

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION

2015 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

11922 TALL TIMBERS RD SW

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

1. Call to Order: President Bonnie Huettl called the semi-annual Lobster Lake Association (LLA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:00 PM. In attendance were: Nancy Wavrin, Hardy Huettl, Ed Fletcher, Leroy Foslien, Merrill Pedersen, Jim Barrett, John Stone, Kevin Weisel, Steve Voss, Rod Johnson, Harvey Strom, Steve Kogler, and Florence Wieneke.
2. Ed Fletcher was introduced as the new Area Director for Wildridge.
3. President Huettl asked for any Additions to the Meeting Agenda. John Stone - Added - Lake Legacy and Bonnie Huettl – Added - Lake Management Review. John Stone moved and Rod Johnson seconded that Lake Legacy and Lake Management Review be added to Meeting Agenda. Motion Passed.
4. Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Merrill Pedersen and seconded by Hardy Huettl that minutes from the 2015 Spring Board of Directors Meeting be accepted. Motion Passed.
5. Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer, Joleen Kogler, Steve Kogler gave the Treasurer's Report. Ending Bank Balance as of 09/30/2015: \$5,544.06.

**Committee Reports:**

1. AIS – Hardy Huettl reported (a) Curly-Leaf Pondweed in the East Bay area. The plants are small and insignificant. (b) Eurasian Water Milfoil – no issue. (c) Zebra Mussels – Jim Barrett sent an email to area Lobster Lake residents to report any Zebra Mussel findings when taking out boats, boat lifts and/or docks to Hardy Huettl. To date, Hardy has had no calls.
2. Water Monitoring – Rod Johnson presented a graph showing phosphorus and chlorophyll a levels. Levels remain consistent. Lobster Lake is not experiencing change. Hardy Huettl spoke on Secchi disk testing. Hardy and Pat Hanson took a total of 62 disk readings at four specific test sites this summer and found water transparency to average 8.77 feet. This was approximately 1.5 feet less than the 2014 average.
3. E-mail – Jim Barrett reported having many email address changes. Jim, again, stressed email addresses are not sold or shared with other entities; but are only used to inform Lobster Lake residents of events, notices, or public service announcements.

4. Membership – Nancy Wavrin announced that LLA has 215 members. The current directory may need some corrections; but, we have a very accurate database, especially regarding email addresses. Nancy is continually striving to increase membership by sending out ‘New Resident Welcoming Packets’ to new residents. Packets contain, among other items, printed material regarding LLA Area Directors, County and State Lake Shore Regulations, Boating Laws, Care of Septic System and a welcoming letter. Seven new residents received packets this year.
5. Walleye Stocking – Kevin Weisel explained the DNR stocks Lobster Lake during odd-numbered years and the LLA stocks the lake during even-numbered years. Dean Beck, Area Fisheries Supervisor, indicated Lobster Lake has reached ‘carrying capacity’ for walleyes and the DNR would be cutting back on stocking! Kevin encouraged, as did Dean Beck, at our 2015 Annual Meeting to keep, eat and enjoy marginal-sized fish that are caught. Kevin suggested posting fish recipes on the LLA website. Kevin was asked about the Walleye Fund boxes located at Happy’s Landing, Wildridge, and Paulin’s Paradise. Kevin said one (1) slip had been taken. The best arena for Walleye Stocking monies is from LLA members who make donations along with their annual dues.
6. Lobster Wear – In the absence of Cathy Johnson, Rod Johnson reported Wildridge residents are our best customers for Lobster Wear. 😊 Three large Lobster Lake flags were sold.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Good-will Gesture Magnets - Bonnie Huettl re-introduced the idea of presenting Good-will Gesture Magnets, in the shape of the State of Minnesota with a Lobster Lake etching, for paid LLA members. Motion was made by Merrill Pedersen and seconded by Hardy Huettl to purchase 250 magnets at a cost of \$0.68 each. Motion passed. Magnets will be distributed at the 2016 Annual Meeting to paid LLA members. Surplus magnets will be given to Area Directors to distribute to new paid-up members.

