

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION
2019 SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
11922 TALL TIMBERS RD SW
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

1. Call to Order: President Bonnie Huettl called the semi-annual Lobster Lake Association (LLA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:33 AM. In attendance were: Jim Barrett, John Herkenhoff, Eldon Holmes, Bonnie Huettl, Hardy Huettl, Joleen Kogler, Steve Kogler, Merrill Pedersen, Scott Soderstrom, John Stone, Brian Van Nevel, Amanda Topel, and Florence Wieneke. Absent were: Debbie Connelly, Ed Fletcher, Rob Graber, Rod Johnson, Harvey Strom, Nancy Wavrin, Sara Wevley, and Kevin Weisel.

Steve Henry, President of the Douglas County Lakes Association, was introduced as a guest, and will speak at today's Board Meeting

2. Approve Agenda: Two items were added to the agenda:
 - a. Under NEW BUSINESS ~ 4. Audit and 5. National Loon Center

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

3. Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Brian Van Nevel and seconded by Eldon Holmes to accept the 2018 Fall Board of Directors Meeting Minutes as sent to each Board Member on September 20, 2018. Motion Passed.

4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Joleen Kogler, presented a Financial Statement from January 1 – December 31, 2018 depicting income minus expenses. The LLA's balance as of 2018 year-end was \$1,147.60.

As of March 1, 2019:

*\$1,355.60 ~ General Fund

* \$ 310.00 ~ Walleye Fund

Brian Van Nevel spoke to approve report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Visioning Group: ~ Bonnie Huettl reported the group has not recently met. Priorities are staying the same as originally stated. Bonnie has a project she will present under New Business.
2. Directory Printing ~ New directories of lake residents will be available at the May, 2019 Annual Meeting. Quality Printing will be printing the directories. A motion was made by Eldon Holmes and seconded by Brian Van Nevel to include in the directories a listing of lake residents by lake area at an additional total charge of \$2.00. Motion passed. The cost for printing the directories will be about the same as last time - \$1,050.00. Steve Kogler indicated he had a quote for another potential printing vendor. Bonnie asked Steve to further research that quote, so next year the LLA is better prepared to obtain the best quality printing at the best price.
3. Upcoming Elections/Slots to Fill ~ Election Monitor: The current Secretary and Treasurer positions will expire in May, 2019. The current holders of these positions are not seeking re-election. Names of potential candidates have been submitted. A motion was made by Brian VanNevel and seconded by Eldon Holmes that John Stone, past LLA President, and Merrill Pedersen head the Nominating Committee. Merrill Pedersen will announce candidates for all open board positions at the LLA Annual Meeting, May 4, 2019.
4. Annual Audit: Brian Van Nevel will execute the Annual LLA Treasury Audit.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Douglas County Water Quality Legacy Fund: Steve Henry, President of the Douglas County Lakes Association, spoke on a newly created legacy fund. The new fund, called the Douglas County Water Quality Legacy Fund, was created by the Douglas County Land and Resource office, the Nature Conservancy, Douglas Soil and Water, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the DCLA. This Fund has been

created to assist with the protection and restoration of the natural water resources in Douglas County, Minnesota. Dr. Henry cited different projects and happenings in the County that this legacy fund may help improve or alleviate.

