

LAKE JOHN ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
5/10/2021

CALL TO ORDER at 6:36PM.

Present: Elaine Fleskes, Adrienne Owens, Cameron Sucik, Bruce Berning, Jean Sutherland (Bob) Zoom: Amy Chouinard, Julie Dee, Kim Droegemueller, Molly Van Metre

Absent: Bruce Bartels, John Larson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM: Do we need to do anything with the loon platforms now that they're out in the open? After discussion, we decided we can leave them where they are.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING MINUTES Motion by Molly, second by Elaine, approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Agreed to change the wording on the report pertaining to the repayment of funds from the LID to "LID AIS contribution" so as not to imply that a loan was made.
2. Reviewed the financial statement for the first four months of 2021, discussed some minor fixes for clarity. Motion by Molly, seconded by Cameron, approved.
3. Reviewed the financial statement for the full year ended December 31, 2020, discussed some minor fixes for clarity. Motion by Jean, seconded by Molly, approved.
4. Discussion: typically we distribute only the full year financial report for approval by the members at the annual meeting. Given that by July, we have financials for the first five months, should we distribute that information to the members. Following the discussion, we agreed that we would distribute the report for the first five months but NOT ask the members for approval.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Water Quality: RMB labs website is down, so Adrienne couldn't print the last reading. Kirk's first 2021 reading will be in May.

Lake Level: 5.75" over high water level as of April 10 (Alan). The board also agreed, anecdotally, that the lake level is lower than it's been for some time at this time of the year.

Bog update: (Bruce Berning) there is one big bog by the public landing, and another big one also in that vicinity. Discussed whether or not we need to talk to the DNR about staking the one that's by the DNR. Adrienne will follow up with the DNR.

We have a permit for removal AND moving the bogs which runs six months at a time. The current permit runs through October. Bruce will round up some help stake the bogs. Adele Seanor gave permission to use her land to remove the bogs. The difficulty is moving the bogs is trying to avoid property damage, as well as damage to the boats that do the pushing. Given the size of the two bogs, we are considering contracting with Mares Excavation, who has already given us a bid. Bruce will follow up with Mares. The Association approved up to \$10,000 to use for bog removal, with no set timeframe. The vote was made by mail in for the July 11, 2020 Annual Meeting by a vote of 42-7 in favor of the budget.

CR.3 and 68th St. culverts are flowing. Adrienne recently checked.

Ice Out Date was March 30, as agreed upon by three judges: Bruce Bartels, Cameron Sucik and Nathan Domagala. Carolie Hullander is this year's winner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteers needed: loon watch; need someone to give the report. We volunteered Cameron to give the report. Informally approved!

Elections are needed at the annual meeting for Secretary (maybe Kelly Koslowski)?, VP, Sect 1 (John may stay or maybe Leanne Liebsch), 3 (Amy agreed to stay), and 5 Representatives (Jim Vos)?

Online Merchandise Sales raised \$400. System was not set up to have people order from multiple vendors in one order and therefore it was very difficult for the vendor to sort out all of our orders. The vendor did graciously make it right for us and \$400 was the agreed upon amount.

New Housing Development: the PA is pending approval of the buyers' plans. (Jeff) Holmers Group is the purchaser. Don Krous is the developer. (They build higher end homes). Currently planned are 7 lakefront homes (which will require moving the road to accommodate) and maybe 30 total. We are assuming that those homes that do not have lakefront will want lake access. It's possible that Annandale will want to extend city sewer and water to these homes.

New families on the lake: Kim asked about what information new residents should be given. Adrienne noted that she would like to know about all new residents as we learn of them so that the welcome packet can come from her. After discussion we determined that there will be four items in the packet: a welcome letter from the President, the most recent newsletter, the directory, and an opportunity to join the Association.

Socials Ideas: Golf Outing Molly will call SouthBrook to see what they do for charity tournaments. Dan Ventrelli may help with a golf event as well. Other ideas that were thrown out were an Ice Cream Social, Movie Night, and Ice Fishing Contest (Cameron will look in to the latter).

Paddle Board Parade will take place at 9:30 on June 19, Amy and Julie in charge. Last year there were about 27 paddlers. The group will meet at the golf ball. Event will be announced by email and through the Lake John Facebook page.

Gem Contribution Levels: people are confused as to how they end up in which group. Evidently many do not properly fill out the dues and contribution form that is sent out. Long discussion about whether or not contributions can be made WITHOUT paying association dues and becoming a member (we do have one person on the lake who wants to do this). Agreed that in the absence of the people making very specific instructions regarding their contributions, that \$50 be deducted from the contribution, with any additional amounts over \$50 being Gem Club contributions. Also agreed to split the Emerald category into two groups: Emerald, \$100-249, and group to be named \$250-499. Sapphire effectively will start \$51, with the first \$50 being allocated toward dues if not otherwise specified. We will not make this change until 2022.

Lake John apparel order at annual meeting: Annandale Embroidery has agreed to help us and come to the annual meeting with samples. Members can pay for and order items at the annual meeting. Not yet decided if we should have tshirts, sweatshirts, denim shirts, or all of the above. Kim will help with the design(s).

Annual Meeting date: 9:00am June 26th, South Haven City Hall, concurrent with LID meeting. Decided we should have coffee, water and donuts. Jean will follow up.

2021 Board Meeting dates: 6:30pm June 14th, July 12th, and September 13

ADJOURNED at 8:10PM.