

LAUDERDALE LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Directors Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2024

Meeting called to order:

President Rich Siok called the meeting to order (via ZOOM) at 9:04 am.

Roll Call:

The following Directors and Officers were present: (17 total)

Loretta Auchinleck	Jim Dion	Sue Markus
Robin Balfour	Peg Eggert	Ron Mueller
Mike Barrett	Patty Hargrave	Herb Sharpless
Greg Bertagna	Don Henderson	Rich Siok
Kim Coleman	Kevin Henderson	Dave Stang
Jim Corcoran	Walker Johnson	

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2023 Directors Meeting (Herb Sharpless), seconded (Don Henderson) and approved by the Directors.

Agenda:

A motion was made to approve today's agenda (Walker Johnson), seconded (Don Henderson) and approved by the Directors.

Treasurer's Report: Herb Sharpless reported:

- Herb reviewed the current P&L and Balance Sheet showing a 2023 year-end profit of approximately \$13,000. The approved 2024 Budget was included in the report.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fish: Jim "Corky" Corcoran reported:

- Hardwater heroes was well attended and did very well. Raised approximately \$2800. It was a great way to honor veterans. Several organizations will be the recipients of the funds.
- Fishapalooza was very successful despite the fishing being cancelled due to poor ice conditions. Support from the lake community was tremendous. Results of the fundraising will be available in the next report.
- The committee is waiting for the results of the Comprehensive Population Survey report which will likely be available in early March. This will provide preliminary insights to inform fish stocking plans.
- Kids Fishing Jamboree is planned for July 20, 2024.

Water Quality: Ice on dates in January were shared. DNR water samples will be reduced in 2024. A new DNR portal is anticipated for submitting sample information.

Communications & Membership: Report provided in advance by Debbie Ferrari
MEMBERSHIP

- A Membership packet with an updated membership form will be sent to everyone currently in the Lake District, with slightly different cover letters for current members and those not currently members. Materials should be prepared by the printer and ready for sign-off before March 9th.
- As your neighbors begin to emerge from hibernation, please encourage them to join LLIA!

SHORELINES

- Next week an email will be sent requesting articles from all our LLIA Committees and all lake organizations. They will be due at the end of March to Debbie, then Gary and our designer will work their magic.
- The Spring edition will go to all owners in the Lake District, not just Members
- We are ALWAYS looking for things to include in Members Post, so please send to me (Debbie8725@aol.com)
 - PICTURES - of our beautiful lake, shoreline, wildlife, etc. - send high resolution as an attachment to an email to me (don't just send as a thumbnail in the email body)
 - RECIPES
 - Any thoughts, suggestions, reflection about life on our lakes

DIRECTORY - 2025 is a Directory year

- Debbie has prepared the biennial Directory for the last 12 years.
- This year she will be traveling a large portion of winter season, so assistance is required!
- For this year Debbie can continue much of the coordination and work for the first section (info section). Nestor remains a key contributor for the entire center section of the Directory (names & addresses)
- Because of timing, at a minimum, assistance is needed with the advertising section.
- An excel spreadsheet is maintained of all current and recent prior advertisers.
- Many process improvements have been made to make the mailing and follow up much less labor intensive.
- Initial advertising packets can be prepared and mailed to current and potential advertisers.
- Debbie will be away most of the period of time (Jan-March 2025) when advertisers will be mailing checks and ad information back to LLIA.

Someone(s) is needed to help with the following:

1. Receive directly the USMail responses from advertisers (your home address would be used for them to send responses).
2. Make sure checks are proper for ad size and type they have selected and enter contact updates, check info, and ad info to the Excel file.
3. Checks - scan, batch and send original checks with summary from the excel file to Treasurer Herb Sharpless.

4. Ad copy - scan, batch and email ad info to printer with a summary using the Excel file.
5. Call advertisers with any questions or clarifications.
 - Prepare and Mail ad packets to any new leads that you or others come up with after initial mailing.
 - Respond to advertiser questions.

Please let Debbie know if you are interested in helping out!

