



MEETING MINUTES

LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Conducted on WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2021

Long Lake Association Board Meeting Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Zoom Conference Call 5:00pm-6:00pm

Meeting called to order by President Schnell at 5:00 pm

Attendance: Schnell, Cerny, Dahlstrom, Motley, Watson, Klein, Lishawa, Moy, White, Baker, Adamczak
Absent: Kiehle

President Schnell acknowledged a quorum was present.

Agenda approval: Motion by Baker, second by Cerny. Agenda approved.

Consent agenda: Minutes of October 14, 2020 board meeting approved.

Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Discuss newsletter planned for May, 2021 distribution content and submission deadlines

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that all committee input for the newsletter should be submitted by the end of April for a May release. It was agreed we should include the current envelope info.

Motion by Baker as follows: Conduct an electronic distribution of the newsletter to LLA members via email if their email address is available and mail a printed copy to the remaining members. Motion seconded by Lishawa. Motion passed based a unanimous yes vote.

- Discuss finding a replacement for the Secretary position due to Gail Dallolmo's resignation.

President Schnell asked the board members to bring any candidates to become the new Secretary to his and Ms. Watson's attention.

- Confirm the Eurasian watermilfoil treatment plan/dates for 2021 (June 22 and July 20, 2021)

President Schnell provided an update regarding a 2021 EWM planning meeting conducted on April 12th with Dave Baker, Jim Wheaton (volunteer); Dennis Wiand (Zero Gravity) and Mark Harrison (Clear Water Lake Management, Inc.). The dates for 2021 EWM treatment will be June 22 and July 20, 2021. The plan is to treat approximately 12 acres in 2021 virtually identical to the total area treated in 2020.

- Discuss changing the LLA fiscal year to a calendar year and putting it to a membership vote



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President Schnell noted that Ms. Moy had stated in an email this should be postponed to 2022 for consideration. Ms. Moy did request the board consider creating a Bylaws committee to review bylaw changes that would be required based on a calendar fiscal year. This will be added to the May meeting agenda for further discussion.

- Discuss establishing a Zebra Mussel committee and retire the swimmer's itch committee

Rick Dahlstrom had agreed prior to the board meeting to take on this new role if approved by the board. Two **motions** were presented as follows by Baker:

- 1) "Retire the Swimmer's Itch committee and
 - 2) "Create the Zebra Mussel Committee with Rick Dahlstrom as the head of the new committee
- The motions were seconded by Lishawa. Both motions passed based a unanimous yes vote.

There was a discussion about educating the LLA membership about how to identify and remediate any zebra mussels on their docks, etc. The consensus was for this info to be in the upcoming newsletter and posted on the LLA website/Facebook page. This info would also include a link to Ron Reimink's article on this topic.

Dahlstrom stated his daughter is an expert in the invasive species field and would be willing to create a zebra mussel summary that can be posted on the LLA website, Facebook page, etc.

- Discuss plans/date for the "Welcome Back" event in June, 2021 (e.g. virtual or in person outdoors)

After President Schnell provided info from Boone's Long Lake Inn restricting the event to June 7th and a maximum of 75 attendees on the deck, the board considered the following motion to have a virtual Annual Meeting discussion in June, 2021:

A **motion** was presented by Baker as follows: "Conduct the Annual Discussion meeting in June as a virtual Zoom call and possibly add a social aspect to the Annual Meeting in August." Motion was seconded by Adamczak. Motion passed based a unanimous yes vote.

- Discuss call with Fields Ratliff at NW Michigan Invasive Species Network regarding purple loosestrife

President Schnell briefed the board regarding a discussion with Fields Ratliff at NW Michigan Invasive Species Network regarding purple loosestrife in regard to him providing remediation and disposal information and a possible training/volunteer event in July. This will be added to the May meeting agenda to allow for further information to be obtained. Baker characterized the effort to be in "maintenance mode" now, but cautioned not to let up and let the EWM rebound.

There was a side discussion about how to fund the LLA via local taxing authorities. Cerny to discuss with Ron Lemcool from Long Lake Township and President Schnell to discuss with Marvin D. Radtke, Jr. from Green Lake Township. President Schnell will also discuss the feasibility with attorney Gerry Chefalo on the LLF board.



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Committee Reports

- **Financial Report (Moy)**-Ms. Moy reported our current balance as \$20,797.80 as of 4/7/2021. Ms. Moy requested a water quality report for the Oleson Foundation to submit with our invoice. Len volunteered to provide a couple of paragraphs.
- **Communication & Website/Long Range Planning (Kiehle)**-No update
- **Lake Management–Treatment-EWM (Baker/Schnell)**-See update above
- **Lake Management–Studies (NMC Lake Studies and Water test unit) (Lishawa/Klein)** Klein reported that they have interviewed interns for this year and have selected 2 candidates. They will begin training this month.
- **Lake Management–Studies-Swimmer’s Itch (Dahlstrom)** The Swimmer’s Itch committee is being retired and replaced with the Zebra Mussel committee led by Dahlstrom. The consensus was that we should put swimmer’s itch prevention info in the 2021 newsletter and post on the LLA website. See additional updates above.
- **Lake Management–Prevention-Road Clean Up (Cerny)** Cerny noted that the road cleanup date for 2021 will be May 8th with a rain make-up date of May 9th, if needed.
- **Water Safety (Cerny)** There was a discussion about somehow marking a boat navigation hazard near the Ripple Lodge. Further investigation is needed to determine the appropriate solution that meets any local requirements. White noted that he believes the Gilbert Park dock is not level which may create a falling hazard. Cerny to discuss with Ron Lemcool from Long Lake Township. The issue of boater safety at the Long Lake boat launches was also discussed. Ron Lemcool from Long Lake Township is investigating getting a badged person to monitor the launches on the weekends. Dahlstrom and Cerny will follow-up on this issue.
- **Fishing Quality/Loon Mgt. (Motley)** Motley reported that the loon nests are being deployed and that nesting pairs were beginning to check them out. He noted the Brush Island loon site had a buildup issue to be addressed and a buoy added. He also mentioned that the walleye opener is April 24th.
- **Membership/Nominations/ Recreation/Social**-See newsletter update above
- **Community Affairs**-No update
- **Island Maintenance (Adamczak)**- Adamczak noted that the LLA docks on the islands should be in place by early May. He will reach out to the board members if he needs volunteers to assist in island maintenance.

Dahlstrom made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm ET. The motion was seconded by Lishawa. Meeting adjourned.

Provided by: Brent Schnell, Acting Secretary