

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION
2022 SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

at Brian's home
April 6, 2022 at 1:00 pm

1. Call to Order: President Brian Van Nevel called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. In attendance were Brian Van Nevel, Linda Dolan, Amanda Topel, Bonnie Huettl, Chuck Obler, Hardy Huettl, Don Auel, Mona Strege, Rod Johnson, Merrill Pedersen. Diane Soderstrom, Jeff Winter and Ed Fletcher attended via zoom.
2. Approval of Agenda: With the addition of one item under new business-a discussion on the by-laws, the agenda was approved.
3. Secretary's Report: A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021 Fall Board of Directors meeting minutes. The motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: Diane reported we have the highest balance ever. There was no walleye stocking by the LLA so walleye fund is up. A memorial donation was made for Jim Barrett's wife. We are a non-profit. There is no limit to what our balance can be. Report attached.
5. Introduce new directors: No new directors.

OLD BUSINESS

1. New computer & software for treasurer: Diane and Brian talked about new software. Excel spreadsheets were agreed upon and this is also a money saving solution. It's easy to pass on information to any future treasurers. This is decided and tabled for now unless changes need to be made in the future.
2. John Stone looking for person to make loon nests for 2022: John is done in this position; Chuck Obler is taking over. Chuck has questions about flotation on the nests- PVC pipes need to be sealed properly. Two people need repairs.
3. VRBO on the Lake: Nothing new. Linda passed around the Instagram pictures on the phone.
4. Weed Harvesting: Bonnie is looking at vendors. 2500 sq feet can be harvested without a permit. Rod commented that the DCLA uses chemicals.
5. 501(c)3 update: Our attorney had health issues with her parents over the last several months so this process was delayed. The 501(c)3 application was submitted along with the By-laws. We can act like one now. The cost for application was \$275.
6. Slow/no wake buoys Wildridge Bay: Bonnie said the Sheriff's water patrol will put them in and take them out.
7. Boat Parade 4th of July: Tall Timbers used to have their own parade. We will start at Cherry Point and do the whole lake this year. A map will be in the newsletter. Go faster if it's a windy day to help everyone stay lined up. We will make a hand-out for the annual meeting. Will try to keep boats 50-100 ft from shore if possible so all can see. Brian and Bonnie will talk about having a contest and pick places as potential judging sites along the route.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Meeting: Annual Meeting is on Saturday, May 7th at 9:30 am with refreshments at 9 am. Linda reported the Garfield Community Center is rented. Payment of \$100 and refundable deposit of \$150 was made. The cleaning protocol is still the same but all other regulations are

back to normal. Refreshments are allowed so Melissa Winter will be taking care of that. The Community Center has one 30 Cup Coffee pot. We will need help for clean-up. Bonnie has paper products she will drop off for Melissa. We will plan for 75-80 people. Brian sends our annual meeting postcard. Mona has the list. It is sent to everyone on the lake. We will need to buy stamps.

2. Speaker for the Annual Meeting: Brian suggested someone speak on Zebra Mussels and has a person in mind who can also speak on phosphorus. She spoke at DCLA. Mona suggested we remind people of lake levels. Brian will talk on history of lake levels and there will be visuals and information provided. Apparently, someone who lives on the lake is a scientist and may have lots of information and a desire to be more active. No name provided.
3. New studies on wake boats and effects on shoreline: Bonnie reported wake boats are a hot topic now. They may need to be 300 ft from shore to create the same wave as other boats. We will need to keep up to date on this information. Rod says pontoons are worse. Noise is also a problem from the loud music. We will be discussing this more in the future.
4. Elections: The whole board was voted on in 2021 so no election needed this year. The terms are 2 years so the next election will be 2023 unless a spot opens on the board.
5. New email Tzar: A volunteer will be requested to take this position at the annual meeting.
6. By-laws: Linda commented that the by-laws don't reflect the fact that we have co-vice chairs and more than 4 committee chairs. Brian will look at updating the by-laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. AIS: (Hardy Huettl) Hardy reported on Curly-Leaf Pondweed. Survey is done. We will treat the 5 largest sites encompassing 6.3 acres. Notifications to 15 people that own property 150 ft from area being treated were sent out to landowners. One person called with questions and there were no objections from anyone. Eleven of the landowners don't live on the lake. Letters will need to be mailed out yearly for every year of treatment. An option to get a one-time signature can be done but that would be difficult as some people live very far away and are not here often enough. Hardy has 3 bids using herbicide treatment. Different chemicals can be used at different costs. Diquat was lowest cost. Limnopro Aquatic Services whole package cost with follow up is \$4542 this year. Hardy made a motion that the LLA will begin the control of CLP during the spring of 2022 and continue thereafter as deemed necessary. Rod seconded the motion and it passed. Hardy will provide a map showing the treatment areas for the annual meeting. There are openings for 3 inspectors. We will request volunteers at the annual meeting.
2. Water Monitoring: (Hardy Huettl & Rod Johnson) Secchi disc reading is at 14.8 ft clarity which is the highest reading for the lake tied with 2019. The creeks and inlets were hard to sample for phosphorus and chlorophyll A due to low water levels. Rod has looked at all the Douglas County lakes in the program and they all test in the deepest spot of lake. He questions if we are sampling in the correct areas. DCLA doesn't seem to want to address this question. Do we want to test in another spot at 8 ft? It was decided that they will continue testing in all the same spots for consistency but can add a spot. It will be an additional \$16-18 cost for testing. Zebra mussels are helping to change the results of the testing.
3. Newsletter: (Jennifer DeCramer) She is looking for ideas for the newsletter. Brian suggested a photo contest. Amanda suggested Lobsterwear as prizes- 1st sweatshirt, 2nd T-shirt, 3rd Flag. Newsletter comes out after the annual meeting so she needs your articles and information the week following May 7th.

4. Membership: (Mona Strege) Mona reported on the new directory. Lots of changes needed to be made. The draft is ready to look at and she will work on getting it printed by May 1. There will be a table at the annual meeting to distribute directories. She needs help to man the table. So far, membership is at 149 and there are a lot more coming in. She will order 260 directories. Members get 1 directory with a membership. It is \$5 for an extra. Thank you to Mona for all her hard work.
5. Fish Habitat/Walleye Stocking: (Kevin Weisel & Harvey Strom) No report. Fingerlings will be stocked in the fall.
6. Water Levels: (Harvey Strom) No report. Someone mentioned much water is running out of Mill Lake.
7. Lobster Wear: (Amanda Topel) Amanda stated there continues to be a long lead time to get orders. She wants to keep more in stock and have more available at the annual meeting. Spam ads are on the Facebook page advertising Lobster Lake items. Linda will contact Lisa about finding a way to eliminate those and posting our Official Lobsterwear instead. Someone contacted Amanda about selling Lobster Lake ornaments. The board decided not to sell anything more than what we have already.
8. DCLA: (Rod Johnson) DCLA has changed their meeting dates to meet less often. Rod thinks people will drop out. He has the minutes for the April DCLA meeting and they are not what was discussed. He feels they are out of control and not offering aide to anyone but they do arrange for good speakers. Rod feels the key to testing is the inlets, they should be tested and data recorded. These issues are not being addressed by DCLA. Is it worth it to continue being a member and pay dues? Merrill talked about DCLA from 1992-1997. He feels they didn't accomplish much of anything. He was treasurer and it seems all they did was collect money. What is DCLA doing to keep our lakes clean? We will continue to pay dues for now. Brian will attend more meetings and we will discuss at future meetings. Rod also mentioned that ALASD has high chloride and phosphorus levels.
9. Email Director: Open position. Ask for volunteer at the annual meeting.
10. Email/Loon nests: (Chuck Obler) Chuck reported that 2 people need repairs on nests. Does the LLA pay for nests and repairs? It was suggested that he speak to John Stone who has all that information. Brian and Chuck will talk. Runestone Electric has round up grants. Chuck will apply for a grant for Loons nests.
11. Items from the floor: Amanda found an item that might be of interest for the LLA, an Aqua Weed Stick to be placed at the public access for the removal of weeds off your boat. No grants are available as of now. The cost ranges from \$360-\$1800 depending on which option we choose. The kit comes with a sign explaining its purpose/use and designating it was bought by the lake association. DNR would need to be contacted for sign placement if we decide to do this. Amanda will follow-up. Website is www.aquaweedstick.com. Mona may be interested in this for the Happy's Landing Association.
Merrill has appreciated being a part of the LLA but it's time to make a change and retire. We are in need of a new Member-at-Large.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Dolan

LLA Secretary