Debbie will provide training in the November/December 2024 timeframe.

Website: Kevin Henderson reported:

- Updates are being made to the website as time allows.
- Please feel free to send pictures and feedback on content.
- A page will be created with the Lake Preservation Committee team and they will be enabled to manage content directly.

History: No report.

Nominating: Jim Dion reported:

- Jim is contacting directors for election in Even years.
- There are five districts that need more support. Jim will be working on identifying Director candidates for these prior to the April meeting.
- Ideas were shared for increasing Director familiarity amongst each other and the overall membership. Nametags with district # can be used in upcoming April and June meetings. Lanyards nametags for Directors would help with easy identification. During Director meetings and the Annual Membership meeting we can bring Directors up to the front for introduction.

Planning & Zoning: Don Henderson reported:

- The Town Spring Election will be Tuesday April 2,2024. The Town Board Chairman and First Side Supervisor positions will be elected. All committees are meeting, and The Town Board Meetings have been held without major issues.
- The Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Department has placed their new ambulance in service. The Department continues to need new members and it is one of the few volunteer fire departments where the members are not paid.
- New buoys have been ordered and received for use in Lauderdale and Pleasant Lakes. They will be placed in the spring and replace the many older buoys that would not stay in place and often would not remain upright.
- The Lakeside Property signs that have been provided by the Town of LaGrange and Town of Sugar Creek were delivered to approximately 700 properties on Lauderdale and Pleasant Lakes that have riparian water frontage. These signs provide the property location number and assist the Fire Department Rescue squad and Police Department identify the location on the lake when emergency assistance is needed. Many of the signs have been posted on the individual property lake fronts. Still others have not posted their signs. Please ask

property owners in your district to install their lakefront property sign if you note they have not installed it yet.

Water Safety: No report.

Lake Preservation: Sue Markus reported:

- Multiple Healthy Lakes grant requests totaling \$4000 were submitted and all were approved.
- Plans are underway for the educational presentation to be conducted by Zoom on April 9th.
- Ideas are being collected for a potential raingarden at new clubhouse with signage promoting the Healthy Lakes grant program.

Property: No report – discussion only.

- Don Henderson shared that the KMLT indicates Peterson Isle Woods will have an increased focus in the years ahead.
- Following discussion, it was decided that Rich Siok and Ron Mueller will send a letter to KMLT requesting a copy of the Peterson Island Woods management plan including goals and timing for work on the property.
- A motion was made to withhold KMLT donation until the management plan for Peterson Island Woods is received (Mike Barrett), seconded (Don Henderson), and approved by the Directors following discussion.

Unfinished Business

- LLIA Support of Clubhouse Initiative – evaluation of needs and opportunities is still ongoing.
 - Updates on clubhouse plans are available at LLLMD website. There is an option to sign up for an email list for updates.
 - Building teardown timing is moving earlier to allow for concrete pouring and getting the facility roofed-in to enable interior work over the winter.
- Purple Loosestrife Remediation (Partnering with LLMD)
 - This is follow-up on the prior decision that the Lake Management District will be taking over remediation and LLIA will make a contribution.
 - Bids were received and one provider seemed the most appropriate based on experience and price. The status of contract approval is unknown.
 - There is a DNR permit required annually. The letter sent to homeowners is a requirement of the permit. The company will be responsible for sending the letters.

New Business

- Informational Zoom meetings planned for members
Rich will host special topic informational sessions with leaders from the respective areas.
Tues March 26th 7pm Corky – fish, cribs, etc.
Tues April 9th 7pm Amber Bixler will present on the Healthy Lakes Grant Program, including discussion on invasive species.
LLIA will promote these sessions to members and potentially others from the local area.

LLLMD Update: No update

KMLT Update: No Update

Walworth County Lake Association: Jim Corcoran reported:

- LLIA will host the June 15, 2024 meeting and will provide a crib-building demonstration.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (Don Henderson), seconded (Jim Dion) and approved by the Directors. Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in-person at the Community Center

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Henderson