LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – 47th Annual Meeting
July 1, 2023
Saxeville Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Voigt at 8:33am.

OPENING REMARKS

Jerry thanked everyone for attending and recognized new members. He also acknowledged longtime residents that passed away over the past year.

GUEST SPEAKER

Andra Mory, Director of Pine River Library of Leon-Saxeville presented information on her personal background and the library's resources, activities, programs, and hours of operation. She defined the scope of services and thanked those who contributed to the new outdoor pavilion and surrounding grounds.

ACTIVITIES AGENDA ITEM i) LLA Picnic

Jerry adjusted to move the picnic item forward in the meeting to accommodate speaker availability. Vicki Harvat and Emily Nikolai are co-coordinators of the July 15, 2023, picnic. Vicki announced they are looking for volunteers to:

- Organize table as attendees bring dishes to pass.
- Organize and run Kid's games. Karla Peters volunteered to inflate balloons for the balloon toss.

Anyone with special dietary requirements or wishes for special types of beverages is welcome to bring those dishes or drinks to pass.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mary Ann Cervinka asked the meeting attendees if there were any corrections or additions needed to the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes provided to attendees. There were no additions or corrections. Karla Peters motioned to accept 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented. Cameron McFarlane seconded. All were in favor of minutes as presented. Meeting Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting were accepted.

TREASUER'S REPORT

Todd Schultz reported a positive cash balance on the LLA books. Todd presented Mark Harvat's audit approval letter, indicating the books are in order. He noted the big-ticket items for LLA are

the spring and fall newsletters and the picnic. Our dues at $25 per person are presently covering expenses. Lori Flood motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Britt Mason seconded. All were in favor. Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Management – John Harvat

LLA Website has excellent Data on lake levels and Water Quality. 2020 Lake Levels were the highest recorded, and in 1959 the lake was 7-1/2 feet lower. The lake has dropped about 2 feet since the high of 2020. DNR and LLA monitor chemistry of the lake. Phosphorous levels are slightly high in the Spring but now they are lower. Secchi Disk is presently 14 feet (depth you can see down). In June it was 20 feet you could see down into the lake. Invasive species currently in Long Lake include Banded Clam, Snail, Zebra Mussels, and Flowering Rush. We are scheduled to remove the flowering rush by hand in August.

Land Management - Rick Schaber

LLA arranged for Maverick Pumping Service to provide discounted septic system pumping service again for 2023. Forty-seven members participated. Septic systems must be pumped/checked every three years.

Rick addressed shorelines, indicating that backfill and sand fill cannot be added. Riprap can be used to prevent erosion, and the county would like to be notified of any erosion issues. The person to contact is Todd Wahler in zoning. A question regarding the property where the trailers were removed was asked. Jerry addressed this question. The sale of the property will be finalized by end of the month. The sale is not contingent on any development plan, but once all required surveys are completed and approved by the Town of Springwater the sale will occur. The LLA board is aware of the potential for a VRBO development and will stay informed on any variances that are proposed for property development, otherwise it is anticipated that the typical county zoning requirements will apply for any future development of the parcel.

Education – Todd Schultz

Documents have been developed to educate lake users on Fishing and Boating Responsibly. They are on the LLA Website, distributed by CBCW volunteers and to renters when the management representative of the rental property is known. We will continue to encourage distribution of these materials to renters and visitors.

Membership – Jerry Voigt

One hundred fifty (150) is the average membership per year; 111 are paid to date for this fiscal/membership year. 60% of memberships are now processed online. We are continuously looking to grow membership. The bylaws allow membership to anyone owning property or residing within a one-mile radius.

Fish Enhancement – Dave Schultz

Creating a family friendly fishing lake is our mission. We Really Kare Fish Club partners with us in stocking the lake. Our plan this year is to stock suckers in fall 2023 as they are a great food source for all fish. Cost to stock fish 6–8-inch suckers are about $2.00 each, $1.50 each for pan fish (these are getting more expensive because there is competition with fish fry's) and $2.50 each for walleye. There are still Muskie's in the lake so there is importance of keeping a balance between breeders and feeders. The bluegill population is increasing. Dave reemphasized the value of the LLA Fish Responsibly brochure.

CBCW – Tom Catlin

For Fourth of July weekend, we have 27 of the 35 shifts filled. There are 13 volunteers that commit to a time slot every weekend of the program season. All present volunteers were asked to stand.

