LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – 43rd Annual Meeting

July 6, 2019 – Saxeville Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Acting President, Bruce Rucks at 8:37 am. Ninety-two (92) people were present forming the quorum.

OPENING REMARKS

Bruce welcomed everyone and introduced the board members. He explained that President, Gary Wisbrocker had resigned from the board due to a health reason. Gary is doing well and recuperating. Bruce, as Vice President has assumed the role of Acting President. He then invited Fire Chief Ned Schaber from the Saxeville-Springwater Fire Department to address the members.

Chief Schaber indicated the fire department went through a five-year review by the Department of Commerce and received an 8 out of 10 rating, which is excellent. He thanked the members and indicated that donations are vital for this level of achievement. He also reported on the status of the building project, new truck, and upcoming chicken barbeque. Chief Schaber concluded by announcing he would be retiring at the end of the year. Bruce handed Chief Schaber a $500 check from the association as a donation.

Bruce reported that the association has an annual contract with the Sheriff's department for boat patrol hours. For 2019, Saxeville and Springwater will contribute to pay this contract.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bob Schnese reported that the copies of the 2018 annual meeting minutes were distributed to members as a handout. Members read the minutes. Jerry Voigt motioned to accept the minutes; Mary Ann Cervinka seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lindy Rucks reported that the current balance is $3878.31, and Mark Harvat conducted the annual audit of LLA's financial records for the period of May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019. The report indicated that the books are in proper order. Len Brasch motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Joan Laabs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Bruce Rucks indicated that to date 35 members have paid dues. There are two new owners since our July 2018 meeting. Joel Dillingham and Zach Juadis were welcomed to the Association. Each introduced themselves, their families and provided a brief background.

Springwater Liaison Report – Bob Schnese reported that Springwater lakes were surveyed for zebra mussels. Zebra Mussels were found in five of the Springwater Lakes. There is discussion of stocking sturgeons and sheepsheads to eat the mussels.

Saxeville Liaison Report – Tom Catlin indicated that the Saxeville's 10-year comprehensive plan is due for revision. LLA has requested and been given a seat at the table on the revision. Road work is a big part of the town budget. Some planned bridge work is being converted to culverts to save money, as snowplowing expenses went over budget during the winter. Mowing has not begun, but roadway ditches will be mowed twice during the balance of the summer.

Public Landing – Ken Swanson reported CB/CW volunteers do a great job of keeping the landing clean. There are 17 parking spaces at the landing if trucks/trailers are parked properly. Some concerns exist with boat trailer parking on the South Long Lake Road when the lot is full.

Land Management – Dave Schultz reported that the main change is with the organic farm permitted in the former boy scout camp property. The irrigation equipment has been delivered. Two 20-inch deep wells are permitted for pumping 1.2 million gallons per day.

Fish Enhancement – Dave Schultz indicated that the pan fish bag limits were accepted by the WDNR Conservation Congress but changed to 10 fish of any species or 10 fish combined of all species. The new limits go into effect on January 1, 2020. 2019 Fish stocking included:

- 4256 yearlings (3-5 inch) brown trout (DNR)
- 150 pounds of forage fish /800 perch (WRK)
- Crappies (will be planted in the fall)

Water levels are up 7.2 inches since April 2019. The last reading was 876.02 on July 2, 2019.

Lake Management – Dennis Reimer thanked Jim Schiek for his efforts. 2019 water sample results indicated Phosphorous was 13 mg/l (on May 5th). The level has increased to 17-20 mg/l in the summer. A lake is considered healthy when Phosphorous is below 20 mg/l.

Property owners interested in protecting their shoreline can install rip rap. Jerry Voigt reported installing rip rap himself and a permit is not required. Riparians are given an exemption from permitting if they follow the latest DNR guidelines.

Clean Boats/Clean Water – Tom Catlin reported that currently there are 29 volunteers, which is 9.5% of property owners. All of them are active. LLA's program is the only all-volunteer program in the area. Tom noted volunteers are always needed and anyone interested in volunteering can contact him and he can provide instructions, so new recruits are comfortable and confidant working the landing. Lori Flood requested Tom to add non-CBCW emails to volunteer email updates.

Web Site – Bruce Rucks reminded members of the website address: *lla.lakekit.net*.

NOMINATIONS FOR OPEN BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Bruce Rucks reported that four seats were open. The terms are three years, although one seat is for filling Gary Wisbrocker' s resignation with only one year remaining on the term. After voting the person with least votes of the top four will fill Gary's open term.

Bob Schnese called for nominations from the floor. Wendy Vincent Peterson was nominated. There were no additional nominations. Tom Flood motioned to close nominations. Karla Peters seconded, and the motion carried. Members were asked to use the ballots that were handed out to cast their votes and the ballots were collected.

14TH ANNUAL BOAT PARADE

Mike Cervinka reported that the boat parade would be held in the evening, starting at 7 pm. No lights are required. We are hoping to build additional participation. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to participants.

PICNIC

Ken Swanson reported that the picnic will be July 20th at 4 pm, dinner at 5 pm, at the Weiland residence. Everyone is requested to bring a dish to pass. Tables and chairs will be picked up and delivered from the fire department. Three pickup trucks and volunteers are needed for set-up and take-down.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS RESULTS

Bruce Rucks reported the following results for the open director positions:

1. Len Brasch (3-year term 2019/20-2021/22)
2. Bob Schnese (3-year term 2019/20-2021/22)
3. Bruce Rucks (3-year term 2019/20-2021/22)
4. Jerry Voigt (1-year term 2019/20)

Bonnie Rucks motioned to accept the results and destroy the ballots. Jan Boie seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATED GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Friends of Long Lake (FLL) – Bob Schnese and Tom Catlin recognized John and Joan Laabs, who served LLA and FLL for many years. They presented a picture of their lake home and a plaque with an inscription of thanks for their service (32 years, 10 boards, 61 total years of service between them).

Tom reminded LLA members of FLL's mission and encouraged donations.

Long Lake Yacht Club – Monte Hjerstedt reported on the yacht club season on behalf of Mike Cervinka. Mike is the commodore. Monte reminded members of the link to the Yacht Club website on the LLA website. Sailing membership dues are $60.00 and social membership dues are $30.00. He respectfully asked all boaters to steer clear of the sailing boats, maintain the required courtesy 100-foot separation distance and requested that boaters reduce their wakes while by the sail boats are racing.

Splash Inc. – Karla Peters indicated Splash is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are needed for repairs. Donations are 100% tax deductible. She reported that with funds Gary Bahr will upgrade parts on the raft and a new buoy will be installed between the raft and shore to help deter boat traffic where there are a lot of swimmers. The original anchor is still missing, and they are trying to locate it.

Long Lake Apparel – Lori Schnese, Rhea Teteak, Lisa Kircher and LeAnn Wisbrocker take care of Long Lake apparel. They are always interested in new ideas for LLA swag.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Old Business – None.

New Business – High water was brought forward as a discussion item. Stu McIntyre provided a summary timeline of meetings and actions by the LLA Board since early spring addressing high water levels and concerns for either wake or no wake restrictions. Dave Schultz provided information on how

lake levels are measured. Bob Schnese explained that during LLA Board meetings two attempts to get approval of a wake/no wake survey of all property owners failed on votes of 5 nay to 3 yay.

Bruce Rucks instructed all members who wished to comment on the issue to limit their remarks to 60-90 seconds. A total of no more than 30 minutes was allowed for the discussion. The following summarizes the major points and questions brought forward by members:

- If slow/no wake is put into effect, who would enforce it?
- What is the time period for any no wake rule… and based on what criteria?
- Would it be slow/no wake full time? The lake is calm during weekdays.
- How about installing buoys for creating larger protected areas rather than a rule affecting the entire lake area?
- History repeats and the water will recede; boaters just need to be respectful about their wakes.
- It is better to educate folks to control their wakes than to outlaw them.
- Some property owners are sandbagging structures; Some are losing sea walls and buildings to flooding and others have trees are in jeopardy. Waves are accelerating the deterioration.
- The DNR is surprised we have not recommended no wake given the lake levels; risk of invasives and shoreline erosion that deteriorates water quality is much greater in these conditions.
- The LLA does not make this decision, the Town of Saxeville does.
- There is disappointment in the lack of transparency or discussion by the LLA Board.
- The LLA Board should take a full vote to form a position based on what a majority of property owners want. The LLA Board should take a survey, tabulate the response, and take a position.
- If the board takes an action on wake/no wake, we may lose our property rights.

Lori Dohr Flood made a motion for the LLA Board to recommend an emergency slow no wake rule be adopted immediately by the town of Saxeville; Seconded by Tom Dohr. In discussion, questions arose on the time period, how it would be enforced and if it is really representative since all LLA members are not on hand or given a chance to vote. The vote was taken by a show of hands (one per property); the motion failed 32 against, 13 in favor. Tom Dohr thanked the board and members for taking the vote.

Lindy Rucks acknowledged the members that commented on respectful boating and reminded everyone that Wisconsin boating laws are still in effect.

CLOSING REMARKS/CALL TO ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Schnese
Secretary