

**Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Annual Meeting
Ida Township Hall
August 26, 2023**

President Lee Gustafson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
The officers introduced themselves.

Meeting Agenda: Roger Schultz moved to approve the agenda. Julie Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report: The May general membership meeting minutes were approved by the board of directors at the June meeting and have been posted to the website.

We have a volunteer to become the Newsletter editor – Tricia Drury.

Treasurer's Report as of August 26, 2023.

Julie Speck will be the new Treasurer, taking over for Mike Kleve, when we vote her in today. The Treasurer's Reports will be posted on the website in the future at year's end.

Total assets of \$96,556

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

Dues are starting to catch up now that we got the post card out with the paid dates on the label, after having issues with the newsletter printer.

Old Business

Pilgrim Point Update: The Director of county parks wants everyone to know that the map on the County Parks website is still the only official plan for long term park development. Nothing has changed. Regardless of what you hear about what they may do at the park, if it's not on the plan on the website, it's likely just rumors and neighborhood chatter. They are following the plan. The bathrooms are open. They have seeded for grass. Now that Brophy Park is complete, they can do more with Pilgrim Point to ensure the plan continues forward. Lee Gustafson noted that the directors discussed point erosion. Lee Gustafson and Lee Katzmarek met with the Director of county parks, Brad Bonk, and they are having another meetings in September with other agencies to make certain that we get the point protected with erosion control, armoring, etc. County Parks is going to plant trees along the tiny point, as foot traffic is beating down the point. They want people to pull boats up where there is actual shoreline/beach and not on the smallest part of the point.

Fish Survey/Stocking: Mike Kleve reported that the board had approved a 3-year stocking plan for 750 pounds for 2022, 2023, and 2024. We received a generous donation from Leaf

Valley conservation fish and game club, and we will approach the Viking Sportsman Club for additional donations. We will stock in October 2023. And we should make our 2024 commitment.

AIS Report: David Geddes – We can't do anything about zebra mussels. We do treat for Curly Leaf Pondweed. We have delineation surveys done to figure out where it is every year and then treat for it at the end of May when it first begins to emerge. We used a new treatment chemical this year that was much less expensive. We get grants for 75% of the cost. ILA's total cost after grants was \$1,500.

Water Quality/Runoff Issues: ILA is working to improve and maintain the quality of the water. We are hoping to be a catalyst to move projects along. We seek out partnership opportunities for "free" money out there – grants, funds, etc. Lee Gustafson showed where we have water issues on the west side of Little Ida. District 1 and 17 are most heavily impacted. We have kickstarted a project there. Directors approved \$2500 toward a manure pit closure project to help with the owner-required matching funds. Another project is on the north side off Co Rd 5 to terrace the farmland with check dams. Finally, several people on the north end of Big Horn Bay had shorelines washed away when we had high water and strong winds – property owners are partnering with DCS&WC to get their shorelines fixed.

Ditch 23: This project got derailed last week. We've been working on this project for years to engineer something to remove the phosphorus dumping into the lake. Directors are working on how to get the project back on track. Going to be hard, but they are working on it. There was a communication breakdown with the middlemen between the DNR and ILA. The Directors will work to get back into the full loop and be informed of the requirements. A large amount of money was committed to the project, including a \$175,000 matching donation from the Water Quality Legacy Fund. The money is still committed if we can get the project back on the rails.

DCLA: Dian Lopez reported that DCLA has a new member, Janet Zastrow. They are working on best ways to remove plants. How do they regulate the companies that remove plant growth from property owner's shoreline/boat/dock areas? DCLA meetings are moving to 5:00 instead of 4:00 to try to get more participation. Only 6 of 300 lakes in Douglas County were represented at the last meeting, so they need more interest and representation. Meetings are held at the Douglas County Public Works building.

New Business

Volunteers:

Tricia Drury has volunteered to become the editor for the Newsletter. She has lots of editing/publishing experience.

Looking for someone to coordinate the boat parade.

Looking for someone to coordinate the highway clean-up dates for spring and fall.

Election of President – Lee Gustafson - Lee nominated himself for President. Dave Murphy seconded the motion. All voted in favor of having Lee continue as President for another 2-year term.

Secretary – no one volunteered or indicated an interest. Pamela Phillips will continue as Secretary while we search for the right person to replace her. This is only for taking minutes at the meetings. Pamela will retain the website and communications (emails) for ILA.

Treasurer – Julie Speck (lives in Colorado) will take over for Mike Kleve. Lee Gustafson nominated Julie for Treasurer. Roger Schultz seconded the motion. All voted in favor of Julie for a 2-year term.

Directors of odd-numbered districts – Members of each odd-numbered district were instructed to meet by their signs and select 2 district directors for the 2024-2025 term. Any new directors who volunteer will be approved by the board at the September meeting.

Next General Membership Meeting: Saturday, May 25, 2024, 9:00am.

Adjourn: John Sanders moved to adjourn the meeting. Roger Schultz seconded the motion. Lee Gustafson dismissed the general meeting at 10:08.

68 people were present at the meeting.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary