

**Minutes**  
**Ida Lake Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Ida Township Hall**  
**June 24, 2023**

**Members Present**

President – Lee Gustafson	Vice President – David Geddes
Treasurer – Mike Kleve	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 – Wes Smith	District 10 – Frank Steen
District 2 –	District 11 – Bob Reed
District 3 –	District 12 – Mary Saarion
District 4 – Todd Searcy	District 13 – Mike McNab
District 5 – Mike Shaughnessy	District 14 – Jim Conn, Elke Richards
District 6 –	District 15 – Roger Schultz
District 7 – Tom Duxbury, Dick Sudmeier	District 16 –
District 8 – Lee Katzmarek	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 9:02 a.m.

**Meeting Agenda** Roger Schultz moved to approve the agenda. Matt Gunlogson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Secretary’s Report:** Roll call was taken. Jim Conn moved to approve the minutes from the May Directors meeting and the May general membership meeting. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** as of June 21, 2023.

Treasurer Position Update: Julie Speck and Todd Searcy are working to help take over.

Total assets of \$89,199.

Membership dues paid so far in 2023: \$6,275.

Paid members so far in 2023: 298 (on course for the year)

Discussion about transparency and how we note large line-item funds in our general checking account so that we know what we have (general fund and walleye fund). We do not have them in separate accounts, but do keep a separate listing of funds. We may note AIS that way in the future as well.

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

## **Old Business**

**Fish Survey/Stocking (Mike Kleve):** Fund to date has \$14,002.

Trying to set up meetings with possible donors. Once Mike finds out possible meeting dates, he'll check with committee members to see if they are willing to serve and meet. Mike got 2-3 volunteers to be on the committee, and he expects that one will be willing to chair the committee.

If memorials come in undesignated, they are put into the walleye fund. If they are designated, they are put where the donor wants them. That is how it has always been done as approved by the Directors years ago.

**AIS Report (David Geddes):** CLP was treated the last week of May. The cost has dropped dramatically with the new chemical.

The cost was \$2,350 for the survey and \$3,692 for the treatment, for a total of \$6,042. The county will reimburse us \$4,906.50 (75%), so the total cost to ILA is \$1,510.50 after receiving the county's check.

Jerry McClure, Wes Smith and David Geddes met with Mark Ranweiller of the DNR about a home on Little Ida Beach that appears to be having problems with CLP. The DNR permitted treatment of this very small patch but may not do so again next year. It was noted that CLP is not spreading, it is growing where it can. Boats driving through CLP are not spreading it. The best defense is a strong native plant community and treatment in the larger areas.

Roger Schultz, Mark Nellerroe and David Geddes have been helping the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center with its project of watching boats coming out of lakes at the landings to study and watch what happens – are boaters using proper procedures and taking precautions to prevent AIS spread. So far they have seen everyone pulling plugs and draining live wells. No visible vegetation has been noticed on boats. They are just watching; they are not supposed to interact or ask questions.

Justin Swart (Douglas County Lands and Resources) has added information to the county website about AIS with information on 45 lakes in the county. They have documentation and information about cleaning watercraft and inspector information. No Eurasian Milfoil or Starry Stonewort detected in Lake Ida or in the "early detection" plant surveys in other Douglas County Lakes. The county has upped its game on early inspection.

**DCLA Report (Dian Lopez):** Similar information shared at the DCLA meeting about AIS.

## **New Business**

**General Membership meeting recap (Lee Gustafson):** Did we like the format for the spring meeting – consensus was yes. Thought for fall meeting – get a speaker? What about

education department – renting equipment? How do we help our community understand that what ILA does doesn't just duplicate what the county and DNR does – but we are the sponsor and impetus to get the county and DNR interested in coming out and helping us, and we help to get the funds from them to get projects done. What about boating safety? What about a sheriff in uniform to have a question and answer or storytelling period? Maybe add another boating safety article to the Newsletter? Pilgrim Point update for August? Maybe the composting people? Renting equipment for Spring? Lee Katzmarek will see if Brad Bonk is available for the August 26 meeting for a 15-minute presentation on the Pilgrim Point Park.

**Pilgrim Point Erosion (Lee Gustafson):** The Point seems like it's disappearing; it's getting smaller with less sand and trees. Maybe we need to get DC Land and Resources in to look at the point and maybe plant trees or do some other erosion prevention measures. Lee Gustafson and Lee Katzmarek will talk with Brad Bonk about some ideas before having him speak in August. Maybe we can partner with Jerry Hagenmiller who may have SWCD money. There are also concerns about what the lot owners are doing to their shorelines, but that is not something ILA can handle.

**Farm Runoff Update (Lee Gustafson):** After the last meeting, Jerry McClure sent pictures and a video of what looked like mud on top of the ice next to his house that came off the farm. Lee forwarded the pictures to Mark Koep (Douglas County Feedlot Program Coordinator) and Jerry Hagenmiller. Lee hasn't heard back yet. The farm got rid of the cows last December. But obviously there was still an issue, and the farm hadn't stabilized the hillside yet. Now there is tall grass growing which will help the runoff issue. This is at the NW corner of Little Ida.

**Secretary/Newsletter Discussion (Pamela Phillips):** Pamela would like to step down as Secretary after her term is up at the end of 2023 so we need to be thinking about finding a new Secretary for ILA. She is willing to overlap and/or work with someone new. She is willing to continue with the email alias listing, the website, and the Newsletter for the time being. She is looking for someone to attend the meetings and take the minutes.

There was also discussion about what to do with the Newsletter – how to get it published or do it online. We had issues with getting the Spring Newsletter printed in time to be sent before the general membership meeting, plus there is the cost and the issue of bulk mail not being forwarded. Not every property owner is an ILA member, nor do we have emails for everyone, so emailing a Newsletter does not solve the problem. Perhaps we could mail out a postcard with a membership payment reminder and a link noting where they can find the Newsletter online? This will continue with future discussions.

David Geddes noted another alternative – the required CLP treatment letter is sent to all property owners in April and could carry a red line with the annual dues reminder and date of payment.

**Meeting Signs:** It was noted that some directors do not have meeting signs. Some have not been passed on by prior directors. Some have disappeared before a director could collect them after the general membership meetings. We need more meeting signs for directors. Pamela will talk to Taryn Flolid, who we believe may have ordered the last ones to find out where we got them and how much they cost. We will approve the expenditure at the July meeting.

**Next Directors Board Meeting:** Saturday July 22, 9:00am.

**Adjourn:** Jim Conn moved to adjourn the meeting. Elke Richards seconded the motion. Motion passed; meeting was adjourned at 10:25.

Respectively submitted,  
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary