

LAUDERDALE LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Directors Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2023

Meeting called to order:

President Rich Siok called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Roll Call:

The following Directors and Officers were present:

Charlotte Anderson	Jim Dion	Elisabeth Partyka
Loretta Auchinleck	Peg Eggert	Herb Sharpless
Mike Barrett	Don Henderson	Rich Siok
Pat Cady	Jenna Hauca	Larry Slight
Jim Corcoran	Walker Johnson	Pete Spaulding
Scott Csanda	Jane Larsen	Conley Stewart
Sue Csanda	Sue Markus	Lois Stewart
Mark Curcio	Pam McHugh	Gary Storandt

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2023 Directors Meeting (Don Henderson), seconded (Mark Curcio) and approved by the Directors.

Agenda:

A motion was made to approve today's agenda (Jim Corcoran), seconded (Herb Sharpless) and approved by the Directors.

Treasurer's Report: Herb Sharpless reported:

- We continue to have a good year. The current financials remain extremely strong, particularly with interest rates improving and membership at 738—an all-time high.
- A motion was made to approve the report (Don Henderson), seconded (Mike Barrett) and approved by the Directors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fish: Jim "Corky" Corcoran reported:

- Though the July Kid's Fish Jamboree was considered successful, attendance slipped to 48 from previous levels of 60-70.
- Crib construction continues with some 42 now in place. The current emphasis is on building smaller teepee-style cribs for shallower lake placement.
- Fall stocking activities will concentrate on improving the smallmouth bass and perch populations.

- The WDNR study (which began this spring) will likely be completed by February 2024. Corky expects recommendations on adjusting fishing regulations.
- Fishapalooza will now be spearheaded by Deetz.

Water Quality: Mark Curcio reported:

- The WDNR has defunded the water testing program. Mark will now seek an independent resource but, for now, no data is available. There was general agreement that the LLIA can afford any modest additional expense.
- Anecdotally, Mark reported that water clarity has been exceptional.

Communications & Membership: Rich Siok reported:

- The Summer issue of Shorelines is in process and is expected to mail in September.
- Mailing the Directories rather than hand-delivering them appears to have been a successful experiment.

Website: No report.

History: Rich Siok reported for Kathryn Calkins:

- We are planning to join the Walworth County Historical Society as a great resource at a very modest annual membership fee. Details to follow.
- Rich reminded everyone to be on the lookout for subject matter for the History Column.

Nominating: Jim Dion introduced and the group welcomed new District 4 Director, Pam McHugh

Planning & Zoning: Don Henderson reported:

- No specific news from the Town of LaGrange.
- The Fire Department thanks all who attended the Steak Fry fundraiser which was held on Saturday, August 12 at Lauderdale Landing. A new ambulance has been ordered and will be paid for using Town of LaGrange funding received from the Federal Government Recovery Funding program. Don reminded all that fire department volunteers are always needed.
- This year there has been a problem with some of the buoys supplied by the Town. Don Sukala shoulders this responsibility for the Town and is now in the process of purchasing replacement buoys from a new supplier.
- New lakeside property signs have all been distributed and Directors were reminded to encourage property owners to post them as directed.

Water Safety: Peg Eggert reported:

- Peg reminded the Directors that the LL number system is still valid and LL signs still need to be posted.
- Peg reviewed Water Patrol activities and statistics to date. Overall, the results are trending positively.

- Regarding the buoy problem, Herb Sharpless suggested that lake ordinances be adjusted to help prevent boaters from interfering with proper buoy placement—and that the Water Safety Patrol should be engaged to help ensure accurate buoy placement. Jane Larsen suggested that should these changes go forward, the Rules & Regs brochure for boaters needs to be updated, reprinted and made available at all public launches. Pat Cady added that the Marina could use the brochures to advise boat renters of lake rules. A motion was made to update the brochure at a cost not to exceed \$150 (Don Henderson), seconded (Mike Barrett) and approved by the Directors. Peg Eggert to consult with Debbie Ferrari on updating the brochure.

Lake Preservation: Sue Markus reported for Amber Bixler:

- Sue provided a brief update on the grant program which is now up and running nicely. The committee may have up to 4 new projects next year.
- Herb Sharpless thanked volunteers Barb Wonser, Dan Lohen and Dave Stang who helped with the control of Purple Loosestrife this summer. Herb was also pleased to announce that the LLLMD may take over this responsibility and apply even more resources to the program's success.
- Herb also announced that some 150 ft. of trail in Petersen Island Woods has been ruined by construction crews working in the area. Rich Siok will discuss this issue with KMLT who should hold offending contractors responsible for repairing the damage.

Unfinished Business

None reported.

New Business

- Mark Curcio opened a discussion regarding the upcoming vote on the newly proposed golf course clubhouse. Significant discussion ensued regarding the LLIA's position in the matter. There was a motion (Don Henderson) to have the LLIA provide financial support to the clubhouse project, seconded (Pete Spaulding). After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. A second motion was made (Mark Curcio) to wait to gauge the LLIA's level of support until after the September 2 vote, seconded (Don Henderson) and approved by the Directors. There was general agreement among the Directors that the LLIA should remain non-political but if the project is approved, it would be within our mission to financially support the eventual fundraising campaign. Details to be determined.
- Pat Cady announced that the wooden boat parade will take place on September 2 since being rained out on July 4th.

LLLMD Update: Jane Larsen reported:

- Jane provided further detail on the new clubhouse project and the presentation that will be made at the meeting on September 2. She explained that financial details are still shifting. One of the most significant changes is that all District homeowners will be taxed the same amount regardless of property valuation. Jane invited the

Directors to contact her if they have suggestions for the September 2 presentation. Gary Storandt suggested adding bullet points explaining the conservation easement and that consideration will be given to providing discounts to District property owners.

KMLT Update: No report.

Walworth County Lake Association: Jim “Corky” Corcoran reported:

- The LLIA continues to develop good relations with other lake associations, particularly Whitewater. Sue Markus suggested that the Lake Preservation committee should develop relations with other associations to promote the grant program.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (Rich Siok), seconded (Mike Barrett) and approved by the Directors.

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 11, 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Storandt, Secretary