LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2019
Rucks Residence

Present: Tom Catlin, Len Brasch, Ken Swanson, Dennis Reimer, Bruce Rucks, Bob Schnese, Dave Schultz, Jerry Voigt

Absent: Lindy Rucks

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reimer at 3:03 pm.

Opening Remarks

Dennis handed out an outline of best practices from the Wisconsin Lakes partnership. He requested board members consider the points listed (attached) as they pursue the business of the board. He felt one of the challenges facing the board are the strained relationships around the lake and this should be a number one issue going forward.

Minutes

The July 6th minutes were accepted unanimously with two clarifications (finalized minutes attached). Motion by Len Brasch; second by Bob Schnese.

Friends of Long Lake Board Makeup

Tom Catlin reported that he polled members of Friends of Long Lake (FLL) board regarding the LLA Board's decision of July 6th meeting (keep status quo of FLL board makeup and encourage energized participation). The FLL board members agreed with that decision. He reported that presently there is one opening on the FLL board that may be filled. A motion passed unanimously to affirm the July 6th decision to maintain the FLL board status que based on FLL board member's agreement; Motion by Ken Swanson; second by Dave Schultz.

Chairman Reimer reported that Leann Wisbrocker has agreed to be Treasurer of Friends of Long Lake.

Dave Schultz indicated that fish fund monies (about $2k) is needed from FLL to pay for fish stocking fees expected in Fall 2019.

Tom Catlin reported that CBCW hours will continue to be credited to Golden Sands as soft-matching funds for their grant to operate.

Action Plan for Meeting with Town of Springwater

Chairman Reimer recounted that the Springwater board tabled a "no wake resolution" at their meeting on hold Monday August 12th pending further review. They showed a willingness to meet with the LLA board. He opened the floor for discussion on this issue.

The Board discussed various options and determined that it would be best to be proactive with the Springwater board and affirm we want to develop a working relationship. The intent is to reach out after they hold their September meeting, affirm our interest and ask when they would like to meet. This would help us to build a similar constructive relationship with Springwater as we have with Saxeville. Chairman Reimer will prepare a draft letter to Springwater for review by the Board at the September 7th meeting. The letter will be used as a restart.

Dave Schultz suggested that more information on addressing high and low water levels be added to the lake management plan. After discussion the Board agreed that it was time to consider such a long-term solution. The Board concluded a strategic planning effort was needed to get the input needed for updating the lake management plan. Dave Schultz volunteered to facilitate the strategic planning meeting (as a neutral party).

Dave and Len Brasch were appointed by Chairman Reimer to develop a proposed strategic planning process for the Board's consideration at the September 7th meeting. The proposal should address a how lake resident input will be sought, as well as the committee make-up, process and timeline. Through discussion it was agreed that all factions of lake users (fishermen, water skiers, sailors, and others) should be included in any committee formed for the purpose of updating the water level chapter of the lake plan.

New Business

The fish box at the launch needs to be checked for volunteer contributions. Bruce Rucks has possession of the key and will provide it to Chairman Reimer.

Tom Catlin indicated that the Sherriff's patrol was paid $1,100 to patrol the lake in 2019. It appears that they have only been on the lake three times this summer (one during the week). There is a good chance that they have not worked the equivalent of our contribution. Once we have shift data, we will discuss how to handle this situation at the September 7th meeting.

Old Business

Bob Schnese proposed a survey of lake residents on wake/no wake. Len seconded the motion.

Tom Catlin left the meeting (a quorum was still present).

Jerry Voigt agreed that a survey needs to be done as part of a healing process but suggested that additional questions would be helpful to provide insights needed. Dave Schultz suggested that the proposed survey would be unnecessary if we were preparing an update to the lake management plan. Significant discussion ensued on the past surveys and discussions at the annual meeting, and the merits of another survey.

During discussion on the motion, Bob Schnese resigned from the LLA Board and left the meeting (a quorum was still present).

Other ideas were discussed, including performing the survey by electronic means, calling residents to improve survey results, using a survey as part of the healing process with disgruntled lake residents, and maintaining solidarity on the board's decisions regardless of personal feelings.

The motion proposed by Bob Schnese did not pass.

Jerry Voigt proposed a motion that the Board survey lake residents as an information gathering step to inform the strategic planning process intended to update the chapter on water levels in the 2016 Long-Lake Saxeville/Springwater Lake Management Plan. Ken Swanson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. All Board members agreed the intent is for a multi-question survey and not a simple wake/no wake question.

Chairman Reimer asked for ideas for board seat replacements in the event that resignation(s) opened seat(s) on the board. The following suggestions were brought forward: Wendy Vincent, Dave Wangrin or Rick Shaber.

Next Meeting

September 7, 2019; 1:00 pm at the Brasch residence.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Voigt
Secretary

Lake organizations that have the best chance of success

1. Has an eye toward the future
2. Recognizes a broad range of issues and requirements
3. Anticipates unforeseen occurrences that could change the lake
4. Listens to others
5. Encourages participation and diverse ideas
6. Has respect for other viewpoints
7. Balances the needs of today's lake community against the possibilities of tomorrow's
8. Collaborates with other lake organizations
9. Is well organized and managed

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LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION
Lake Property Owner Survey
August 18, 2019

The water level on Long Lake has been extremely high during the 2019 Summer and Boating Season. The weather forecast for the upcoming Winter and Spring will likely continue our ongoing high water for 2020. The Long Lake Association wants to be proactive in advance of next Summer. We are asking ALL Long Lake Property Owners to respond to this Survey at once, so that we can accurately gauge the way our Lake Owners feel our Lake should be managed if the water levels remain high in the upcoming year.

You may return this Survey with your response (YES or NO) along with your NAME and your Long Lake Property ADDRESS below.

AS A LONG LAKE PROPERTY OWNER, ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING WITHOUT ANY WAKE RESTRICTIONS IF THE WATER LEVEL REMAINS HIGH IN 2020?

YES ____ (Continue with No Restrictions like we did in 2019)

NO _____ (Would be in favor of some sort of Wake Restriction)

NAME _____

LONG LAKE ADDRESS _____

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Please return Survey ASAP to:

Long Lake Association
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Saxeville, WI 54976

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