2. Ideas for updating Lake Management Plan: (a) Bonnie presented printed materials for 'floating islands' as an environmental solution for shoreline protection, wave reduction, habitat creation, and increasing water quality. A motion was made by Brian Van Nevel and seconded by Eldon Holmes to present at the May Annual Meeting a proposal to investigate the purchase of one or more "Floating Wetland Solutions for Watershed Management". Motion passed. If purchased, possible placements for these 'Floating Wetland Solutions' would be Wildridge, Eisland, and/or Fosliens bays. Bonnie emailed all Board Members the links to further explain the particulars of these floating islands. (b) A motion was made by Brian VanNevel and seconded by Eldon Holmes to make reference at the Annual Membership Meeting regarding speed of boats on lake, especially bay areas. Motion passed.
3. Retreat Center on Timber Lane: On April 9, 2019, at 6:20 PM, a hearing for a Conditional Use Permit (rezoning of residential property to commercial use) will come before the Douglas County Planning and Zoning Commission. As an association, the board's concern is lake residents' safety and possible uncontrolled traffic. Amanda Topel was asked to email board members specifics of this rezoning property issue.
4. National Loon Center: Jim Barrett reported a new National Loon Center will be built in Crosslake, Minnesota. Jim contacted Christine Herwig, Minnesota DNR Non-game Wildlife Specialist, to offer the LLA's experiences and findings regarding loons should our information be helpful once the center is up and running. Christine was our guest speaker at the 2017 LLA Annual Membership meeting.
5. Annual Meeting: The LLA Annual Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Garfield City Hall and Community Center. Coffee and Rolls served at 9:00 AM; Meeting to start at 9:30 AM. Dave Rush will be guest speaker. Steve Kogler and Jim Barrett will be in

charge of coffee, water, and rolls. Brian Van Nevel requested he be listed on the agenda to speak about Private Property Rights...i.e. not littering private property; not parking on private land, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) ~ Hardy Huettl ~ Inspection results were covered at the 2018 Fall Board of Directors Meeting and in an article published in the Fall LLA Newsletter. Results will also be reviewed at the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting. Hardy is working to verify his 12 inspectors. Eight have replied; he is waiting to hear from the other four. Bonnie passed around a colored picture of the 'water craft cleaner' that will be used this summer in Douglas County
2. Water Monitoring ~ Water clarity is tested by Pat Hanson and Hardy using the Secchi Disk method. Combined 40 readings were taken between May 6 and September 30, 2018. Best clarity of 21' was observed in the East Bay on June 10, 2018. Least clarity of 7.5' was seen in both the West and North Bays on September 10, 2018. Overall average for the summer was 12.3'. This compares to a 5-year average between 2012-2016 of 9.0' and to an average of 10.6' last year.

Water is tested chemically for Phosphorus and Chlorophyll A. Water samples are taken each month May - September by Rod Johnson, Gene Van Nevel and Hardy. Samples are transported to RMB Labs in Detroit Lakes for analysis. Rod has charted and graphed all the test results and will cover them at the upcoming Annual Meeting. **NEW!!** Beginning in 2019 we will be testing for salt in the lake water. This is to set a baseline for future salt tests.

A motion was made by Brian Van Nevel and seconded by Eldon Holmes to pay RMB Labs \$13.00 for running the baseline salt test on Lobster Lake. Motion passed.

3. LLA Newsletter ~ Eldon Holmes has his computer up and running to do the Spring LLA Newsletter. Please submit articles to Eldon as soon as

possible. Discussion followed regarding the 4th of July Boat Parade! No decisive outcomes from discussion.

4. Membership ~ Although not present, Nancy Wavrin submitted a concise report. We had approximately 216 paid members in 2018; down by 16. Membership dues invoices are ready to be mailed on April 1, 2019. Nancy will be sending 387 invoices this year. New Members/Residents Packets ~ Information packets for New Members/Residents will be given to Area Directors at the Annual Meeting.
5. Fish Habitat/Walleye Stocking ~ Neither Kevin Weisel nor Harvey Strom were at the Board Meeting, so no report...other than there is still ice on the lake...observed by looking out the window!!! 😊
6. Lobster Wear ~ Amanda Topel reported sales continue to remain high. A motion was made by John Herkenhoff to allow Amanda to spend up to \$300.00 for Lobster Wear inventory before the Annual Membership Meeting. Second by Brian Van Nevel. Motion Passed.
7. Water Levels ~ Harvey Strom was not present at meeting, so no report.
8. Douglas County Lakes Association (DCLA) ~ The DCLA now has new leadership with a new slate of officers. Congratulations to Bonnie Huettl for being the new Secretary for DCLA!!! A motion was made by Brian Van Nevel for the continuance of payment of the \$400.00 annual dues to DCLA from the Lobster Lake Association. Second by Eldon Holmes! Motion passed.
9. Proposed Development on Lake ~ Scott Soderstrom reported no developments on development!!

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Wieneke, Secretary