

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION
2018 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
11922 TALL TIMBERS RD SW
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

1. Call to Order: President Bonnie Huettl called the semi-annual Lobster Lake Association (LLA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:02 AM. In attendance were: Jim Barrett, Debbie Connelly, Ed Fletcher, Bonnie Huettl, Hardy Huettl, Rod Johnson, Merrill Pedersen, John Stone, Harvey Strom, Brian VanNevel, Amanda Topel, Nancy Wavrin, Sara Wevley, Kevin Weisel and Florence Wieneke.
2. Approve Agenda: Two items were added to the agenda:
 - a. Under NEW BUSINESS ~ 6. Public Access Spraying
 - b. Under COMMITTEE REPORTS ~ 9. Loon Nests

A motion was made by Brian VanNevel and seconded by John Stone to accept the agenda as amended. Motion Passed.

3. Introduction of Area Director: Debbie Connelly was introduced as the Area Director for Foslien Bay North, Norlana Lane & Eternity Point. Board members, who were present, introduced themselves, stated where they lived, and their Board position.
4. Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Hardy Huettl and seconded by Rod Johnson to accept the 2018 Spring Board of Directors Meeting Minutes as sent to each Board Member on April 14, 2018. Motion Passed.
5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Joleen Kogler, was not present. An email was received by the secretary the morning of the meeting with the following:
 - *Cash Flow 2018 - YTD - \$436.50 (income minus expenses);
 - *\$2,133.51 - Balance in general treasury; and
 - *\$6,126.00 - Balance in the Walleye Fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Visioning Group ~ Bonnie Huettl indicated that there had been no developments since the on-line survey was done earlier this year. The LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN will proceed as planned.
2. Directory Printing ~ Nancy Wavrin reported a new directory is in the works. Nancy asked for volunteers to help with proofing. Sara Wevley and Bonnie Huettl volunteered. Quality Printing will be printing the directories. They are competitive in their pricing and have displayed quality product and service in the past.
3. Hazard Mapping ~ Brian VanNevel expressed the liability issue may be a detriment to him. He has temporarily set the mapping aside, he is still considering how to handle the situation.
4. Dues Increase ~ No negative comments/feedback have been received regarding the dues increase from \$20 to \$30.
5. Area Gatherings ~ No summer area gatherings were held.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming Elections ~ The treasurer's position, currently filled by Joleen Kogler, and the secretary's position, currently filled by Florence Wieneke, will need to be filled at the General Membership Meeting. If nominated and elected, Bonnie Huettl will serve another term (2 years) as President. The treasurer and secretary slots can be filled by any LLA member. The association has its own designated computer for LLA financial records.
2. Ordinance Change Regarding Septic System Compliance ~ On August 13, 2018, Bonnie Huettl and Rod Johnson attended a Douglas County Planning Commission (PC) meeting regarding a septic system ordinance change. There was a request to exempt parcels of 10 acres or more from having to obtain a septic compliance certificate when adding an out building; i.e. pole barn. There was pushback from the community and a compromise was reached. The ordinance will come before the Planning Commission on September 25, 2018.

