

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
August 26, 2023

Members Present

President – Lee Gustafson	Vice President – David Geddes
Treasurer – Mike Kleve, Julie Speck	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 – Jerry McClure, Wes Smith	District 10 – Frank Steen, Deb Oleson
District 2 – Grace Alberg	District 11 – Bob Reed, Dave Murphy
District 3 –	District 12 – Mary Saarion, Steven Kvam
District 4 – Todd Searcy	District 13 – Mike McNab
District 5 –	District 14 – Jim Conn
District 6 –	District 15 – Roger Schultz
District 7 – Tom Duxbury	District 16 – John Dahl
District 8 – Lee Katzmarek	District 17 –
District 9 – Andy & Dian Lopez, Lynette Dempsey	District 18 –
Past President – Elaine Greer	

President Lee Gustafson called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Meeting Agenda: Jim Conn moved to approve the agenda. Roger Schultz seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report: Bob Reed moved to approve the minutes. Jim Conn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report as of August 26, 2023.

Julie Speck is here and ready to be voted in as the new Treasurer.

Total assets of \$95,556.

Membership dues paid so far in 2023: \$9,000

Dian Lopez moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Dave Murphy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

Pilgrim Point Update: Lee Katzmarek has arranged a meeting with Brad Bonk, DNR, and Land & Resources after our next meeting. Need to partner to start working on issues with the point.

DCLA: Dian Lopez – Janet Zastrow new member on the board. Interested in finding out what happens when lake weeds are cut down. The people hired don't know how to recognize invasive species that might be spread. Education is needed for the companies that do this and DCLA is looking into it. Also need to ensure the companies remove the cut weeds and do not leave them in the lake.

They are also looking at finding a better meeting time – only 6 lakes were represented at the last meeting. 300 lakes in Douglas County. 4:00 is hard for people who work.

Ditch 23: Dian Lopez – We didn't know about any letters that went to Jerry Hagenmiller in the past that said what had to be done to take care of the problem. And ILA wasn't informed that those issues hadn't been met. All the money was ready to go – County permits were in place, funding was in place, WQLF match was available and in place. But the DNR didn't approve it as they said we needed some sort of permit to cross their land. We don't know what happened that we weren't in the loop. We are at a standstill at this point, but ILA will continue working the issue. Lee Gustafson and Dian Lopez will coordinate a meeting with the appropriate players and get involved. We can tell them that we've done a lot and are willing to do a lot more. Dick Sudmeier may have more background.

Runoff Issues: New information on water quality. Two weeks ago, Lee Gustafson and Wes Smith had a meeting with Jerry Hagenmiller and Mark (Douglas County Land & Resources feed lot director) about the Little Ida runoff issues. It was a good meeting – they agreed to look at options for slowing down runoff and capturing some of it on the west side of the road so it doesn't blow through the culvert.

At the same meeting, Jerry Hagenmiller gave an update on several other projects around the lake.

The manure pit closure project is a \$20,000 project with \$5,000 "owner" participation match required in order to get the \$15,000 grant to pay for the rest. Jerry Hagenmiller suggested we pay half the match, with the property owner coming up with the other half. It is felt that if we pay half, the property owner will be more willing to pay half. Elaine Greer made a motion (seconded by Bob Reed) for ILA to participate financially and cover \$2,500 of the match if the property owner agrees to pay the other half of the match. Motion passed.

Farm land slopes down from Co Rd 5 to the lake and causes runoff. They are looking at doing controlled check dams in the farmer's field. The plan is complete. That project will cost about \$66,000, requiring a property owner 25% match (\$16,500). Does the property owner really feel a benefit since they farm it? What is their incentive to do the work? But is this a water quality project that ILA may want to help finance to get it done faster? We will discuss it at the September meeting. Do we look to the WQLF to help with more projects?

Fish Survey/Stocking: Mike Kleve reported that we approved a 3 year plan to stock 750 pounds of walleyes for 2022-2024. We completed the first year and have the money for this year. We plan to stock in October. We made an outside presentation to the Leaf Valley conservation fish and game club and have received a generous donation from them. Mike plans to approach the Viking Sportsman club again to request a donation and feels we are likely to get it after we stock.

AIS Report: David Geddes – Mark Ranweiller of the DNR was supposed to do a follow-up survey to review the effectiveness of the new herbicide we used. Do we plan to continue with the less expensive herbicide? David will follow up with him since we need to plan the budget by September for next year.

Yard Signs: After approval at the July meeting, Pamela ordered 20 signs and stakes. So far, no one has picked up any. Please pick up yard signs and we are trying to keep an inventory of who has them.

New Business

Dan Montgomery is stepping down as a District 12 director – Steven Kvam has agreed to take over his place. His parents bought a cabin in 1999. He's a schoolteacher. He's here all summer and weekends in the fall and spring. Roger Schultz made a motion and Bob Reed seconded the motion to appoint Steven as interim director for 2024. Motion passed.

Volunteers Needed:

Boat Parade Coordinator –
Spring and Fall Highway Clean Up Coordinator -
Newsletter – We have found someone to take over.

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday September 23, 9:00am.

Adjourn: Jim Conn moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary