

**Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
September 25, 2021**

Members Present

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| President – Elaine Greer | Vice President – David Geddes |
| Treasurer – Mike Kleve | Secretary – Pamela Phillips |
| District 1 – Jerry McClure, Wes Smith | District 10 – |
| District 2 – | District 11 – Dave Murphy, Bob Reed |
| District 3 – | District 12 – |
| District 4 – Todd Searcy | District 13 – |
| District 5 – Mike Shaughnessy | District 14 – Jim Conn |
| District 6 – Tom Eystad | District 15 – Roger Schultz |
| District 7 – | District 16 – |
| District 8 – Bud Nielsen | District 17 – |
| District 9 – Andy Lopez, Dian Lopez | District 18 – |

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

Meeting Agenda (We did not formally approve the agenda.)

Secretary’s Report Pamela had emailed out the minutes of the August Directors’ Meeting and the August Annual Meeting prior to this meeting, and other than one attendance error, no changes were submitted. Jim Conn moved to approve both sets of minutes. Dian Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer’s Report as of September 20, 2021.

Total assets (case and investments) of \$78,882.24.

Membership dues paid so far in 2021: \$11,025 (some for future years) There are 441 paid 2021 memberships (last year we had 497 by the end of the year).

Treasurer Mike Kleve transferred \$10,000 from the checking account to the investment account after the CLP grant money was received (the \$10,000 was borrowed from the investment account to pay PLM for the treatment, and then the grant reimbursed ILA).

No outstanding bills or open commitments at this date.

Fish Stocking Fund: The fund is up to \$8108.

Roger Schultz made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Mike also reminded the directors that 2022 dues will be \$30. Pamela will change the website at the end of the year to \$30, and the Spring Newsletter will reflect the new amount. An email will be sent out informing the membership of the new amount. Anyone who pays now for future years will be able to pay at \$25. Pamela will send an email toward the end of the year informing the membership of the rate change and will outline how the money is used (cost of insurance, AIS treatments, grant matching for things like Ditch23, etc.)

Elaine informed us that Roseann Maloney passed away last week. She was a former Secretary of ILA for many years and a dedicated and committed Lake Ida resident.

Old Business

New Directors: Pamela Phillips read the slate of Directors for even-numbered districts that were elected at the Annual Meeting. Dave Murphy moved to approved slate of directors. Jim Conn seconded. Motion approved.

DCLA Report – Dian Lopez: Dian reported that it was a short meeting because of Water Talks afterward. The Water Quality Legacy Fund has enough money to cover the matching funds for the Ditch 23 project. They were very appreciative of the ILA donation because it brought in more money to their fund. The enlargement of the Geneva-Le Homme Dieu bridge is being looked at by the MN state legislature. They came out and viewed the issue. That may be on the slate of improvements and will be paid for by the state. DCLA had its election of officers – most are the same. Dian is now on the board.

The speech by the climatologist will be on the Legacy of the Lakes website. They talked about water deficits and lake levels, etc.

AIS Report: It is the end of season. Bob Reed and Dave Geddes will put together the plan for the next year – expanded from this year. They will get budgets/estimates from PLM for treatment. Elaine will put together the Douglas County grant application. Dick Sudmeier will do the DNR grant application. Grants have been a huge part of our treatment program covering most of the costs. Elaine will work with new President Lee Gustafson to be sure he is a part of the process as he takes over in 2022. PLM will apply for the permit in December. Grants applied for in February.

Fish Survey/Stocking: see financial report – In the past, ILA usually paid less for stocking than we took in. However, the last 3 years we stocked, we had to commit to \$16,000 a year for 3 years, and because we fell short of funds, we had to take from the general fund. In the future ILA only wants to only spend what is in the stocking fund and not have to take from the general fund. The fish stocking committee will research suppliers to ensure we're not over-committed in the future.

Investment Report: Mike Kleve reported that he has reviewed the Raymond James investment account. Past Treasurer Jim Peterson said that it was set up as low risk with modest return. Mike has not made any adjustments since he took over as Treasurer. The fund has a 3.5% return projected. It is currently receiving a 6.9% return (unrealized). Mike has gathered data from financial planners – 2 Lake Ida residents and one not. In their opinion, ILA should keep doing what it's doing. An organization like ILA should always consider low risk. ILA Treasurers are not professionals, so any decisions should be made by the board. Mike will check on what the management fee is for our current account. Dividends are reinvested.

Dian Lopez moved that we have an Investment Committee that reports to the board. Tom Eystad seconded. Motion approved. The board appointed Mike Kleve and Dick Sudmeier to the committee.

Ditch 23 Update: Elaine has spoken with Jerry Hagenmiller of the Douglas County Soil and Water Commission District. They are on track with the project – they have one more permit to secure. Then they will solicit bids and hope to start in the fall or winter. It was requested that Pamela send out an email to the membership with details of the project, the approval, what is being done, and where the money is coming from. She will look for a presentation or the engineering report so that we can link it to our website. We should be clear on where the location is in District 11 and explain that Ditch 23 is a judicial ditch that the farms and Garfield sewage system drain into. Water from the ditch goes into the wetlands and then goes into the lake. The plan is to clean out a portion of the wetlands and create a new ditch to bypass the wetlands. Dave Murphy will send Pamela some descriptive information.

New Business

Fall Highway Clean Up: October 9th, 9:00. Elaine will pick up the vests and trash bags from Public Works.

Water Quality report: Thanks to Tamara and Jeff Peterson who take the samples and they take them to Detroit Lakes to turn them in to RMB Labs. They do it once a month from May to September. If you look at the report (which Pamela will post to the website), water quality has been significantly improving since 2019. Phosphorus levels are improving with 99% confidence. Trophic State Index shows how healthy the lake is. It is improving a lot.

Stony Point - Jim Conn reported just as an item of information that several homeowners on Stony Point submitted a request for a shoreline improvement permit. They were approved to alter 75 feet of land on the periphery of the point at 4 different locations - three areas of 15 feet and one of 30 feet. Stony Point comprises 4,000 feet of lakeshore. The plan is to smooth out the shoreline for easier in and out of boats and docks. The plan includes straw erosion mats and planting of natural vegetation.

Pilgrim's Point – Dave Murphy talked to his realtor and learned that all north lots have been sold or are under contract at \$500,000, except the two next to the park (which are for sale at \$425,000). The south side lots are listed at \$400,000 each.

Elaine expressed her gratitude for Tina Lindstrand for her help with keeping the membership database updated. She works closely with Mike Kleve for the membership and property owner report, and with Pamela for updating the email alias lists.

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday April 23rd, 9:00am.

Adjourn Tom Eystad moved to adjourn the meeting. Roger Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary