

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
April 22, 2023

Members Present

President – Lee Gustafson	Vice President –
Treasurer – Mike Kleve	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 – Wesley Smith	District 10 – Deb Oleson
District 2 –	District 11 – Bob Reed, Dave Murphy
District 3 –	District 12 –
District 4 – Todd Scearcy	District 13 –
District 5 –	District 14 –
District 6 –	District 15 – Roger Schultz
District 7 –	District 16 – John Dahl
District 8 –	District 17 –
District 9 – Andy & Dian Lopez, Lynette Dempsey	District 18 – Matt Gunlogson
Past President – Elaine Greer	

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

Meeting Agenda Roger Schultz moved to approve the agenda. Dian Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report: Dave Murphy moved to approve the minutes. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved. Roll call conducted.

Treasurer's Report as of 3/31/2023.

Treasurer position update. Julie Speck is transitioning into the Treasurer's position. She still works and lives in Denver. She will be here in the summer months. She will be on Quick Books online instead of Quicken. The other part is the Access database for memberships. Mike Kleve will continue to be the Treasurer through the summer but will be working with her on the transition. She will have to be voted in and approved by the board once she's ready to take over.

The audit for 2021 (through year end 12/31/2021) was conducted in September by the audit committee comprised of Dick Sudmeier and Bud Nielson. The audit found no irregularities and was approved.

The new Treasurer's report format shows actual expenses and those items already approved in the annual budget. Dave Murphy suggested titling the first column YTD actual expenses, and the second column Annual Budget to make the report clearer. Those changes

will be made. Total cash assets currently on hand are \$87,400. Membership dues paid so far in 2023: \$555.

Bob Reed moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Matt Gunlogson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The Treasurer sends out District Reports with membership by email each month. Each district director can see how many people have paid through which year.

Old Business

Fish Survey/Stocking: Mike Kleve – ILA agreed in 2021 to fund a 3 year walleye stocking program. 2022 was first year of the three in which we stocked. \$13,125 was paid for stocking in 2022. We have \$10,700 for the start of the year. If we continue to get donations we should have enough for this year, and with donations from members and outside organizations we should be on course to pay for all 3 years. Mike is looking for a replacement to chair the Fishing committee.

AIS Report: David Geddes provided a written update. The committee had a call on April 10 with PLM to discuss the 2023 treatment plans. There may be late emergence this year with the late ice out and cold water temperatures. PLM recommends switching from Aquathol K to Flumioxazin for treatment, which is much cheaper and doesn't affect native plants. The committee will decide. DNR is on board with making the switch, especially since it's not as detrimental to native plant species.

DCLA Report (Dian Lopez): Ditch 23 still up in the air. The permit had to be submitted again. Jerry Hagenmiller is doing the application.

Property values. Lake Ida has the highest property values in Douglas County. There are also more properties around the lake than any other lake as well. Some 47% of Douglas County taxes come from lake property taxes. Douglas County has a tax base of almost \$4 billion. Lake Ida has a tax base of over \$416 million. The County collects \$3,477,000 in taxes from Lake Ida.

Stream water testing was done as a pilot project last year on other lakes. They test for phosphorus is coming into a lake. They didn't test Lake Ida last year. If ILA were to decide in the future that we wanted to do the stream testing, they would test the stream from Miltona (where it leaves and where it enters Ida), Ditch 23, and on east side of Ida where there is stuff coming in. Testing would be done in these locations to be sure that the preventive steps taken are working. Any change in testing on Lake Ida would require approval from the board and may require training and volunteers to do it. For future discussion.

Water Sampling (Lee Gustafson): Jeff and Tamara Peterson – For many years they have been collecting water samples of 3 deep water places once a month from May through

September (costs about \$600) which they sent to RMB Labs for testing. But DCLA says they've learned they get better information from end of dock sampling. Lake Ida's test results are on the RMB website. Petersons think not much has changed in 12 years. Lee Gustafson moved to postpone testing for 2023. Dave Murphy seconded. Motion passed. Dave Murphy will go on the RMB website and look at the data to see what it tells us if anything. Decision is to hold off on our deep water testing for this year until we determine what the testing tells us, and whether dock testing should be done instead.

Ditch 23: Permit has to be resubmitted and is in for approval. If the permit is approved, the project may finally be started this winter.

New Business

“Weed” Harvesting: Steve Henry (L'Homme Dieu) from DCLA is on a 4-member weed/excessive plant committee – Wayne Horntvedt from Cowdry, Taylor, Stony was our guest speaker. (The other two members are from Latoka and Irene.) The committee first met in November and set objectives.

Short term – Develop an approach to help its constituency – What can we do about excessive plant growth? DNR protects aquatic vegetation. They wanted to develop a prescriptive program that can be used for what can and can't be done about plants.

Medium term – What can they do with partnering with the DNR to manage plant growth?

Long term – Partner with Minnesota rivers and lakes and the legislature to get the DNR up to speed with what is the real situation in the lakes.

First prescriptive opportunity – They put a document together with the help of Mandy Erickson, DNR Aquatic Plant Management Specialist, that summarizes some 100 pages of DNR rules. They will provide a soft copy for us to share (email and post). They want any questions from our membership to come through the Directors, and we can reach out to the DCLA committee if we need to.

Have to understand IF you need a permit or not. Submergent plants don't need a permit. Emergent plants can't be removed without a permit (and may not be approved).

How much can be removed? Weed roller requires a permit.

If you need a permit, their flyer explains how to permit (through mpars). Must wait for DNR inspection and response.

How do we find companies who will do plant removal? Up until recently there were no companies near our community who could do the work. Now Carlson Dock & Barge is permitted to remove aquatic plants correctly.

Development Update (Lee Gustafson): (This is regarding the PAZ construction of storage units off the lake on the south end.) Lee felt the need to have a discussion with the County, but didn't want to burn bridges. This is a resident and citizen issue rather than an ILA issue since it is not on the lake. Anyone in the room can voice their opinions, but as private

citizens and property owners, not representing ILA. ILA will not be taking a harder stance since it's not on the lake.

Water Quality Update (Lee Gustafson): Lee met with Jerry Hagenmiller on Friday 4/21 and got several updates on water projects affecting Lake Ida. The cows are gone on the farm that was affecting Little Ida, but the manure is not. They are still working to restore and seed it. They identified a good location to put a water quality pond on the west side of road on Little Ida if one is needed in the future. An erosion control project is being done on north end of Little Ida to slow water down from farm runoff again. They are also working on closing an old Agricultural Waste system. Jerry reported there have been good results from two erosion control projects on the East side of the lake. They worked with Maple Circle property owners on cost sharing to fix a severe bluff erosion problem. They also constructed a Leaf Lane erosion control project – which included installing a structure on the east side of CR 34 which has vastly slowed down the runoff. They are working with a few Big Horn Bay homeowners on shoreline restoration after damage from last summer's heavy wave action– cost sharing. There are several positive results stories that Lee will share at the May general meeting and he has drone videos of a couple of them.

Newsletter (Pamela Phillips): Articles are needed by Friday May 5. We want to show positive things happening around the Lake. Lee will prepare a summary. David Geddes will provide an AIS update. We will include the 4th of July Parade information. We can possibly put links to the aquatic plant harvesting information in the Newsletter and put links on the website.

Spring Cleanup on CR 34: It is too early to pick a date with snow and water in the ditches right now. We will keep an eye on things and send out an email selecting a date later.

ILA Town Hall Storage: We need to get the stuff on top of the file cabinet out of the storage room. Lee will look over the old records and toss things we don't need. We will look into digitizing historical records that need to be kept.

General Membership Meeting Agenda Discussion: We don't want to have too much information at the meeting. Can put weed harvesting in the Newsletter instead of presenting it? We want to show a positive approach to what ILA has been doing this year.

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday May 27, 8:00 am. General Membership Meeting Saturday May 27, 9:00 am.

Adjourn Roger Schultz moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary