

**Minutes  
Ida Lake Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Ida Township Hall  
May 25, 2024**

**Members Present**

President – Lee Gustafson	Vice President – Dave Geddes
Treasurer – Julie Speck	Secretary – Jana Berndt
District 1 – Jerry McClure	District 10 – Frank Steen, Deb Oleson
District 2 – Janet Vandenriessche	District 11 – Robert Reed, Dave Murphy
District 3 – Jeffery Sorum	District 12 – Steven Kvam, Mary Saarion
District 4 – Robert Everson, Todd Scearcy	District 13 – Mike McNab
District 5 –	District 14 – Jim Conn
District 6 –	District 15 – Roger Schultz
District 7 – Tom Duxbury, Dick Sudmeier	District 16 – Kandace Ellis
District 8 – Mark Nellerhoe, Lee Katzmarek	District 17 – Corinne Malecha
District 9 – Andy & Dian Lopez, Lynette Dempsey	District 18 – Matt Gunlogson
Past President –	

President Lee Gustafson called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. Introductions were made of the directors.

**Meeting Agenda:** Jim Conn moved to approve the agenda. Dick Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Position approvals:** Peggy and Spencer Kvam have designated Steven Kvam to serve as a director and voting rights for the association in District 12. A letter was received and noted.

**Secretary's Report:** Roll call was completed. Dave Murphy moved to approve the minutes from 4/27/24. Matt Gunlogson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** as of 4/30/2024. Total cash assets of \$93,899.00 on hand. Membership dues paid so far in 2024 is \$1,260. An update will be provided by Julie Speck after the annual meeting.

No expenditures to approve this month.

Motion to approve by Corinne Malecha, second by Mike McNab. Motion carried.

**Old Business:****Fish Survey/Stocking:**

A report will be given at the general meeting.

**Invasive species update: Report by Dave Geddes.**

A survey was completed in late May for the curly leaf pondweed. And removal of trees has been completed for what they could. We are currently treating 12 acres, down from 18 in 2023. Total cost is \$6,400 for the treatment, however it has -0- cost to association because DNR grant and county support.

DNR has added an Aqua stick at the landings to assist boaters with cleaning their boats.

Residents have asked about the debris coming ashore. The cause is coming from zebra mussels cleaning the lake, record low water levels, hot weather last summer. This has caused weeds to break off and coming to shore. This is not unique to Lake Ida as lakes around the state are reporting similar issues.

An unusual crawfish was questioned and upon further investigation it was found to be an aquarium fish, not native to the lake. This is the problem when people dump their aquarium fish into the lake.

**Pilgrim Point Update –**

Restrooms, parking lot, grading have all been completed. Tree planting and other erosion preventions is planned for this summer.

Deb Oleson attended the playground committee meeting about the new playground. The committee has reviewed plans with company from Wisconsin. Suggestions were made and we are now looking for revised plans based on input soon. They will be looking for donations for the playground. Individuals, Rotary, Lions Clubs, Kiwanis etc.

**Lake Water Quality update:****Ditch 23:**

Upstream project is on schedule and should be done this year. Final plans have been submitted to the county and we are looking for bids early this summer. Construction should be late summer to early fall.

**AMA Wetland :**

We are continuing to work on this project with county. Our goal is to use the grant money to make it better. Jerry, from county is working with Tom, who digs out ditches and hoping for progress.

**Little Ida Drainage – NW Corner:**

Water run-off from the farmstead and feed lot have inspected. Vegetation near the entrance point is growing well, which is a good sign.

An engineering firm that does work for water shed districts has provided some feedback. His recommendation that we develop a plan with the land owner to address the issue which will be starting point.

**DCLA (Douglas County Lake Association): report by Dian Lopez**

MN lakes and rivers needs more members. The more members from our area the more help they will give to us area. To join this organization, visit the website below.

[Mnlakesanddrivers.org](http://Mnlakesanddrivers.org)

Dian shared the results of the recent FIBI report. In Douglas County, 5 impaired lakes in the area were reported. Lake Ida is noted as exceptional, top of the list, which indicates that Lake Ida fully supports aquatic life.

According to the FIBI report - a score of 45 is the benchmark. Under 45 is considered impaired, which we have 5 lakes in Douglas County. 64 and above are considered exceptional. Lake was 67 and 68, consecutive years.

Coming up: Free water testing at Lake Brophy County Park - 5/29 9:00-4:00 p.m. Take your water sample and have it test for nitrates.

AIS committee are shifting their focus to prevention to management as we have problems in the lake. New brochure with information on how to care for your boats coming and going from the lake is available.

**Spring Clean Up** – A volunteer is still needed to coordinate for spring and fall. We are responsible for Highway 34, starting at Pilgrim Point to County Road 5. We will look to find a volunteer coordinator by our fall timeframe.

**Newsletter updates:**

The spring newsletter has been mailed out and feedback is that it looked great. Tricia Drury has taken on the role as newsletter editor, recently fill by Pamela Phillips. Article ideas and input should be forwarded to Tricia.

Pamela will continue to take care of the website updates and serve as the editor of our site.

**Boat Parade Leader:**

Jim Conn has volunteered again for 2024. If there are residents wants to lead in the coming years, they are encourage to let us know via the email on the website. This year we will be on the south end of Ida, starting at Pilgrim Point. 9:00 a.m.

**New Business:****Possible Future Discussion Items:**

Redistricting – need coordinator  
Monthly emails/district emails  
Sponsors  
Brochure for joining ILA

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

**Adjourn:** Roger Schultz moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

Respectively submitted,  
Jana Berndt, ILA Secretary