

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
September 24, 2022

Members Present

President – Lee Gustafson	Vice President – David Geddes
Treasurer –	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 –	District 10 –
District 2 –	District 11 – Bob Reed, Dave Murphy
District 3 –	District 12 –
District 4 – Todd Searcy	District 13 –
District 5 – Mike Shaughnessy	District 14 – Elke Richards
District 6 –	District 15 –
District 7 – Dick Sudmeier	District 16 –
District 8 – Lee Katzmarek, Bud Nielsen	District 17 –
District 9 – Andy and Dian Lopez	District 18 – Matt Gunlogson
Past President – Elaine Greer	

President Lee Gustafson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Meeting Agenda: Bob Reed moved to approve the agenda. Dick Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report Pamela Phillips emailed the minutes from the August director's meeting and the Annual meeting. No corrections or comments were received. Bud Nielsen moved to approve both sets of minutes. Dave Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2022.

Mike Kleve had emailed the Treasurer's report out ahead of the meeting.

Total assets of \$95,090.21.

Membership dues paid so far in 2022 for past, current, and future years: \$12,855. There are 434 paid memberships for 2022.

Dick Sudmeier moved to approve the Treasurer's report with one correction – the Phillips reimbursement was for water hazard/tree removal, not a drainage issue. Dave Murphy Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Further discussion of the Treasurer's reported noted that in the future there should be an accounting change to break out the 2021 donation to the Water Quality Legacy Fund from the AIS expense, since it was not truly a treatment expense for AIS. Lee will work with the treasurer to come up with a different accounting method for that.

Old Business

Fish Survey/Stocking: We received a \$2500 donation from a local organization and hope to get it again next year. Dick Sudmeier noted that the Viking Sportsman Club gives money, too, but they like to give it after the stocking is complete. Do we have a commitment yet? Lee Gustafson suggested Mike Kleve send them the contract commitment. Dian Lopez mentioned that Douglas County Lakes Association is looking at having a fish stocking meeting to discuss how all lakes are doing it and see if they need regulations, etc. They would like to have someone from each lake represented. One idea is to get a group commitment from multiple lakes for better pricing. Dian suggested a couple of people for them to call. Elaine Greer said she would go to the meeting Monday.

AIS Report: David Geddes reported on the first official action of the AIS Management Committee. He submitted a preliminary AIS treatment plan with 4 maps showing the 4 zones to be treated.

Mike Shaughnessy moved to approve the CLP treatment plan. Elke Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We will approve the budget for this separately when we approve the full 2023 budget. 4424 Little Ida Beach Road NW will need a separate permit to treat a small patch of CLP separately because of DNR permitting regulations. ILA will reimburse that homeowner separately.

DCLA Report: Dian Lopez reported that DCLA had its annual meeting last week. They had speakers talking about a proposal for a water trail going through the middle of Alexandria (where there are streams already). It will take years to do but is an interesting idea. DCLA's big issue is stream testing to look for phosphorus in lakes. They're doing 9 lakes this year – Ida is not one. They are figuring out how fast phosphorus is coming in through all the culverts and studying the results to determine the impact to lakes. They will probably be doing Lake Ida next year. Dian believes we should do the stream coming in from Miltona since that's part of the Ottertail watershed issue. Miltona is being tested this year. DCLA has all the equipment and pays for all the testing. We will just need a volunteer to do this once a month. This would be a great learning experience for a high school kid, Eagle Scout, Tech school students, etc. Elke Richards will contact the high school Vice principal who lives on our lake to see if they might want to get the science academy involved.

Dick Sudmeier noted that the Water Quality Legacy Fund has the \$170,000 matching funds to do the Ditch 23 project if it happens. No one has heard any update from Jerry Hagenmiller yet. Bud Nielsen called MN State Senator Bill Ingebritson to ask him to chat with DNR to find out what the snag is with getting the permit approved. There appears to be one person on the DNR board who is more concerned about disturbing the wetlands than protecting the lake. We're fearful that costs will go up if the work doesn't begin. All funding and county permits are in place. We just need the DNR permit approved.

Treasurer Position Update: Lee has been chatting with Julie Speck about possibly doing it, but she lives in Colorado. Can it be done remotely? Could we have co-Treasurers so someone who is here in the winter can take over those months, or at least can check the PO box for receipt of dues payments and bills? Todd Scarcy may be able to help.

Action Item: Lee will coordinate with the two and keep everyone posted.

Action Item: Dick Sudmeier will contact Mike to note that we need to have an audit done before the end of the year. Dick has helped with this before. Maybe Todd could be one of the reps.

Director Position Update: Pamela Phillips read the slate of directors chosen for the even-numbered districts. Bud Nielsen moved to approve the slate of directors. Dian Lopez seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Pamela noted the vacancies we still have in both even- and odd-numbered districts.

Action Item: Pamela will send out an email welcoming the two new directors and reminding all directors that the meetings are the 4th Saturday of each month, April through September and give the dates and times (including the earlier start times for May and August prior to the general meetings). She will include Barb Kilgore on the email so that she has the Township Hall reserved for us.

New Business

2023 Budget: Lee Gustafson sent out a proposed 2023 budget that he made in conjunction with Mike Kleve. This allows us the parameters to move forward with expenses and reimbursements during the year without separate approvals at each meeting unless unusual things come up. We discussed the whole budget layout with anticipated income and expenditures. Approving a proposed budget expects there may be 10% flexibility with higher or lower expenses. If something doubles or appears unreasonable, we will need a new vote on it. We won't have to approve single expense items every month. Mike Shaughnessy moved to approve the 2023 budget. Elke Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lake Water Quality Update: Lee talked with Jerry McClure and Grace Alberg about the water quality issues in Little Ida. An idea is to lump the issues together into one improvement project and seek aid from the Watershed District. Lee will have a conversation with Jerry Hagenmiller and the Watershed District. This would include culvert improvement projects, etc. Lee will have the conversations over the winter. ILA will try to get money from the Watershed District.

Fall Cleanup: Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m. Lee Katzmarek will pick up the vests on Friday. Pamela Phillips will have the poker sticks.

Action Item: Pamela will send out an email asking for volunteers.

Winter project/task cleanup: Can we get some of the action items cleaned up by next April?

Elke Richards said that nothing is happening right now on the redistricting – big project. Dick Sudmeier spoke with Duane Docuette who agreed to be the 4th of July boat parade leader next year (he is the one with pontoon decorated as the '57 Chevy). Lee Katzmarek suggested business cards for promoting the Lake Association as directors go around their districts. Elke Richards will design a quick card and coordinate with Lee Gustafson on getting them printed.

Thanks to Bud Nielsen for his many years faithfully serving the ILA board as he steps down as a District 6 Director.

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday April 22, 2023, 9:00am.

Adjourn: Bud Nielsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Todd Scearcy seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary