LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – Board of Directors Meeting
November 9, 2019
Reimer Residence

Present: Dennis Reimer, Dave Schultz, Jerry Voigt, Lindy Rucks (by phone), Ken Swanson (by phone)

Absent: Tom Catlin, Len Brasch, Bruce Rucks

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reimer at 9:13 am. A quorum was present.

Opening Remarks

Dennis welcomed the group.

Minutes

The September 7th minutes were reviewed and accepted with a suggested wording change in the first sentence of the Lake Management Plan section, from "*rough draft plan he and Dave devised*" to "*rough plan he and Dave drafted*". Motion by Ken, second by Dave. Motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Lindy reported that FLL has been reimbursed by LLA. Disbursements were $2,411.56. The current bank balance is $2,891.80. Lindy indicated we are slightly under the amount typical after disbursements at this time of year (about $800) which is understandable with some additional expenditures that were approved this year. She indicated needing to check with Jim Schiek if we should anticipate any expenses for lake studies early this Spring to make sure we have enough funds available. Lindy will reach out to Jim Schiek to verify.

Dave motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Ken seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Membership Report

Dennis reported membership numbers received from Bruce….2018 membership was 153 and in 2019 membership is 150. At this time one person has paid in advance for 2020.

Fall newsletter

Articles for the Fall newsletter are due November 15th. The goal is to get the newsletter into the mail by November 30th. The following were identified as important articles/items to include in this issue:

- Separate applications for membership for both LLA and FLL – Bruce to provide.
- The safe ice thickness graphic (timely for the winter edition) – Bruce to provide.
- Membership numbers – Bruce to provide.
- Link to the lake resident survey and request for email addresses. – Jerry to provide.
- Open meeting policy – Jerry to summarize and provide.
- New Lake management Plan Program – Len, Dave, Jerry to summarize and provide
- Standard sections:

- President's Report – Dennis to provide
- Fish Report – Dave to provide
- CBCW, Friends – Tom to provide
- Lake Management – Jim Schiek to provide
- Yacht Club – Mike Cervinka to provide

- Apparel – Dennis will reach out to see if Rhea Teatek and Lori Schnese wish to provide an article).

Springwater report

Jerry reported that there was no further lake activity with Springwater since the last board meeting. The town indicated that they will not consider any new resolutions or changes to resolutions for lakes until spring. They are interested and have asked us to keep them informed on our efforts on the lake management plan. We invited Everett Eckstein to the tour of the lake we conducted with UWSP on September 11th, but he didn't participate on the tour.

The next Springwater Town meeting is Monday, November 11th. Jerry will be unable to attend. Dennis will attempt to attend.

Jerry will provide information on the survey to Everett Eckstein.

Saxeville report

Len submitted a written report on Saxeville. The meeting on October 21st included a variety of town business items related to roads, bills, voting, Fire Department and other issues. Under the topic of other business Len indicted the town was very interested in our schedule for updating the LLA Lake Plan. The Town Board Saxeville requested specifically to be involved in the development of our Lake Plan update.

Jerry will provide information on the survey to John vanAmerongen.

Dennis, Dave and Len will meet soon with John vanAmerongen to help keep building a constructive dialogue/relationship with the pending transition of Len off the board upon his relocation in the future.

Draft proposal for "water-level" chapter of lake management plan

Jerry and Dave reported that the general survey was sent to the lake residents on November 4th. The distribution list was about 150 email addresses collected and /or verified. 56 respondents have participated to date.

Dave reviewed that Long Lake was visited by Paul Skawinski and Eric Olson both from UWSP on 10-11-19 at 1:00 – 2:30 PM. Paul is a lake biologist most concerned with the lake level rise in a relatively short period of time. Paul was concerned that the loss of "friendly" noninvasive vegetation would give way to invasive vegetation. Eric was also concerned about the high-water level direct impact on shoreline vegetation. Dave Schultz and Jerry Voigt volunteered the use of their boats and time to escort our guests around the lake.

Both Paul Skawinski and Eric Olson agreed to be a resource in the development of the LLA Lake Plan update. Also, Paul suggested we tap into a library of research at UWSP on relevant topics.

Regarding the survey, direction from board discussion is:

- Leave the survey open into next year.
- Increase the sense of urgency in messaging – request they take it by November 30th.
- Apply multiple requests for participation.
- Use the newsletter to encourage survey participation.

Regarding the pubic informational meetings, after board discussion the following is the directive:

- Schedule meetings in January, February and March. Try to complete the last meeting by the end of March.
- Use the survey responses to help drive content of the meetings – based on first 75-100 responses we should be able to make the decision on meeting content and set up the meetings, speakers, dates, videography, etc.
- Set goal to get the timeline for meetings nailed down by December 15th.

Filling vacant seat on the LLA board

Dennis mentioned that in his conversations with potential candidates that Rick Shaber is interested but timing is not good for now. He may be in position to get involved in a year or two. Wendy Vincent was very interested at this time. Her family has strong background on the board and she also received votes at the annual meeting.

Motion to elect Wendy to the board to fill the open seat was made by Dennis, seconded by Ken. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Jerry presented a draft open meeting policy for approval. Several changes were suggested (the revised wording on the policy were made and are shown on the attached). Jerry motioned to except the policy with the revisions, Dave seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Dave provided an update on lake levels:

- April 27th -- water level measured 5.80 ft. on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) gauge.
- October 18th -- water Levels measured 6.52 ft on the USGS gauge (recent high).

Next Meeting

January 4th at the Reimer residence (location tentative).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Voigt
Secretary