

**Minutes**  
**Ida Lake Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Ida Township Hall**  
**June 25, 2022**

**Members Present**

President – Lee Gustafson	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 – Jeff Sorum	District 12 – Mary Saarion
District 4 –	District 13 – Mike McNab
District 5 –	District 14 – Jim Conn
District 6 –	District 15 –
District 7 – Tom Duxbury	District 16 –
District 8 – Bud Nielsen	District 17 –
District 9 – Lynette Dempsey, Dian & Andy Lopez	District 18 – Matt Gunlogson
Past President – Elaine Greer	

President Lee Gustafson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Meeting Agenda** Dian Lopez moved to approve the agenda. Mike McNab seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Secretary's Report** Jim Conn moved to approve three sets of minutes: May 25<sup>th</sup> Directors Meeting, May 25<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting, and June 1<sup>st</sup> on-line vote to increase payment for CLP Treatment. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dick Sudmeier volunteered to be an interim District 7 Director, which requires a board appointment since it is not an election year. Jim Conn moved to appoint Dick to District 7 until the election in 2023. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** as of May 31, 2022.

Total assets of \$ 87,728.

Membership dues paid so far in 2022: \$5,520.

Total 2022 memberships: 316 (several are paid ahead into future years) Mike wondered if– is there a way to increase our membership since we are down significantly from most years. Walleye stocking fund receipts through 5/31/22 were \$2,194, which was behind our projection. However, in the last two weeks ILA has received over \$2,900 in donations, putting us ahead. Fund total as of 5/31/22 was \$11,851.

Bills to be paid:

- Douglas County Lakes Association (DCLA) – \$1,795 (\$1,000 membership and \$795 for water testing)

Bob Reed moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Dian Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Mary Saarion moved to approve paying DCLA. Jeff Sorum seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Mike received membership payment from a non-owner and a memorial. Discussion ensued about who can be a member. According to ILA by-laws, anyone can become a member who supports the mission of ILA. Members do not need to be property owners, but they cannot vote unless they are lake property owners. It was noted that we may need to update our by-laws to explain what a "property" owner is – perhaps someone with riparian rights. Mike noted that he will put non-voting members in a list of Friends of the Lake in the database, so that they will still receive emails and mailings, but not be in a voting district.

### Old Business

**Fish Survey/Stocking:** Mike Kleve reported that the supplier accepted the ILA's proposal and will contact the committee in the fall to get the paperwork with the DNR. They will try to get on the Leaf Valley board for July to attempt to get a donation. Lee suggested the committee ask Leaf Valley and other organizations if they want to be on the committee. Also ask other neighbors if they want to volunteer.

**AIS Report:** David Geddes: Due to high water and colder temperatures it was an unusual year. The survey was done on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Nothing was growing much yet, so it didn't appear in the survey. Treatment was June 3<sup>rd</sup>. DNR approved treating 13.3 acres, which was less than last year. But because the water was deeper, the treatment cost more. Some areas we had planned to treat we didn't because nothing was growing yet, and we would've wasted money.

Thursday the DNR's meander survey was conducted, looking for other types of AIS.

Next step – Bob, Jerry and David are working to form the AIS committee and will talk about formalizing the budget process, etc. They hope to present a treatment and budget plan at the September Directors meeting.

David has paperwork and invoices and will get the grant paperwork put together for reimbursement. (Mike showed in the Treasurer's report that we paid Freshwater Scientific \$2,190 for the survey, and PLM \$20,088 for the treatment.)

**DCLA:** Dian Lopez – Nothing to report. David Geddes also attended. He noted that Lake Irene was treated for CLP with a new treatment for the entire lake, and it cleaned out everything. But it's a small lake. Cost them over \$100,000. After this initial treatment, their goal is to do annual maintenance at a lower cost, similar to what ILA does. We could not do

that type of treatment for Lake Ida since it is some ten time larger than Lake Irene and would cost over a million dollars. We are already in the annual maintenance phase.

**Boat Parade:** Pamela will send out an email reminder about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade and include a positive message.

**Action Item:** Tom Duxbury will forward some possible language to the officers.

**Water Sampling/Water Quality Update:** Jeff and Tamara Peterson do annual sampling of the same 3 spots every year, once a month in the summer. This creates a great baseline of data. It is non source point testing. There is a new program called Off The Dock which would sample from points not as far out in the lake on a few areas around the lake. For now, we will continue our normal sampling for our baseline and can have a discussion later about other options. Lee noted there needs to be a good reason to collect data and run tests. So for now we will hold off on Off the Dock pending further discussion.

Source Point testing is done at a point where water comes into the lake. Lee would like a bigger discussion about that to understand what is coming into the lake from other sources. We need to understand where the issues are.

Tom Duxbury noted as an example the stream between Miltona and Ida. The culvert is completely full with no air space, and there is very low visibility in water east of 34. It clears up the closer you get to Ida.

Dave Murphy suggested that once Ditch 23 is fixed, we then source point test to be sure that the money was spent wisely so that as we look at future projects are we making wise choices. Lee mentioned that it will likely take a year to flush out after construction is completed, but then by 2024 we could test if needed.

### **New Business**

**Little Ida Runoff Issue:** Jerry McClure noted that the project that was done several years ago to prevent storm runoff from the farm west of Little Ida Bay works when there is an inch or two of rain, but when there is excessive rain, such as the 5" rain we had a few weeks back, there is excessive run-off making Little Ida Bay brown, and perhaps this needs to be looked at again.

**Lake Water Levels:** After ILA received an email from a concerned resident about lake levels, David Geddes reached out to Emily Sira, the county hydrologist, who sent him a mountain of information. There is lot of variability from year to year. He has a good presentation that can be shared. She also gave a history of the dams. In 1953, the stop log dams were all changed to concrete dams that can't be manipulated. DNR allows lake levels across the state to fluctuate with natural changes caused by precipitation and drought.

David noted that Kenny Blumenfeld at UMN did a presentation for the Water Talks series and can be found on the Legacy of the Lakes website.

Lee explained about the notched dams. High water goes over the top and can release quickly. Normal water levels release through the notch and releases more slowly. He said the culverts act as dams, too. They are control structures that reduce the flow.

**Donations:** A donation request came in from UMN for phase II of the study on boat propeller wash. ILA had donated \$1000 to the Phase I study. Phase I issued a report that was very specific about size and waves and how soon they dissipate. It is speculated that the data may be used to push for some statewide legislation regulating boats and wake - possibly depth, distance, and type of boat. The ILA consensus was to not donate this time.

**Other Business:**

Jim Conn suggested going to HOAs on the lake and having them pay ILA membership dues for their entire membership.

We discussed ideas for garnering more interest in the Lake Association. Dave Murphy suggested signs to let people know about the association. He also noted the use of emails to your specific District.

Mary Saarion suggested bringing an adult child to a meeting at some point to get more interest from younger people on the lake.

**Action Item:** Lee Gustafson will try to come up with some ideas for signs that can be moved around to different districts at different times (so people notice them more, rather than a sign that stays in place all the time). He also suggested an article for the next newsletter.

**Next Directors Board Meeting:** Saturday July 23, 2022, 9:00am.

**Adjourn:** Bud Nielson moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary