

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION (LLA)

FALL DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2022 (Brian Van Nevel's Home)

4.p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Van Nevel

The **agenda** was reviewed, one addition by Harvey Strom under Old Business. Motion to approve Hardy 2nd Harvey. Unanimous vote approval.

Minutes from Spring meeting. No additions or corrections Motion to approve-Rod Johnson, second Jeff Winter. Unanimous vote approval.

Treasures Report: Current Balance \$13,913.70 of which \$4284.00 is Walleye Fund. Motion to approve Amanda second by Chuck Obler. Unanimous vote approval.

OLD BUSINESS

1. VRBO- Amanda noted there is really no new info. Was really busy in the summer. Overall, it seems to be going well.
2. Need Director for Fosliens Bay and Wrolsons Cove...No suggestions
3. Photo contest for Newsletter. Brian will proceed in 2023.
4. New Studies on Wake Board Restrictions. Discussion that some Alexandria city lakes might become more restrictive. LLA will continue to monitor and support reasonable restrictions.
5. Need New Member at large...to be appointed by President. Brian to discuss with Jim Barrett.
6. By Law changes proposed to allow more than one Vice President and more than 3 directors. Motion to approve by Hardy. Second by Mona. Unanimous vote approval.
7. Items from the floor: Harvey Strom presented a document from the DNR asking to place a water depth meter in the water off a lake resident's shoreline as the current one is no longer functioning. Brian will call DNR.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Speaker for Annual Mtg.- Brian to contact the person from U who spoke at the DCLA meeting about zebra mussels.
2. New Printing Co. -Hardy and Bonnie have been getting quotes from other printers in the area. Once all info is in, they will notify Directors. The goal is to have complete service i.e., all printing done, addressed, stamped and delivered to usps. Our non-profit status is a benefit for lower postage costs but not lower service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lake Captain~ NEED NEW LAKE CAPTAIN as Harvey is retiring. Harvey reported we are 2' below overall high water mark but 3" higher than last year at this time.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) ~Hardy reported Curly Leaf grants from DNR have been submitted and Hardy is getting quotes for a new weed survey that needs to be done before we can treat again. Still needing 2 inspectors. Anyone wishing to volunteer in this capacity, please contact Hardy!!**

Water Clarity ~ Rod reports that RMB has dropped the chlorophyll A test and added a solids testing for streams. Chlorophyll A will still be tested in the lake.

Newsletter _Jennifer-Many issues with Insty prints. She asked if the limit is 8 pages for the newsletter. It was indicated that she could do as many pages as needed. Discussion regarding timing of Newsletters it was decided that the spring letter will go out after the Annual Mtg and the Fall newsletter will go out at the end of October. Please send her anything you find interesting so she can get it in.

Fish Habitat/Stocking ~ Kevin Weisel, Harvey Strom has resigned and Chuck Obler has taken his place. They reported that Muskies were stocked in Lobster this summer. The walleyes were to be stocked at 2 separate time in the fall. Only half of the walleyes got stocked due to poor reproduction and trouble reaching the supplier. Potential for the second ½ of the fall stocking yet this winter. Kevin and Chuck are searching for a new source for fingerlings.

Douglas County Lakes Association (DCLA) -Rod Johnson reported there are no more meetings till spring. He also reported that it does not seem that much is

getting accomplished and what does get accomplished focuses on the Alexandria city area lakes.

Membership ~ Mona reported that we increased membership again last year to 246, our highest total ever! There are already 44 signed up so far for 2023.

Lobster Wear ~ Amanda Topel has had many requests for shipping and using credit cards. Board discussion, decided to keep the current payment and pick up methods in place.

E-mail Addresses ~ The volunteer to replace Jim Barrett passed away and a new one is needed. Jennifer volunteered to chair email addresses. They are used only to relay pertinent information regarding Lobster Lake.

Loon Nests ~Chuck reported 5 chicks hatched this year out of 12 nest sites. Past years we have had 9, 8 and 7. Maybe the loons are getting pickier plus the wind storms we had this spring may all be factors.

5:10 p.m.~ Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Huettl, Acting Secretary