

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
July 23, 2022

Members Present

President – Lee Gustafson	Vice President – David Geddes
Treasurer – Mike Kleve	Secretary –
District 1 – Jerry McClure	District 10 – Frank Steen
District 2 –	District 11 – Dave Murphy, Bob Reed
District 3 –	District 12 – Dan Montgomery
District 4 – Todd Scearcy	District 13 –
District 5 –	District 14 – Jim Conn
District 6 –	District 15 – Roger Schultz
District 7 – Tom Duxbury	District 16 –
District 8 – Lee Katzmarek, Bud Nielsen	District 17 –
District 9 – Lynette Dempsey, Dian and Andy Lopez	District 18 – Matt Gunlogson
Past President – Elaine Greer	

President Lee Gustafson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Attendance was logged on a sign-in sheet at the entrance. Elaine Greer was filling in for Pamela Phillips as secretary to record the minutes.

Meeting Agenda: Jim Conn moved and Jerry McClure seconded to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report: Roger Schultz moved and Dave Murphy seconded to approve the minutes from the June 25th Directors meeting. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2022.

Total cash assets of \$71,044.01

Raymond James Investment Fund is only down 4.5% for 2022.

Paid memberships for 2022 are at 353. At this time in 2021 they were at 384.

Walleye Stocking fund has received \$7,954.00 so far in 2022, which is ahead of projection.

This brings the total to \$17, 611.

Bills Paid:

Douglas County Lake Association for dues and water testing, \$1,795.00, 7/01/22

Pamela Phillips, Weebly Website Renewal, \$144.00, 07/05/22.

Expenditures needing approval: United States Liability Insurance Company for liability coverage for non-profit directors and officers - \$615 (same rate for the past 3 years).

Jim Conn moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and expenditure, Dave Murphy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

Fish Stocking Update: Mike Kleve reported that we have received \$7954.00 for the fish stocking fund YTD. Mike has visited with Leaf Valley Sportsman Club regarding a stocking donation, however he has not been able to attend a meeting to make presentation and expects to do so this year. They appear to be favorable to donating after we stock.

AIS Report: David Geddes reported on the recent meander survey conducted by Blue Water Sciences and commissioned by Douglas County. The survey found no new invasive plant species (no Eurasian watermilfoil or Starry stonewort). This survey also serves as a post-treatment test of the effectiveness of our management program. Between herbicide treatment and natural die-back in June, there was no significant presence of Curlyleaf pondweed (CLP) that would interfere with boating or recreation.

David addressed the question of treating small CLP patches, especially in Little Ida. The DNR will not approve treatment of areas less than 3 acres due to the inefficiency of such treatment. Individual property owners can apply treatment themselves. David is working with the DNR to get approval to treat these areas of Little Ida in 2023. Please let David or Bob Reed know if you suspect Curley Leaf Pondweed.

DCLA: Dian Lopez reported

1. Youth Activity Day will be on August 28, 2022 from 10-4 pm at the Alexandria Shooting Park. 45 activities are plan for youth. Volunteers are needed
2. Justin Swart needs volunteers for the Starry Stone Wart Trek survey on 8/20/2022.
3. Rod Johnson is forming a committee to explore fishing stocking options and is looking for volunteers.
4. Water Talks next program will be on August 8, 5-7 pm. Topic will be "The Value of Water in Communities".
5. DCLA has purchased Flo Meter equipment to test the rate of water flow in order to determine phosphorus. Spots of concern on six different lakes were chosen for testing.

4th of July Boat Parade Recap: Lee Gustafson: The event drew well over 50 boats with a 57 Chevy decorated boat drawing lots of positive attention. The consensus was it was a fun family parade.

Volunteers: None have come forward

New Business

Starry Trek 2022: Lee Gustafson referred to the email at the end of the agenda for information on this event.

Lake Water Quality: Lee Gustafson

Lee took a tour of Little Lake Ida and viewed the inlet ditch and culvert near Betsy Ross Road, assessing the runoff from the farm field into the bay. The Land & Resources feed lot supervisor reported that the county sent a letter to the farm regarding runoff issues. This letter asked the farmer to get rid of the cattle or build a berm. The farmer is apparently getting rid of the cattle, but no one is aware if there is a schedule for removing the cattle. The farmer should also clean out the feed lot that allows manure to enter the lake. Some culverts on the North side of Little Ida have pretreatment for runoff prior to it entering the lake.

Lee is interested in getting State Agencies involved, showing our support for water quality. We should also partner with Dave Rush, who will try to visit the affected areas on Little Ida Lake.

There are also some development issues on Pilgrim Point. Floating silt barriers were demolished from the storm and silt fencing is also laying down. Lee proposed identifying needs and developing a plan to address the issues, including looking for funding.

Action Item: Lee will send out an email to directors asking them to identify water quality issues in their area and email results to Lee by the August general meeting.

David Geddes suggested Echo Press coverage and having Dave Rush come to our September Directors' meeting. County Commissioner Jerry Rapp was also mentioned as another good contact, as well as looking into cooperation with the Long Prairie Watershed project. It was suggested that we show the video of the run off from Little Lake Ida at the annual meeting.

Newsletter Topics: Send to Pam Phillips by August 8

1. Fish Stocking update
2. AIS update
3. General Meeting – Topics and bring your (Big) kids to the general meeting
4. Invite non-lake owners to join
5. Stabilization of lakeshore – Pilgrim Points' long-term plan for erosion

Other Business:

Discussion on creating a 3-point talking points of ILA benefits for a trifold to physically share with potential association members. Dave Murphy offered to send out the email blurb he sent to his district members on how we leverage our Association dollars. Using calling cards were also mentioned as an aid.

Some discussion on the membership list and how to keep it current. Mike Kleve and Tina Lindstrand work very hard to keep the list up to date. Using the County GIS System was suggested.

Bill Ingebrigtsen was suggested as a possible political resource due to his experience.

Next Meetings: Directors Meeting, Saturday August 27 at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Annual Membership Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: Jim Conn moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry McClure seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at about 10:30 am.

Respectively submitted,
Elaine Greer, Acting ILA Secretary