Nominations

Dave Wangerin indicated there are three board seats open. He acknowledged Todd Schultz and Mary Ann Cervinka were rolling off the board, and Jerry wants to run for another term. Current nominees are Jerry Voigt, Bruce Rucks, and Patty Jackson. Dave asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Dave made this request three times. Karla Peters motioned to close the nominations. Tom Flood seconded.

Lynn Moon motioned to accept the ballot as presented. Cameron McFarlane seconded. All were in favor and the three seats were filled with the nominees.

Springwater Liaison – Rick Schaber

A new township board was elected: Ed Hernandez, Chairman, Josh Batenger, Supervisor 1 and Jay Johnson, Supervisor 2. There were no road projects scheduled for 2023. ATV-UTV use on town roads was approved in June and once signage is posted it will be legal to drive on township roads.

Saxeville Liaison – Dave Wangerin

The intersection of East Long Lake Road and TT is still being worked out. The boat landing will have a dock section added and G&G will be repairing the drop off at the end of pavement on the boat ramp. There was discussion of removing the fences along each side of the landing, with adjacent residents in favor of leaving the fencing in place as a boundary to the private property. First and Second streets will be paved this year and bridges are on next year's town budget.

Friends of Long Lake – Tom Catlin

The FLL annual meeting was June 24th, Britt Mason is the new President of FLL. Donations were made to Saxeville Fire Department, Waushara EMT, Covered Bridge Park (for zoo garden),

conservation days, fish stocking and the AIS early detection study. Presently there are 65 paid members.

Activities

Water Patrol – Jerry Voigt

LLA led the creation of an ad hoc group called the Waushara County Lake Safety Group. The group is comprised of 10 lakes in the county interested in improved safety patrolling by the county sheriff, especially during peak times. The group communicates with a larger voice than one lake can do on its own. The good news is the sheriff approved a new position of Recreation Deputy, and appointed a deputy, Jacob Hansen, to the post. Jacob will be patrolling Long Lake more for the remainder of this season and into future seasons. He is responsible for lake, trail, ATV/UTV and snowmobiling safety.

Website – Bruce Rucks

Our web address is Longlakesaxeville.org. The site is all new and completely revamped. Bruce extended thanks to Jerry and to Karen Reynolds of Gilbert Lake, together they worked as team to revamp LLA Website.

Newsletter – Jerry Voigt

The newsletter is in a new format. It is mailed twice per year, the Fall/Winter issue in December and the Spring/Summer issue in May. You must be a member of LLA or FLL to receive the newsletter.

Social Media – Wendy Vincent

We are in the 4th year since we started our Facebook page. There is a Public Fan Page that any one can follow and a private group which has 285 followers. The private group is for members and family/friends of members. Instagram has 80 followers.

Long Lake Yacht Club – Monny Hjerstedt

The yacht club website can be found by a link on the LLA website. The membership fee is $60.00 annually for sailing membership and $30.00 for Social Membership. Sailors are willing to provide instruction for anyone interested in learning.

SPLASH – Karla Peters

High Dive has been on this lake for 90 years this year. There are new boards and decking. There is only $20.99 left in the fund. The next project will be replacing the diving boards, which are expensive. There will be a big effort for donations at the annual picnic and a new VENMO account will be set up. One anchor is still missing. Anyone who scuba dives is asked to look for the anchor. There was a bucket passed at the meeting for cash donations.

Loon Rangers – Suzanne Zeimer

Jerry presented in Suzanne's absence. They are protected and are solitary. Bob Schnese added they are smart; they will follow a boat as it is slowly moving because food sources are stirred up by the boats motor. That is why they follow behind boats. There is information on the LLA website. Please respect our loons, we are one of the southernmost lakes in the state supporting a pair of loons.

Boat Parade – Mike Cervinka

This is the 19th year for the parade. Register at the meeting today or stop by cottage any time prior to start of parade. Parade starts at 7:30PM at Cervinka dock.

Community Blood Drive – Bob Schnese

The Annual Blood Drive at Pine Lake is on September 2, 2023, at 7:30am. Register at CommunityBlood.org.

East Basin Float Party – Mike Christensen

Starts at 1:00pm July 22, 2023. This is not an event sponsored by LLA or FLL, but a pop-up gathering for fun in the water.

Old Business – None

New Business – Dennis Reimer thanked current board for all their work.

Call to Adjourn -

Dennis Reimer motioned to adjourn. Karla Peters seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36am

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Ann Cervinka/Secretary