

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION

2016 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

11922 TALL TIMBERS RD SW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

1. Call to order: President Bonnie Huettl called the semi-annual Lobster Lake Association (LLA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:05 PM. In attendance were: Jim Barrett, Ed Fletcher, Eldon Holmes, Hardy Huettl, Joleen Kogler, Steve Kogler, Merrill Pedersen, John Stone, Nancy Wavrin, Kevin Weisel, and Florence Wieneke.
2. Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Merrill Pedersen and seconded by Steve Kogler that minutes from the April 2, 2016 Spring Board of Directors Meeting be approved as sent to the Board of Directors. Motion Passed.
3. Treasurer's Report: Joleen Kogler passed out an Income/Expense Report from 01/01/2016 through 10/01/2016. Cash-on-Hand in General Fund: \$2,165.23; Walleye Fund: \$5,298.11.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. AIS - Hardy Huettl reported on three Aquatic Invasive Species: A) Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP) – Inspections were completed between May 28th and June 26th. Nine (9) inspectors reported finding none of this plant in their specific inspection area. Three (3) inspectors did find relatively small infestations in their areas...primarily in the North End. Loose leafy stems of CLP were noted by several people to be floating in various spots around the lake during the summer. Their points of origin are unknown. Monitoring of CLP will continue. B) Eurasian Water-milfoil (EWM) Inspections were completed between August 19th and September 20th. None of this plant was found by any of the twelve (12) inspectors. This was good news for the 12th consecutive year. C) Zebra Mussels (aka "Zebs") Yes, Folks - Lobster Lake has Zebs and is designated by the DNR as infested with Zebra Mussels. During the spring and summer seasons, 12 different sightings were reported. Live samples were forward to the DNR in Fergus Falls. There is no need to report further sightings. To date, there is no easy solution available to deal with Zebs. Chemicals available to eradicate Zebs are costly at about \$40,000 per acre. And, as a consequence, these chemicals kill everything in their path (good and bad lake properties). Hardy summed up his report...we have them and there is nothing we can do about them.
2. Water Monitoring – Hardy Huettl reported this was the 27th consecutive year water clarity was checked as an indication of the lake's health. Pat Hanson checks two sites and Hardy Huettl checks two sites. This summer a total of 58 tests were completed between May 19th and October 2nd. The best clarity was on May 21st in both the East and Center Bays where readings of 15.5 feet were obtained. The poorest clarity was on September 29th from the West Bay where the reading was only 5.5 feet. The seasonal average of the 58 readings was 9.8 feet. This was a better seasonal average than in 2012, 2014, and 2015. A better seasonal average reading

existed in 2013 when it was 10.24 feet. Hardy will submit all this information in the Fall LLA Newsletter.

3. Newsletter – Eldon Holmes asked for articles for the Fall LLA Newsletter. Eldon’s email address is: eehibew@yahoo.com. Eldon did not give a deadline date, but asked that articles be received ASAP. The practice of applying labels and postage by hand will continue.
4. E-Mail – Jim Barrett and Nancy Wavrin will meet after the meeting to coordinate LLA members’ email addresses.
5. Membership – Nancy Wavrin reported a solid LLA membership of 211. Last year’s number was 216. Nancy passed out a list of 2015-16 Lobster Lake residents. She asked our help in letting her know of any changes. Nancy will be contacting Jim Dahl regarding her ability to gain GIS access. The Board acknowledged Nancy’s efficiency as Membership Chairman.
6. Douglas County Lake Association (DCLA) – Steve Kogler attends DCLA meetings quarterly. The current President and Vice-President are the same as in previous years. DCLA’s secretary’s job is to be designated with one lake association member each month to record and prepare the minutes. Dave Rush spoke on Building Permits and Variances. DCLA has a current balance of approximately \$18,000.00 in their coffers. Steve estimated around 23-27 area Lake Associations belong to DCLA.
7. Walleye Stocking – Kevin Weisel reported 2016 as the year for LLA to stock walleyes. As generous donations to the Walleye Fund are increasing; seemingly, the stocking of walleye fingerlings are what fishing enthusiasts on Lobster Lake appreciate. A) Price for walleye fingerlings is the same as previous years...\$10 per pound. B) LLA can get a \$1,000.00 cost share from the Viking Sportsmen. C) LLA will supply 600# of walleye fingerlings. D) Kevin will get permit from the DNR to stock Lobster Lake with fingerlings. Motion was made by John Stone to allocate \$5,000.00 from the LLA Walleye Fund to supply walleye fingerlings and request \$1,000.00 from Viking Sportsmen for the same. Merrill Pedersen seconded. Motion Passed.
8. Lobster Wear – Cathy Johnson is no longer chairperson of this fund raiser and no one has expressed interest in becoming chairperson. Discussion among Board members concluded having a “fire sale” of merchandise at our 2017 Annual Membership Meeting. An article will be posted in the Fall LLA Newsletter regarding the same.
9. Water Levels - In the absence of Harvey Strom, Bonnie Huettl gave the report. Harvey basically stated... ‘No Change...water levels are boring’.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Need Area Directors for Tall Timbers and Eternity Point - Also, Diane Kratz would like to resign her position as Krafthefer’s, Beauty Point, and South Side Area Director. Amanda Topel was suggested as a possible Tall Timber’s Area Director. Bonnie Huettl explained a “Job Description for Area Directors” will be posted in the Fall LLA Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual Meeting – The next LLA General Annual Meeting will be Saturday, May 6, 2017. Bonnie Huettl will approach Dave Rush to be our guest speaker. Steve Kogler and Jim Barrett will coordinate refreshments.
2. Loon Nesting – Jim Barrett reported this was a good year for Loon Nesting. LLA has 10 loon nests on the lake. Five nests provided hatching space for twins, one nest provided hatching space for a single birth and four nests had non-hatching results. Wayne Ek, area resident providing a private nest, had a single birth. NOTE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST: The average state survival rate of hatched loon chicks is 0.59%. During summer, 2016, 11 hatched loons survived on Lobster Lake. Dean Beck from the Minnesota DNR has been made aware of Lobster Lake's success in loon hatching/survival rates.
3. Election – 2017 is election year for the LLA Board of Directors. The position of President must be selected from the Board of Directors as described in Section 2 of Article III of the LLA By-Laws
4. Annual Audit – Bonnie asked for two volunteers to audit the financial records of the LLA. In the past, Rod Johnson and Hardy Huettl graciously did the auditing. No volunteers came forward at today's meeting.
5. Report from Land & Resource (L&R) Access Monitoring – For this meeting, Bonnie Huettl had no report from Justin Swart as to the number of hours and number of times patrols were manned at the Public Boat Launch Access. Random members of the board present said they were aware of people from L&R monitoring the site during the summer months.
6. Magnets – Bonnie Huettl did not have the opportunity to purchase magnets for paid LLA members. These magnets are in the shape of the State of Minnesota with the words 'LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION' and an outline of our lake printed on the magnet. Bonnie will be ordering magnets so they will be available in time for our next Annual Membership Meeting in May, 2017.
7. Subject for next Annual Meeting – Nancy Wavrin suggested at the next Annual Membership Meeting we review with general membership the goals and objectives of the LLA Management Plan. We do serve a purpose and many of our goals have been completed/implemented. For our organization to grow and continue, we need input from general membership and involvement of younger lake residents.
8. No Wake Zones – Bonnie Huettl and the Sheriff's Water Patrol were unable to initiate a 'Surface Water Use Ordinance' for the past season. Random members of the board commented there was not much of a problem this last summer with increased boat speeds in the four 'sensitive' bay areas.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Wieneke, Secretary