

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION

2018 SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

11922 TALL TIMBERS RD SW

Saturday, April 7, 2018

1. Call to Order: President Bonnie Huettl called the semi-annual Lobster Lake Association (LLA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:10 AM. In attendance were: Jim Barrett, Ed Fletcher, Carol Goemer, Eldon Holmes, Bonnie Huettl, Hardy Huettl, Rod Johnson, Joleen Kogler, Steve Kogler, Merrill Pedersen, Scott Soderstrom, Harvey Strom, Brian VanNevel, Amanda Topel, Sara Wevley, Kevin Weisel, and Florence Wieneke.
2. Introduction of New Member at Large: Carol Goemer was introduced as a new Member at Large. Board members, who were present, introduced themselves, stated where they lived, and their Board position.
3. Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Brian VanNevel and seconded by Merrill Pedersen that minutes from the October 21, 2017 Fall Board Meeting be approved as sent to the Board of Directors and posted on the Lobster Lake website. Motion Passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: Jolene Kogler reported a bank balance of \$5,195.00. Of that amount, \$3,780.00 is designated for the Walleye Fund. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) ~ Hardy Huettl stated a full report of 2017 findings was reported at the 2017 Fall Board of Directors' Meeting and recorded in the 2017 Fall Lobster Lake Newsletter. Hardy stated 10 of his 12 AIS volunteer inspectors will continue to volunteer, starting Spring 2018. One stated he will retire, and the other has not replied to Hardy's request.
2. Water Monitoring: ~ Hardy Huettl & Rod Johnson - Both stated a full report of 2017 findings was reported at the 2017 Fall Board of Directors' Meeting

and recorded in the 2017 Fall Lobster Lake Newsletter. The same type of tests will be performed during the 2018 summer season as in 2017. Enlarged versions of the 2017 graphs will be available for membership viewing at the upcoming May 7th Annual Meeting!

3. Newsletter: ~ Eldon Holmes – The 2018 Spring Lobster Lake Newsletter will be published after the May 5th General Membership Meeting. Eldon welcomes articles pertaining to Lobster Lake activities and educational articles on preserving the qualities of our lake.
4. Membership: ~ Nancy Wavrin – As Nancy was unable to attend the meeting, Florence Wieneke gave the report prepared by Nancy. Membership for 2017 = 232...up from 2016 and 2015 memberships. Nancy prepared a report of “New Members and Residents for 2018” and “Houses and Properties for Sale”. Nancy’s report also included that invoices for 2018 Membership were mailed March 18th and 19th. She is getting 25 to 30 responses each day. Nancy emailed Area Directors a “Membership by Lake Area” report. If other Board Members want a copy they are to let Nancy know.
5. Fish Habitat/Walleye Stocking: ~ Kevin Weisel explained the rotation of Walleye stocking...DNR stocks in odd-numbered years and LLA stocks in even-numbered years. Kevin has received the “OK” from Dean Beck, DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor at Glenwood, Minnesota, to stock for 2018. Kevin explained fingerling costs are rising and cost sharing with the Vikings Sportsmen, Inc. is declining. Fingerling costs this year will be \$15.00 per pound. Historically, 600 pounds of fingerlings are purchased by the LLA on even-numbered years.
6. Lobster Wear ~ Amanda Topel reported not much change... Amanda ordered a new item ~ a beach bag ~ that she will display at the Annual Meeting. She has 17 pieces with ‘screen print’ decals that will be on clearance at the Annual Meeting. Summer months produce more sales than the Christmas season. The Board unanimously gave Amanda permission to purchase ball caps, flags, and other Lobster Lake Wear that have produced revenue in the past.

7. Water Levels: ~ Harvey Strom reported from Spring, 2017 to Fall, 2017 our lake rose 2 inches (give or take a little)! 😊 As fun statistics, Harvey shared the following ice out dates: April 10, 2015, March 23, 2016, and March 31, 2017!! 😊😊

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Visioning Group ~ The Visioning Group (Bonnie Huettl, Scott Soderstrom, Steve Kogler, John Stone, Brian VanNevel, and Nancy Wavrin) has met a number of times. An online 'SurveyMonkey' was conducted by the Douglas County Soil & Water Conservation District. The survey was sent to all LLA email addresses collected by Jim Barrett. Six (6) questions specific to our lake were on the survey. Hard-paper copies of the Lobster Lake 'SurveyMonkey' will be available at the annual meeting for persons not having access to the Internet. The two surveys will assist the Visioning Group move forward in achieving results based on public feedback.
2. Annual Meeting Review ~ a. Mark Fisher, Product Developer for Rapala, USA, will be our guest speaker. Mr. Fisher is requesting a \$300.00 fee. b. This year's meeting will be held at a new venue: Garfield City Hall and Community Center - 101 Sanstead Street East – Garfield, Minnesota. Invitations will be sent to all residences living on Lobster Lake. c. Jim Barrett and Steve Kogler will be in charge of bringing refreshments.
3. Annual Treasurer's Audit ~ Amanda Topel and Sara Wevley volunteered to audit the treasurer's records prior to the Annual Meeting.
4. Director Reports ~ Brian VanNevel asked that an announcement be made at the Annual Meeting regarding new Douglas County Regulations affecting rental of lake property. Not all home owners on Lobster Lake may be aware of these new regulations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Member Directory: Our current membership directory was printed in 2015. A motion was made by Brian VanNevel and seconded by Rod

Johnson to proceed with the creation of a new/updated Member Directory. Nancy Wavrin indicated prior to the meeting, she would be willing to coordinate the project.

2. Dues Increase: Bonnie Huettl proposed a dues increase. The increase in dues would be set aside for potential remedies for AIS problems that could occur in the near future. The general consensus of the board was to present the issue of increasing dues at our May General Membership Meeting and have the general membership propose, discuss, and vote on the issue.
3. Hazardous Mapping Regarding Ice Issues: Brian VanNevel volunteered to make a presentation at our May Annual Meeting regarding the mapping of potentially hazardous ice spots on Lobster Lake. Maps would be available at the public access. Brian VanNevel will personally fund materials necessary for the mapping and posting of potentially dangerous ice spots.
4. AIS Detector Opportunity – Hardy Huettl and Rod Johnson originally expressed interest in taking an on-line course and completing a ‘hands on’ session for detecting AIS. Cost of taking this training is \$195.00 for each person. Upon research of the course, Hardy and Rod concluded it would not be worth the cost of time and expense involved. No action was taken.
5. Muskie Bill: General consensus of the LLA Board was NOT to be involved, as a group, with legislation concerning the Muskie Bill. Members can be involved as individuals. An announcement to this affect will be made at the May Annual Meeting.
6. Member at Large: Carol Goemer, our newest Member at Large, presented the job description for this position, and also the personal goals she wants to achieve while being on the Board.

Meeting adjourned 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Wieneke, Secretary