

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION

2016 SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

1728 GOLDEN DRIVE SW

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

1. Call to order: President Bonnie Huettl called the semi-annual Lobster Lake Association (LLA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:00 AM. In attendance were: Eldon Holmes, Ed Fletcher, Scott Soderstrom, John Stone, Steve Kogler, Jim Barrett, Kevin Weisel, Harvey Strom, Steve Voss, Hardy Huettl, Rod Johnson, Merrill Pedersen, Joleen Kogler and Florence Wieneke.
2. Introduction of New Board Members - Two new Board Members were introduced: Scott Soderstrom, Area Director for Reuben's Landing, West End, and Sunrise Woods and Eldon Holmes, new editor of *LOBSTER LAKE NEWSLETTER*.
3. Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Merrill Pedersen and seconded by Steve Voss that minutes from the October 19, 2015 Fall Board of Directors Meeting be accepted. Motion Passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: Joleen Kogler passed out an Income/Expense Report from 01/01/2015 through 12/31/2015 and an Income/Expense Report from 01/01/2016 through 03/31/2016. Cash-on-Hand in General Fund: \$7,083.96; Walleye Fund: \$3,743.11. John Stone recommended using an easy-to-read format of the treasurer's report for distribution at the general membership meeting in May.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. AIS – Hardy Huettl reminded meeting attendees that he gave a detailed report on the 2015 AIS inspection results at the October Directors' Meeting and that there was an article covering the same information in the Fall LLA newsletter. He will give a comprehensive report to the general membership at the upcoming annual meeting. Hardy also stated all 12 of the AIS inspectors from 2015 are on board for 2016. Zebra Mussels were spotted on the south end of Mill Lake by their access area. The Zebra Mussels were found on a 'fish holding basket' opposed to being on a boat lift or dock. All sightings must be reported to the DNR. Any person or businesses de-contaminating, installing and/or removing docks and lifts for payment are required to have a State permit and AIS training before working in waters of the State. One way of detecting Zebra Mussels is to tie a ½" metal washer to fishing line. Zebra Mussels are more attracted to that apparatus than to dock material.
2. Water Monitoring – Hardy Huettl reminded meeting attendees that he gave a detailed report on 2015 Secchi Disk readings at the October Directors' Meeting. Hardy will write an

article with the information for the Spring LLA newsletter and will give a complete report to our general membership at the upcoming annual meeting. Hardy and Pat Hanson will again take Secchi disk readings during 2016. Rod Johnson stated he had nothing new to report since last fall regarding the testing of waters for Phosphorus and Chlorophyll-A. Rod will have graphs of recorded readings available for interested members at the annual meeting.

3. Newsletter – Eldon Holmes reported Jerry Ellis was coming back from Texas today. Upon Jerry's return home, Eldon and Jerry will go over procedures for the newsletter. Eldon was asked to correct/update the phone numbers of Officers and Directors on the front page of the newsletter. Next issue will be released around June 1<sup>st</sup>. Articles are due to Eldon mid-May. The June issue will recap the May Annual Meeting. Quality Printing will continue to print the newsletter. NOTE OF INTEREST: Ice out report: 3/23/2016
4. E-Mail – Jim Barrett is working with Nancy Wavrin regarding email changes. Emails are a moving target.
5. Membership – In Nancy Wavrin's absence, Florence Wieneke reported LLA membership dues are coming in nicely as a result of the membership mailing. Membership has increased about 3% - **226** - up from 219. Nancy compiled a list of all the membership deposits and walleye deposits from the last year. The list was distributed to the Board Members present.
6. DCLA – Steve Kogler is our LLA representative at DCLA meeting. Steve will give a full report at the LLA Annual Membership Meeting in May. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the DCLA. Legacy Grant Money is available from the DCLA, but the difficulty lies in the grant writing process. The DCLA serves a purpose, but the 'red tape' involved is a detriment in receiving their grants and tax-funded programs.
7. Walleye Stocking – Kevin Weisel reported last fall (2015) the DNR stocked Lobster Lake with walleye fingerlings; so fall, 2016 will be LLA's turn. A motion was made by Rod Johnson and seconded by Ed Fletcher to allocate \$3,500 from the Walleye Fund for the Fall, 2016 Walleye Fingerling Stocking. Motion Passed.  
During the treasurer's report given earlier in the meeting, the amount in the Walleye Fund aroused the greatest interest. The Walleye Fund is mostly supported by designated 'Walleye Fund' contributions made along with payment of annual membership dues. There is no way of measuring the success of the two Walleye drop boxes located on the lake. The drop boxes contain information on Walleye stocking and contribution envelopes. Kevin Weisel still has one drop box in his garage which will be installed at the Wildridge location.
8. Lobster Wear – In Cathy Johnson's absence, Rod Johnson showed the inventory report of Lobster Wear. Items available for sale are shown on the LLA website and the LLA newsletter. Discussion followed about the feasibility of selling Lobster Wear in local retail stores. The consensus from the group was that may not be a feasible option as there are no 'resorts' on our lake to draw interest/support. Cathy Johnson asked for mileage reimbursement for her trips to Brandon, Minnesota (the location of our supplier.) A motion was made by Steve Voss and seconded by John Stone to reimburse Cathy Johnson \$0.50 per mile when traveling

