

**LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION (unapproved)
SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Brian Van Nevel's home

April 3, 2024 at 4:30 pm

1. Call to Order: President Brian Van Nevel called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Brian Van Nevel, Linda Dolan by phone, Jeff Winter, Pamela Manzke, Hardy & Bonnie Huettl, Don Auel, Kevin Wiesel, Jennifer DeCramer, Rod Johnson, Chuck & Lori Obler.
2. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Don and seconded by Hardy to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Secretary's Report: Bonnie made a motion to approve the fall 2023 secretary's report. Chuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Attached is a copy of the updated roster.
4. Treasurer's Report: Pam reported the checking balance as \$26,347.60 with \$3929 of that being the walleye fund. Expenses from 04/2023-04/2024 are \$10,799.02, income is \$14,575.14. LLA paid \$400 to DCLA in 2023. Water testing is \$787 as we pay for the stream testing. There are domain expenses for the website. We have approximately a \$4000 net gain. A motion was made and seconded by Rod to approve the treasurer's report and it was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Director for Fosliens: No one has come forward. This will be removed from the agenda.
2. New printer: Jennifer reports it is going fine.
3. Quick Books for Treasurer: Pam has switched and is using Quicken.
4. Items from the floor: none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual meeting: Room is reserved for May 4. Social hour at 9 am. Meeting will start at 9:30 am. Linda will pick up the key and open doors at 8 am and will need set-up help. Bonnie contacted the National Loon Center for a speaker (Natasha Bartolotta). They will need a \$100 donation to come out. Don made a motion to pay the \$100 gratuity and Hardy seconded. It was approved unanimously. Once the speaker is confirmed, Brian will send out the invitation cards 2 weeks before the meeting. Jennifer will send out e-mails and Linda will post on the LLA Facebook page. Melissa will provide refreshments. We are allotting approximately 45 minutes for the speaker about 10:15 am.
2. Tall Timbers Director: Pamela Volunteered and Linda will help when she is in MN.
3. Adding extra donation for AIS control: Add line on dues invoice for AIS as it is getting more expensive for treatment. Discussion for and against by members. Tabled until fall meeting.
4. Walleye vendors: DNR did stocking in 2023. This year is LLA responsibility. Discussion on quality and price of different vendors. After much discussion Brian suggested that Chuck and Kevin use

their best judgment on who to use. They may be able to negotiate a little. **A motion was made to seconded and passed.** There will be 2 stockings in 2 locations using money from the walleye fund. A minnow bucket will be provided at the Annual meeting again this year for donations.

5. Low water: Chuck put out two temporary buoys in West and North bays last year due to very low water levels. He has tried to contact Douglas County water patrol to have them put the buoys out, but he is having trouble getting a response. We need DNR approval as it is their responsibility to place such buoys but if they don't respond Chuck will place his "water jugs" out again. As a side note, Mitch was chosen as 'Officer of the year.'
6. Water Monitoring Team: The team is aging and have lost their boat driver, Gene Van Nevel, this year. Hardy and Rod will continue for one more year then need replacements. Younger volunteers are needed. Hardy explained the process – Gene drove and picked up Hardy, then Rod. They take water samples and send them in for testing. Three people are ideal, but it can be done with 2. Timing is important to get the samples and get them to the lab. Hardy will mock-up a piece for the Facebook page and for Jennifer to send out prior to the annual meeting. We will also request volunteers at the annual meeting.
7. Items from the floor: Bonnie is wanting information on how many AirBnB/Vrbos are on the lake.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. AIS: (Hardy Huettl) Hardy explained that once again the DNR will not have a grant for us. Douglas County is in process but no guarantees. Hardy gave a history of expenses: 2022 total cost was \$5938 and after receiving 2 grants LLA paid \$1741. In 2023, the total cost was \$5527 and after receiving DC grant of \$2500, LLA contribution was \$3027. In 2023, the 5 treated sights were surveyed. The results showed that 2 need more treatment, 3 were in good shape after a rake check and 1 new sight was identified to treat. (Update - a few days after the meeting, Hardy was notified that LLA would receive \$3000 from Douglas County for AIS treatment.) For 2024, five sights need treatment for \$5350. Hardy made a motion to spend up to \$5350 minus any grants to pay for AIS treatment. It was seconded and the motion passed. Hardy will give an update at the annual meeting. It may make a good argument to request separate AIS donations.
2. Water Monitoring: (Hardy Huettl & Rod Johnson) No change.
3. Newsletter: (Jennifer DeCramer) Jennifer needs any information or articles for the spring newsletter by May 19.
4. Membership: (Mona Strege) We have 185 members to date. Most of the dues come at the annual meeting.
5. Fish Habitat/Walleye Stocking: (Kevin Weisel & Chuck Obler) See above in New Business.
6. Water Levels: (Mike Harding) No report. See attachments which were provided after the meeting.
7. Lobster Wear: (Mona Strege) Apparel sales are great. Items ordered for the annual meeting.
8. **DCLA: (Rod Johnson) What does LLA get from DCLA? Discussion followed. We will continue to pay \$400 dues for one more year to see if the new officers can get things going again.**
9. Email addresses director: (Jennifer DeCramer) Jennifer is keeping up with Mona.

10. Loon Nests: (Chuck Obler) Chuck sent out an e-mail to wait until after the big snowstorm to put out the nests. Geese will take over if they are out too early – geese have used the one in Middle Bay so it will be moved. It is now time to get them out. John Stone has passed his nest on to Andy Reisgraf. There are no repair requests this year yet. We have 11 nests to go out.

11. Items from the floor: Linda Dolan no longer lives in MN so a replacement is needed for secretary starting in the fall. She will be missed. Brian stated he will serve 2 more years as president.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Dolan with the assistance of Bonnie Huettl
LLA Secretary