

**Minutes**  
**Ida Lake Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Ida Township Hall**  
**April 27, 2024 9AM**

**Members Present**

President – Lee Gustafson	Vice President –
Treasurer –	Secretary – Lynette Dempsey in lieu of Jana Berndt
District 1 – Wesley Smith	District 10 – Deb Oleson
District 2 – Janet Vandeniessche	District 11 – Bob Reed, Dave Murphy
District 3 –	District 12 –
District 4 – Todd Scarcy	District 13 –
District 5 –	District 14 – Tom Healy (acting for Jim Conn)
District 6 – Lyle Halvorsen, Mike Kleve	District 15 –
District 7 – Dick Sudmeier	District 16 –
District 8 – Lee Katzmarek, Mark Nellernoe	District 17 – Brian Kargar, Corrinee Malecha
District 9 – Andy & Dian Lopez, Lynette Dempsey	District 18 –
Past President – Elaine Greer	

President Lee Gustafson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Meeting Agenda:** Mike Kleve moved to approve the agenda. Dian Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Position approvals / changes:** Lee Gustafson moved to approve the positions and changes seconded by Bob Reed.

1. Secretary - Jana Berndt
2. District 6 – Mike Kleve and Lyle Halvorson
3. District 16 - Kandace Ellis
4. Elke Richards resignation

**Secretary Report:** Lynette Dempsey (D9) in lieu of Secretary Jana Berndt

Roll call by Lynette Dempsey

9/23/2023 Director Meeting Minutes: Deb Oleson moved to approve the minutes and Dave Murphy seconded the motion

**Treasurer Report:** Lee reviewed the treasurers budget report that was emailed to Directors. Motion to approve by Corinne Malecha and seconded by Lee Katzmarek. Lee Gustafson discussed the 2024 budget. Julie Speck will provide details next month.

### **Old Business**

1. Fish Stocking update - Mike Kleve reported that stocking was done in October 2023. Mike will provide pictures for newsletter showing the stocking of the walleye fingerlings. Mike is adding members to the fish stocking committee. Stocking is a very interesting and fun process to be involved in and to watch.

2. Invasive species update (AIS) – Lee Gustafson

- a. Curlyleaf - the mild winter could mean a greater growth of AIS this year
- b. Other weed growth

Committee continues with treatment processes utilizing the receipt of a grant that will have no major impact to the budget. Lake owners have been and continue to be upset with the number of floating weeds ending up on their shore. Association is aware and checking into this issue.

3. Pilgrim Point Update – Lee Gustafson visited the point and reported that the park looks good and things are cleaned up and greening up. The restrooms are done as well as the parking lot and areas that needed grading. Next, the County will be planting trees and shrubs. Lee is requesting that a note be included in newsletter to ask people NOT to go up ON the point ever. The County will have designated openings for the boaters to enter the point. Eventually trees and plants will be so thick that no one will be able go on the point without using designated entry points. Entry signage to boaters and will be posted.

A volunteer needed for County playground planning effort. Deb Oleson volunteered to attend and participate in this effort. The next meeting is Tuesday at 10am.

4. Lake Water Quality update –Ditch 23

Lee Gustafson discussed details and action on this project basically there are two phases. Phase One is the upstream side (draft plans almost done and will be out for bids late summer or early fall 2024) and Phase Two, the DNR wetland. Lee detailed the up-to-date information and processes to entire group via his laptop.

The county has authority to dredge the DNR wetland because the ditch is the responsibility of the County even though the land is owned by the MN-DNR.

Dredging or pipe and chemicals are within ILA budget and grant money. ALUM

(aluminum potassium sulfate) is a common sealant treatment that essentially places the chemical which will sink to bottom and covers and seals the phosphorus. This may be a likely solution as is used frequently everywhere. Lee will continue to meet with the DNR.

Little Ida drainage issue

Update from engineer reports that this project is currently being evaluated.

Little Ida Phase 2 grant

This involves a terracing project as well as a manure pit closure action that will take place soon. The money used has been approved in the budget for the terracing projects.

5. Douglas County Lakes Association (DCLA) report – Dian Lopez

Dian spoke about the Douglas County Lakes Association (DCLA) and their approval of 300 hours for inspection of Lake Ida AIS levels. Lake Ida is second only to Lake L'Homme Dieu for DCLA inspection hours. The inspection by DCLA of Lake Ida will devote hours for data collection for AIS and water craft decontamination.

Dian again urges all members to join the MN Lakes and Rivers Association by donating as little as \$10.00 to become a member. The more members from Lake Ida, the more visible to the Association we become which will be noted when we need help from this Association. The Lakes Association is devoting a large amount of time to AIS and there is another meeting at the end of April.

6. Spring clean-up

A date of Saturday May 18, 2024 has been set for the Spring Clean-up. We need a volunteer to coordinate the Spring and Fall Clean-up Day(s). Hopefully before the general meeting we can locate a volunteer so that the Spring clean-up can be organized. Lee asked that we all reach out and find a volunteer.

### **New Business**

1. Newsletter Lee Gustafson / Tricia Drury

Articles needed by Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

- i. The newsletter needs to announce the Spring meeting information
- ii. The newsletter should include a President's message and/or a director message. Lee would like the Director's write a short message

about why they volunteer and what Lake Ida means to them and most importantly why we all need to be involved.

- iii. The newsletter needs to detail the dues, costs and that payment will be collected at the General Meeting. Information where payment can be sent throughout the year too.
- iv. Any interesting information regarding our lake is welcome for the newsletter
- v. Dian will provide information on how to donate to the MN Lakes and Rivers Association that can be sent to our membership and/or put in a Newsletter
- a. Other article ideas
  - i. Wake zones
  - ii. Burning restrictions
  - iii. Beach/shoreline work info iv. Boating restrictions / courtesy

## 2. General Meeting:

- Lee will discuss the update on Ditch 23 progress
- Curlyleaf will be discussed at the General Meeting
- Walleye stocking will be discussed at the General Meeting and Mike will provide one/two pictorial portfolios to pass around showing the stocking process
- Pilgrim Point update will be reported at the General Meeting to share that the restrooms and parking lot completed. Also, a report that the pedestrians must stay off the point and enter only at the designated entry points. And that new trees and shrubs will soon be planted
- Additional topics to present?

### **Boat parade**

Leader needed – need to have volunteer that will coordinate the boat parade process and communication for the event and the day

Alex community education gear library info contact Elke.

**Next Directors Board Meeting:** Saturday May 25, 2024 at 8AM and general Lake Association meeting at 9AM on May 25 after Directors Board Meeting.

**Adjourn:** Lyle Halvorson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Kleve seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Lynette Dempsey in lieu of Secretary Jana Berndt