3. Pervious Pavers: ~ Current pervious pavers are out of compliance for the current county ordinance. The pervious pavers issue is currently 'ON HOLD'! Douglas County has been applying the pervious paver ordinance incorrectly according to DNR guidelines. Until the ordinance can be rewritten, there is a moratorium on the use of pervious pavers.
4. Algae Report ~ Reports of globs of green algae containing some blue-green algae were received. Bonnie gathered up a 'glob' and sent it to RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. According to the report, dominant phytoplankton species in the sample were diatoms and green algae. However, some cyanobacterial species were also observed in the sample. Cyanobacterial is blue green algae that can be potentially toxic to people and animals. Further monitoring of cyanobacterial growth was recommended. This situation occurs as a result of too many nutrients in the water. A reduction of lily pads in the lake has been noted.
5. Unruly boaters ~ Brian VanNevel explained the legal layout of public water and private beaches. This last summer, as in summers past, incidences of disturbing the peace as a result of wild parties, etc. have occurred. Should anyone experience disturbances of this nature, call the County Sheriff and /or the owners of the property who may have rented their residences to 'party animals'!!
6. Public Access Spraying ~ In the past, LLA has paid for spraying of Army Worms at the public access landing. A motion was made by Rod Johnson and seconded by Amanda Topel to no longer pay for the spraying of Army Worms at the public access landing. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Aquatic Invasive Species ~ John Walz has replaced retiring Herb Olson as new inspector for AIS. (a) Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP) found in 7 of the 12 inspection areas. Hardy will research cost regarding eradication. Hardy will report his findings at the Spring Meeting. (b) Eurasian Water-milfoil (EWM) – None found in any of the 12 inspection areas. 14th consecutive year of no EWM. (c) Zebra Mussels are everywhere throughout the lake. There still is no economical method of eradication available. (d)**New Threat** Starry

Stonewart (SSW) is currently in 14 Minnesota Lakes. Hardy gave a brief recap of the workshop he attended on August 4th on Lake Koronis. Hardy and Bonnie took part in a “Starry Trek” workshop on August 18th. Hardy and Bonnie checked Lobster Lake -- no SSW was found. This is the second year Hardy and Bonnie have checked for SSW and they will continue to do on an annual basis.

2. Water Monitoring ~ Education is the best way to spread the word regarding water quality and lessening the spread of AIS. Water sampling and Secchi Disk readings will continue into early October. This year’s results will be presented at the Spring LLA Directors’ Meeting and will be covered in the Spring, 2019 Newsletter.
3. LLA Newsletter ~ Eldon Holmes was unable to attend. Eldon needs articles for the LLA Newsletter by September 25, 2018. An article on the Vacation Rental Ordinance (VRO) will be published in the fall edition and continue with a follow-up article in the spring edition!!
4. MEMBERSHIP ~ Nancy Wavrin explained the contents she puts in the ‘Welcome Packets’ to new Lobster Lake residents. In the past, Nancy mailed these packets to the new residents. Moving forward, Nancy will give the packets to the Area Directors and the Area Directors can personally present the packets. The Board complimented Nancy on all her fine work!!
5. Fish Habitat / Walleye Stocking ~ 2018 is the year for LLA to be stocking walleye. Prices have increased for 2018 from \$10/pound to \$15/pound. A motion was made by John Stone and seconded by Rod Johnson to purchase Walleye Fingerlings only from funds available in the LLA Walleye Fund and from funds received from the local Explore Alexandria Group. No monies are to come from the General Fund this year. Motion Passed.
6. Lobster Wear ~ Amanda Topel reported sales were about the same as previous years and should amount to about \$1,000 again this year.
7. Water Levels ~ Harvey Strom stated the lake was high at the start of the season, but now down about 4”.
8. Douglas County Lake Association (DCLA) ~ Rod Johnson has been attending the meetings in place of Steve Kogler. Steve and Rod both expressed attendance at the meetings “is a waste of time”! Currently, the DCLA is

experiencing poor leadership and operating under no direction. A motion was made by Merrill Pedersen and seconded by Rod Johnson to hold up paying DCLA dues until further notice. Motion Passed! Annual dues are \$400.00.

9. Loon Nests ~ Jim Barrett reported that of the 10 artificial loon nests placed on Lobster Lake at the beginning of the 2018 season, only 4 chicks were hatched. One nest produced 2 chicks and 2 other nests produced 1 chick each.

10. Lake Protection & Improvement Workshop Series ~ A free workshop will be available to lake association leaders on:

Tuesday ~ September 25, 2018 at the Douglas County Public Works Building, 526 Willow Drive, Alexandria, MN

Anyone interested, PLEASE, contact Bonnie!

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Wieneke, Secretary