#### **New Business:**

1. On-line dues payment option – Bonnie Huettl explained an option for members to pay their dues on-line. The cost would be 2.50 – 2.75% per transaction. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Rod Johnson and seconded by Jim Barrett not to pursue on-line payments for annual LLA membership dues. Motion Passed. LLA will stick with cash and/or checks for annual payment of membership dues.

2. Douglas County Lake Association (DCLA) Continued Membership – Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of LLA membership with DCLA. Although the DCLA is lack-luster in their programs, they offer political clout should Lobster Lake ever be in need of Government Grants or other assistance. A motion was made by Kevin Weisel and seconded by Harvey Strom to pay the \$200 Annual Membership dues to the DCLA, so Steve Kogler could remain a member for another year. Motion passed. Jim Barrett will email minutes from the DCLA to LLA board members in an attempt to be informed as to what is transpiring in the DCLA organization and also to keep LLA Board of Directions informed of the speakers presenting at the DCLA meetings.
3. Thank You to Muskie, Inc. for biffy – Florence Wieneke will compose and send a Thank You note to Muskie, Inc. for supplying a biffy at the public landing for the 2015 summer season.
4. Newsletter – Jerry Ellis has stepped down as coordinator for the LLA Newsletter. Anyone knowing of someone interested in being the new coordinator, please contact Bonnie Huettl. The Lobster Lake Newsletter is a semi-annual publication and the time frame per issue is approximately 2-3 hours. New Publisher software may need to be purchased.
5. New Area Director for Tall Timbers – A new Director for Tall Timbers is also needed as Jerry Ellis has resigned his post. Bonnie asked for help from neighbors to give her names to contact with possible interest in being the new Director.
6. Area Picnics - Two area picnics were held during summer, 2015 ~ Tall Timbers and Rowland's Cove, Wrolson Estates, Rockwood Shores, Hunters Bay. Discussion followed as to whether or not a LLA picnic should be held in conjunction with the Annual Membership meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Weisel and seconded by John Stone to sponsor a picnic lunch in conjunction with the Annual Membership meeting in 2016. Motion passed. The committee will consist of Kevin Weisel, Chairman, Steve Voss, Harvey Strom, Merrill Pedersen and Bonnie Huettl.
7. DNR Removal of Carp Traps – At the 2015 LLA Annual Membership meeting, Dean Beck, Area Fisheries Supervisor, suggested removing the carp traps from Lobster Lake as they were a 'hazard' and were 'blocking flowing water'. The DNR would take care of removing the traps. A motion was made by Steve Voss and seconded by Jim Barrett to have the DNR remove the carp traps from Lobster Lake. Motion passed. Bonnie will notify Dean Beck to remove the traps.
8. Speaker for 2016 Annual Meeting – Bonnie Huettl suggested asking Steve McComas (aka The Lake Detective) to speak at the LLA 2016 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Merrill Pedersen and seconded by Kevin Weisel to contact Steve McComas to speak at the LLA 2016 Annual Meeting for a charge of \$50.00 or more as needed. Motion passed.

9. Jim Barrett – Social Chairman for 2016 LLA Annual Meeting - Jim will coordinate refreshments for our 2016 LLA Annual Meeting. Steve Kogler will assist.
10. Lake Management Review – Bonnie Huettl spoke of LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) for analyzing Lobster Lake quality and other areas of concern, i.e. revegetating shorelines from erosion. The cost would be \$2,000.00 or more. We would work with Douglas County Land & Resources Management to accomplish this. We will revisit this at a later date. No action was taken.
11. Artificial Loon Nests – John Stone brought up discussion regarding the seven (7) Artificial Loon Nests presently on Lobster Lake, and the possibility of building three (3) more. Materials required for the project allow for three nests to be built. A motion was made by Steve Kogler and seconded by Jim Barrett to build three (3) Artificial Loon Nests. Motion passed. John Stone and Kevin Weisel will build the nests.
12. Grant Legacy – John Stone introduced an article he saw in the *West Central News* regarding an Aquatic Grant Legacy. The Douglas County Soil and Water Commission have not taken advantage of this Grant Legacy. There needs to be more pressure put on Dave Rush, Douglas County Land and Resource Management, to apply for these grants and to get the Commissioners on board as well. Projects are identified by Steve Henry.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Wieneke, Secretary