

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION
FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

12310 Tall Timbers Road SW

October 30, 2019 at 10 am

1. Call to Order: President Bonnie Huettl called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. In attendance were Bonnie Huettl, Linda Dolan, Merrill Pederson, Rod Johnson, Hardy Huettl, Mona Strege, Amanda Topel, Jim Barret and Brian Van Nevel. Introductions were made of the newest board members.
2. Approve Agenda: Rod Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda and Merrill Pederson seconded the motion and it was approved as written.
3. Secretary's Report: Merrill Pederson made a motion to approve the 2019 Spring Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes as sent to each board member and Hardy Huettl seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Huettl presented the treasurer's report stating that we are in good shape financially with a balance of \$6,873.39 in the general fund and a balance of \$2,959.00 in the walleye fund. The raise in dues accounts for some of the extra income as well as the nice margins on the LLA Logo wear. Amanda Topel made a motion to approve the report as presented and Jim Barrett seconded the motion. Motion passed. Treasurer's report attached.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Steve Kogler: Not present so we will discuss quotes of potential printing vendors at the spring 2020 meeting. Add this to spring agenda.
2. Floating Islands: Bonnie Huettl stated that the DNR says they don't work and are not allowed.
3. National Loon Center: Jim Barrett stated they don't have enough funds yet and need \$6 million for construction to begin. They want it built by 2022 and are looking for community contributions. There were questions from our group on what the center will actually accomplish. There was a discussion regarding the awesome loon rescue by Brian Van Nevel and Grace in which a loon was wrapped in fishing line and struggling. After several attempts they were able to capture, untangle and release the loon unharmed. A video was emailed to members.
4. Private Property Rights: Apparently there have been issues with boaters beaching their boats on private property and partying in some areas. It is illegal and considered trespassing to beach a boat on land that's not yours but totally legal on any part of the water. Brian Van Nevel stated that educating people to put out private property signs has helped to reduce this problem.
5. Lake Water Salt Testing: The testing is paid for by DCLA. Normal testing spots are being checked, not runoff areas. So far Lobster Lake has tested low for the 2 samples taken in 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Future of newsletters: Thrivent gave a \$250 grant to enable the newsletter to be sent to everyone on the lake rather than just LLA members. The postage cost was \$712. Email may not be practical as it is a large document. We could go back to black/white vs. color to reduce cost or allow members to choose email vs. snail mail. Bonnie will check with Quality Printing regarding cost of b/w vs. color printing. We can check into other printing services as well to try to reduce costs. We will continue this discussion at the Spring 2020 directors' meeting.

2. Increase in membership from newsletter mailing: 6 new people joined after sending out the newsletter to everyone on the lake. There are 487 addresses and 230 members. Happy's Landing has new caretaker, Mona Strege and she said there are 55 families with only 19 LLA members. Rod Johnson stated Tall Timbers and Paulin's Paradise has 68% membership. Discussion on how to encourage area directors to help increase LLA membership with a goal of 60%. LLA will pay approx. \$200-\$250 for area picnics but so far that hasn't worked very well. Mona is interested in doing a membership drive with Amanda bringing the Logo wear to sell. Amanda also considering doing something for the Tall Timbers area. One big problem is we do not have a location on the lake that can hold a large number of people. We discussed how to get more attendance at the annual meeting in May and decided to keep the meeting as is.
3. DCLA-boat speed monitoring: Rod Johnson – Boat safety is a big issue. The No Wake Zone only was effective for about 2 weeks. He is worried about accidents in the channels with multiple passing boats and high speeds. He doesn't think the fishing tournaments are a problem. We can publish boating laws in the newsletter to try to help educate members about boat safety.
4. Slow No Wake Zone status: The process of getting No Wake buoys through the county is arduous. All of Wildridge back bay is No Wake. No Wake signs can be moved on land but not placed in water.
5. Update Web to accommodate newsletter: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Water levels: Hardy Huettl gave Harvey Strom's report. Water levels were up 6" at ice out then down 8" and back up again. Highest level to date is Oct. 30, 2019. On Sept. 20, the lake was at its ordinary high-water mark. Interesting fact – in 1936 there was a drought and the lake was down 11.7 FEET.
2. AIS: Hardy Huettl stated we watch 4 AIS species.
 - Curly Leaf Pondweed – 9 areas have this. Funding may be available to get these areas professionally surveyed and treated. The survey would cost \$1500. Legacy of the Lakes may be able to help with matching funds. Wait until directors meeting in spring to get cost information. Add to spring 2020 agenda.
 - Eurasian Milfoil – None found.
 - Zebra Mussels – Lobster Lake has a lot. There is nothing effective yet for treatment.
 - Starry Stonewort – None found.

Jerry & Harriett Freding are retiring from the AIS group after 13 years, so Dan Welsh is starting as a volunteer.
3. Water Monitoring: Hardy Huettl & Rod Johnson – Secchi disk readings are taken every 1-2 weeks. A total of 42 readings were taken May – Sept. Water clarity was the least being 10 feet in the North Bay on 6/28 and 9/4. The best clarity was at 19 ½ feet in the East Bay on 6/25 and 8/11. Average was 14 ¾ feet, the highest is has ever been. Water sampling was done once a month for 5 months. Testing is always done at a specific site in the East Bay. It was difficult to get samples at Fish Lake and getting clear samples in one other area. Charts will go in Spring newsletter.
4. Newsletter: Reports from directors need to go in the newsletter.
5. Membership: Nancy Wavrin was not present but provided a written report which will be attached. Membership is up with 230 paid members.

6. Fish Habitat/Walleye Stocking: No report.
7. Lobster Wear: Amanda Topel reported good sales and plugging away at selling.

OTHER

1. E-mails: Jim Barrett – Reported he has 250 emails with some people having 2. If he gets a reject, he does not follow up on it.

Amanda Topel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hardy Huettl seconded the motion. The motion passed with the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Dolan, LLA Secretary