to Brandon, Minnesota for business issues regarding Lobster Wear. Payment will be made annually upon submission of a detailed invoice. Motion Passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Need Directors - The LLA is still in need of Area Directors for Tall Timbers and Eternity Point.
2. Lake Management Priorities - Bonnie Huettl will present at the Annual Membership Meeting two Lake Management Priorities: Shoreline Interface and Septic Compliance. There will be a \$2,000 cost involved with implementing these projects. The LLA would need to work with Douglas County Land and Resources Management to accomplish this.
3. Review and Make Changes to Directors List - Florence Wieneke will correct/update list and distribute.
4. Magnets - Tabled for this meeting. Possibly revisit for 2017 Annual Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Annual Meeting - To be held Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer Park; 14641 Pioneer Park Road. Our original guest speaker, Steve McComas (aka The Lake Detective), cannot attend and will be replaced by Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates. Mr. Forester is not seeking a speaker's fee, but requested mileage reimbursement from the metro area to Pioneer Park.  
A coffee and rolls social will begin at 9:30 AM. The Business Meeting will start at 10:00 AM. An LLA Luncheon will follow at no cost to members. Menu will consist of Pork Chops, Potato Salad, Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread and Butter, plus Beverage. Harvey Strom and Kevin Weisel have the sign-up sheet for volunteers. It was decided to order 125 pork chops. Extras will be sold at "cost". Bonnie Huettl and Florence Wieneke will work on the invitations. Invitations will be mailed by April 16<sup>th</sup>. Rod Johnson volunteered to take photos at the event.
2. Jim Barrett – Loon Nests - At the 2015 Fall Board of Directors' Meeting, there was approval to build three loon nests. To date, two have been built. Changes to the original design have been implemented to enhance moving and stability of nests. Measured success of the artificial loon nests vary. Currently there are 8 artificial nests on the lake; 10 is the maximum recommendation for the size of Lobster Lake. Two nests have had twin hatches; while other nests have produced zero results.
3. Directors Needing Help in Increasing LLA Membership – Increasing LLA membership is an ongoing privilege and responsibility for current LLA members, Board Members, and Area Directors. Inform Area Directors and/or the Membership Chairman when chatting/meeting with Lobster Lake residents who are not aware of our association or its mission.

4. Annual Audit – Rod Johnson and Hardy Huettl graciously volunteered to audit the LLA financial records for the 2015 calendar year.
5. “State of Water” Conference - A motion was made by Steve Voss and seconded by Eldon Holmes to appropriate \$360.00 for Bonnie Huettl and Rod Johnson to attend the “State of Water” Conference in Alexandria, MN on April 14 and 15. Motion Passed.
6. Update Website – Rod Johnson noted our LLA Website needs updating. Consensus followed. Bonnie Huettl will be the contact person responsible to update information for website.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Wieneke, Secretary