people to store items. He asked for an opportunity to speak to the membership. We will stay neighborly and respond and tell him thanks, but we don't promote businesses.

Bud Nielsen moved to rescind the plan to install lighting at the Sugar Sands landing and reallocate the money. Elke seconded. Motion Passed.

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday August 28, **8:00 a.m.**, followed by the Annual Membership Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Jim Conn moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Eystad seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary