Long Lake Association

Minutes – 45th Annual Meeting

July 3, 2021

Saxeville Town Hall Grounds

The meeting was called to order by President, Gerald Voigt at 8:42am.

OPENING REMARKS

Jerry welcomed everyone to the 45th meeting. Purpose of this meeting is to review the Association's activities in alignment with our defined mission and purpose.

Jerry provided a brief update on official water levels since last year. At this point in time water level is down approximately 11 inches.

GUEST SPEAKER

Alex Peterson, current Fire Chief of the Saxeville Fire Department.

Following are highlights.

- Private Road Access. There is a lack of accessibility for Emergency Equipment to reach residences on some of the Private Roads around Long Lake. Fire Chief proposed having a meeting with property owners at the Fire Station to address lack of accessibility. 10 property owners present expressed interest in attending meeting.
- Fund raising underway to purchase a pick up truck for training purposes. Chassis has been purchased. $30,000 has been raised to date. Hopefully when vehicle arrives next year balanced of cost will be raised. Friends of Long Lake donated $3,000.00 to Fire Department.
- Review of the ISO rating for Fire Departments. Scale is 1 the best to 10 which qualifies as not much fire protection at all. Saxeville is now at a rating of 5. This is an excellent rating for a Rural Fire Department like Saxeville FD. Fire Chief informed attendees to check with their homeowners' insurance policies. Many insurance companies provide a discount to homeowner premiums for being within 5 miles of the Fire Department with this rating.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mary Ann Cervinka asked the meeting attendees if there were any corrections or additions needed to the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes provided to attendees. There were no additions or corrections.

Dick Bertrand motioned to accept 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. Bill Dohr seconded.

All were in favor of minutes as presented. Meeting Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting were accepted.

TREASUER'S REPORT

Todd Schultz reported current balance of $7,237.35.

Todd reported the transfer of accounts from Farmers State Bank to US Bank. The reason of the banking provider change was due to electronic banking technology. Members can now pay their dues electronically.

The annual audit of financial records for the time frame of May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021was conducted by Mark Harvat. The report indicated that the financial records are in proper order.

Mike Hamilton motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Karla Peters seconded motion. All were in favor. Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education – Todd Schultz informed membership that only 56 hours of time are budgeted for water patrolling by Waushara County for all of Waushara County lakes. To address water safety concerns the Board formed an Education Committee to address water safety issues. There was a flyer created covering various safety issues applicable to all individuals enjoying water activity on Long Lake. It is titled Long Lake Wake Responsibility. All attendees received a copy. Residents of Long Lake were encouraged to educate their family members and guests of the content of this document. It is posted on the LLA Website and available at the landing.

The Education Committee also plans to prepare a Fishing Responsibility document.

Membership – Bruce Rucks reported 107 paid members to date. Picnic also is an event brings additional membership signups. Total memberships are expected to be about 140-150.

Land Management – Jerry Voigt thanked all members that signed up for the septic pumping date. For our first year of this program there were a total of 35 members who participated and received the LLA discount. The septic pumping company donated $135.00 to Friends of Long Lake in appreciation of all the business opportunity provided by LLA owners. LLA intends to offer the program in 2022.

Lake Management – Jim Schiek informed attendees that each Spring water samples are taken. LLA contracts the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to conduct the testing. Total Phosphorus and Nitrogen Levels are measured. Our reading this year was 0.011. Any reading above 0.02 is considered excessive and indicates declining lake health. Our numbers are dramatically lower, and there has been little change in readings since the first study in 1994. Also, the Secchi Disk reading is in June was 10 ft.

LLA also contracts Golden Sands to provide consultation/review services for weeds and invasive species. Zebra mussels were found but whether they can sustain life in our lake remains an unanswered question, Eurasion Milfoil, one of the worst invasive weed species was not found by Golden Sands. Jim explained some of the techniques lake organizations use to erratic the Eurasion Milfoil if they do have this problem. DASH (Diver Suction Technique) is the most successful and least caustic to a lake. All techniques are extremely costly. Nearby lakes (Pine, Gilbert) are spending as much as $15k annually for DASH, which does not eliminate the problem but attempts to control spread.

Fish Management – Dave Schultz emphasized the importance of Fish Education and ideas to promote catch and release programs and proper release techniques for releasing fish. There is a 10 fish bag limit which is very important. Fish Stocking is provided by We Really Care Fish Club, DNR and Friends of Long Lake. Dave explained

that the larger fish are when they are planted increases their survival rate. Small Mouth Bass population has increased. Legislation is in process regarding a slot limit on size of Northern Pike that must be returned to water in Long Lake. Currently the legislation is waiting for the Governor to sign into law.

CBCW – Tom Catlin explained the program is run from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Shifts are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 6:00AM to 6:00PM. It is a volunteer program and there are 10 full time volunteers) they have elected to volunteer for a specific time slot the entire season) and 7 part-time volunteers (they volunteer when time allows them). Full time volunteers notify Tom if they will be unable to work their regular shift and Tom sends out an email looking for a replacement volunteer. Tom encouraged everyone to volunteer.

Friends of Long Lake – Tom informed membership that the bylaws for FLL are under review and will be appropriately updated. Current membership is 83. This organization provides funding for Lake Quality Studies, Fish Stocking, Fire Department, Pine River Library. There are two new Little Free Library Boxes that will be installed one on Wilson Road and the other South Long Lake Road.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Nominations for 3 open Board seats. Jerry thanked Ken Swanson who has completed his second third year term.

Tom Catlin and Dave Schultz have completed their first three-year term and have agreed to run for Board positions again. Dave Wangerin has agreed to run for the seat previously held by Ken Swanson. Tom gave a brief speech regarding his advocacy for the lake. He is currently President of FLL and is the CBCW coordinator. Dave Schultz spoke to his lake advocacy, his involvement in developing the Lake Plan and he is a Family Fish Advocate. Dave Wangerin was absent, and Vice President Bruce Rucks spoke to Dave's commitment to Long Lake and Saxeville Township. Dave has attended every town board meeting for a year. Nominations from the floor was requested three times. There were no nominations from the floor. Carla Peters moved to close the nominations and accept the ballot as presented with Tom Catlin, Dave Schultz and Dave Wangerin. Bonnie Rucks seconded. All were in favor. Tom Catlin, Dave Schultz and Dave Wangerin are the elected Board Members.

Springwater Liaison – Jerry reported that all high-water restrictions were lifted on all lakes in Springwater as of May 1st. He also reported West Long Lake Road will be paved in July. Jerry spoke to project manager to help ensure the pavement would be graded away from the lake for drainage purposes.

Saxeville Liaison – Dave Schultz reported the town of Saxeville has two history books for sale. These books can be purchased on their website. Theresa Szczublewski is the new County Clerk. Restrictions have been removed for the town board meetings. ATV and UTV's permitted on town roads (Golf Carts are not permitted). Travel on a County Road is permitted County only for short distance. There is no County Ordinance permitting driving on a County Road. Large Cottonwood Tree at Boat Landing has been removed. New service provider for Portable Toilet at Boat Landing. South Long Lake Road ditches were mowed and cleaned up. North Long Lake Road will be mowed in August. East Long Lake Road T intersection is going to be addressed for safety and drainage issues.

Mike Cervinka inquired to the permitting of ATV and UTV driving In Springwater. Jerry mentioned that the current Board of Springwater is not interested but if there was enough community interest, they might possibly consider permitting road access to these vehicles.

Social Media – Wendy Vincent notified there is a LLA Saxeville Facebook Group that is the official group for lake news and LLA posts. Other FB site are available as social and fan sites.

LLA Picnic – Carla Peters said she is all set for the Picnic on July 17th.

Boat Parade – Mike Cervinka invited all to participate. This is the 17th year. Parade is July 3, starting at 7:30PM.

Yacht Club – Mike Cervinka explained there are two membership types available to the Yacht Club. There is a membership if you sail and a social membership if you would like to attend the get togethers held thru the sailing season.

SPLASH INC. – Carla Peters said there will be a Free Will Donation Bucket at the Picnic. These donations pay for yearly maintenance to the High Dive.

Long Lake Apparel – Jeanie Reimer informed membership that LLA apparel is available online and at today's annual meeting and at the picnic. The online sales have worked out, although because of COVID there remains limited availability of some merchandise. An online sale will be held again this fall.

Loon Rangers – Suzanne Ziemer – Loons are protected. They are either in pairs or single. Currently we have a pair of Loons and a Single Loon. If there is a baby Loon, it will be on the back of a parent. July 28th there is a Zoom meeting on Loons. Suzanne can give anyone interested the information.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – Bob Schnese informed membership of Pine Lakes annual Blood Drive. Bob is working with Pine Lake for Long Lake residents be afforded the opportunity to donate at this Blood Drive. LLA Members will be emailed information to register for this event. Blood Drive will be September 4, 2021, from 7:30AM to 10:30am. Anyone interested can register via www.communityblood.org .

Jerry Voigt informed membership he is inquiring into a Healthy Lakes Grant. He requested interest from 5 Lake owners who might volunteer for a tree drop or shoreline aquatic planting. With enough critical mass we will pursue it.

Bonnie Rucks explained her Monarch Butterfly Advocacy. She has Milkweed seeds for anyone interested in planting this critical plant for Monarchs.

Mike Cervinka motioned to adjourn meeting.

Carla Peters seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:41AM