

**LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Via ZOOM chat

April 11, 2020 at 10 am

1. Call to Order: President Bonnie Huettl called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. In attendance were Bonnie Huettl, Linda Dolan, John Stone, Don Auel, Steve Kogler, Hardy Huettl, Mona Strege, Amanda Topel, Sara Wevley, Debbie Connelly, Diane & Scott Soderstrom, Nancy Wavrin & Eldon Holmes.
2. Approve Agenda: Mona Strege made a motion to approve the agenda and John Stone seconded the motion and it was approved.
3. Secretary's Report: Hardy Huettl made a motion to approve the 2019 Fall Board of Director's Meeting Minutes as corrected and sent to each board member and John Stone seconded the motion. Motion passed and minutes were approved as corrected.
4. Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Huettl presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Dianne Soderstrom, stating that we are in good financial standing with a balance of approximately \$10,000 in both funds. About \$4000 had come in so \$1000 was added to the walleye fund and the rest to the general fund. John Stone made a motion to approve the report through December 31, 2019 as presented and Amanda Topel seconded the motion. Motion passed. Treasurer's report attached. Bonnie requested a report from Jan. 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Eldon Holmes: He has checked all over the surrounding area and has not found any company who can print the newsletter at a lesser price than Quality Printing. Since we have a good relationship with them, we will continue to do business with them.
2. National Loon Center: No report.
3. Lake Water Salt Testing: No testing done yet this year so no report.
4. New Members from the mailing: Bonnie reported 6 new members.
5. No-Wake Zone Status: We will continue talking with Land & Resources people regarding buoys. Mona asked for clarification about swimming buoys at Happy's Landing and they are fine to put out.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Annual Meeting: Since our annual meeting has been cancelled because of the pandemic and the governor's #STAYHOMEMN orders, Bonnie is pleading with all area directors to have gatherings this year and reach out to neighbors since we don't know yet if we will be able to have an annual meeting. Brian has volunteered his yard for a future meeting. Sara Wevley would like to have a block party in late July. Gatherings will have to wait until restrictions are lifted. LLA will cover some of the expenses of the area gatherings or picnics. Mona thinks Happy's will be open but the store and all public areas closed and social distancing practiced.
2. Wake boats & boat speed monitoring: MN Senator Bill Weber has written a bill regarding the need to keep wake boats 200 feet from shore, docks, swimmers and other boats. The bill is now in the Environmental Committee.

3. Neighborhood Clean-up: A lot of trash is now visible since the snow has melted. Linda suggested that as we take our walks, we carry a trash bag once or twice and clean up the ditches as we walk and beautify our neighborhoods. Scott mentioned there is lot of garbage at the public access too so remember to remove trash from your boats so it doesn't blow around. Don suggested to speak to your rubbish carrier about garbage blowing around as they're dumping into their trucks. They are usually good about getting that resolved. An article will go in the newsletter.
4. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade: Amanda stated that the parade usually falls apart partially down Tall Timbers and how can we avoid that. Mona would like to have the parade go by Happy's to help get their people involved and wondered if it could be earlier in the day. There will be a lake wide boat parade starting at noon meeting in the area of the public access. There will be a lead pilot boat designated with a big sign or flag. Bonnie volunteered their boat as pilot. As a reminder, there are no water balloons or water guns allowed. The boats will go down the middle of the lake from West end to the island and head back toward Cherry Point. At this time there will be no judging or prizes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. AIS: (Hardy Huettl) Hardy stated the full summary is in the Fall 2019 newsletter. No new report. We have Curly-leaf Pondweed and Zebra Mussels are all over. Pondweed is in 7 areas. Eleven people are helping with monitoring. There's no DNR grant money left this year so maybe we can get a grant next year for \$1000 to get the lake surveyed. Chemical treatment is expensive. Hardy did the math and it would cost approximately \$4750 for just a small area. Amanda asked if there was funding through the county and if both state and county funds could be used together. Hardy will investigate. We will bring this up at the next annual meeting.
2. Water Monitoring: (Hardy Huettl & Rod Johnson) No report over winter. Readings were 14 ¾ feet which is the clearest ever since 1985. Pat Hanson will help with the secchi disc readings. Information from Rod will be in the newsletter.
3. Newsletter: (Eldon Holmes) Newsletter may be bigger since the annual meeting is cancelled. April 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. May need to use lighter weight paper as to not increase postage costs.
4. Membership: (Nancy Wavrin) All invoices were mailed out. Make sure Quality Printing is using the most current database for addresses. 105 people sent in their dues so far.
5. Fish Habitat/Walleye Stocking: (Kevin Weisel & Harvey Strom) No report.
6. Lobster Wear: (Amanda Topel) Amanda is checking on prices for Koozies and bottles. There are set up fees so trying to get a good price. Profits are good on Lobster Wear.
7. Water Levels: (Harvey Strom) No report.
8. DCLA: (Rod Johnson) Rod is now treasurer for DCLA and is a good resource for us.

### **OTHER**

1. Loon Nests: Don is putting out some loon nests today as ice is gone on parts of the lake. Ice out is expected in a couple of days. Loons are back as we can hear their calls.

Don Auel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eldon Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed with the meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

Note to directors: This ZOOM meeting was a new experience for me and I am very glad we got to hold the meeting and get some business taken care of. I felt overall it went very well but I do hope restrictions are lifted so we can meet in person next time. I found it difficult to be the host and secretary at the same time as I had to be watching my ipad screen to admit attendants and take notes at the same time. If we do have to do this again, I hope someone else can volunteer to be the host and schedule the meeting. For those who had difficulties accessing this meeting, I am sorry for that as I am technically challenged and did my best.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Dolan  
LLA Secretary