

LLPA Board Meeting 2/20/23

Present: Byron Crouse, Sage Dunham, Sandy Campbell, DJ Ehrike, Jeff Linkenheld, Brian Halloran, Megan Mader, Joe Thrasher, Steve May, Joan Rivard, Eric Anderson, Randy Poznansky, Randy Champeau

Absent: Randy Krautkramer, Donnie Marker, Brent Blaeser

Byron called to order at 4:03

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January minutes accepted as submitted with update from Joe. Spreadsheets from deposits. Teresa needs first one. Passed.

FINANCIALS: Across the board revenues are up from last year. Checks written were reviewed.

Discussed - Motion made to accept report and approved as presented by Randy P. seconded by Sandy Campbell. Passed unanimously.

LAKE CONSULTANT REPORT:

Planning Grant for the comprehensive plan was awarded. \$25,000. Starts March 15.

SAGE DUNHAM - UPDATE ON NATURALIST APPS

Sage introduced some Apps (Merlin, Sound ID and Seek) that can be used to record bird Sightings/Sounds which can then be used identify them. Sage will be writing an article for the newsletter to include information on these Apps. Megan plans to include this in the comprehensive plan.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Several possible speakers for the annual meeting were discussed as options:

John Bowen from KenWay Septic and Jon Hagen the Washburn County Conservation Warden. Randy P. will check with both of them regarding their availability.

Another option would be Lisa Burns from the Washburn County Land and Water Commission regarding AIS and/or shoreline restoration.

Other presentations options for the Annual Meeting:

“How Long Lake is a System” by Megan and Randy.

Endowments for our lake a 3-to-5-minute presentation by DJ

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

We have Added Jim S. and Rich H. to the Operations Committee.

Steve, Byron and Randy K discussed Treasurers position.
Need to have continuity/i.e., a succession plan in place.

Annual Meeting should also include voting for the Board Members. Slate of Officers and Board positions should be written up in advance per the by-laws

Three positions (B Blaeser, J Linkenheld and R Poznansky) are up for re-election. They have expressed an interest in serving another term.

“Officer” is a 2-year term

“At Large” is a 3-year term

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Topics for Newsletter

What to expect for summer ... what is coming?

SCBC

Discussion about Website Update/Upkeep.

Plan to have more neighborhood Coffees this spring and summer.

Looking for one large event before the end of summer (could become a fundraiser).

Endowments – discussion about managing the funds.

LAKE MONITORING ACTIVITIES: RANDY P.

The documents presented will be put on Google docs. (All committee chairs and officers have edit permission)

Fish Sticks- Cancelled this year because of ice conditions (moved to 2024)

HUNT HILL:

Byron, Sage and Megan have been going through everything stored at Hunt Hill. There are some pieces of equipment that we may retain. Byron and Megan are working at

moving that to a new storage area. (Possibly at Scout Camp) Hunt Hill will be moving to their new building in May and we should have sorted out what we are saving before then.

SCBC: DJ would like to put historic LLPA calendars into the resorts on the lake. We should have extras on hand for the Annual Meeting as well. Joe has extra calendars he will bring to the meeting as well. Discussion on what needs to be retained.

EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION:

Calendar requests are over 30.

Joe is collecting articles for the Spring Newsletter.

Work with Megan to write up something about planned activities for the Newsletter as well.

Committee members will be available after the annual meeting if anyone wants to become more engaged with LLPA.

LAKE MONITORING ACTIVITIES: Randy Poznansky

\$4650 has been allocated for clean boats/clean waters.

Fish Sticks cancelled because of poor conditions. Ice is not sufficient. Put off until 2024.

Lake levels were lowered according to the County schedule. LLPA would suggest no Fall down as it is better for the environment and the animals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Randy P. arranged a meeting with Town Chairman for Long Lake, James Whitehead and Randy, Byron, and Joe met with James and gave him an overview of LLPA, water levels, and CLMP grant and activities. Positive open meeting. Also suggested that the Chambers share what they are working on. Suggestion was made that we should have a member of LLPA attend their meetings. He would like a standing committee established by the county with representation from each township and groups like the LLPA and Chamber. In the future we may need the approval of the townships. A good vision would be to unite the three townships to work together on lake concerns.

Next Board Meeting:3/20/23