

LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

For WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2023

In-Person/Zoom Conference Call 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Call to Order-Roll Call

Call to order occurred at 5:02 PM EDT

Attendees: Brent Schnell; Dave Baker; Becki Watson; Mark Walkowiak; Dave Porath; Len Klein; Janice Moy; Rick Dahlstrom; Cam Corteggiano.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Walkowiak which was seconded by Watson and unanimously approved by BOD vote. **Consent Agenda:**

Review of Draft LLA Board Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2023, resulted in no comments. Motion to approve the minutes by Schnell was seconded by Walkowiak and approved by BOD vote.

Member Comment:

Public Comment:

Any LLA member is permitted to address a meeting of the Association. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per member. If there is more than one person from any organization, then a member shall be chosen to speak from the entire group. Public comment does not mandate a response from the board at that meeting, but it may be put on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- 1. Discuss questions received from the membership at the 8/26/23 Annual Meeting. Per our established practice, any information to be shared with the LLA membership will be posted to the LLA website.
- 2. Review 2024 budgeting process. Committee Chairs were asked to submit 2024 budget requests using the provided spreadsheet. Any changes from 2023 budget to be communicated to Dave Baker prior to the next meeting on 10/11/2023.
- 3. Review 8/31/23 financial performance against 2023 budget. Overall, we are tracking to the 2023 budget.
- 4. LLA BOD discussed sending email reminders to those LLA members and non-member riparian homeowners who have not yet paid their annual dues. After discussion, it was agreed that Porath, Watson, Baker and Moy would meet via Zoom to draft the wording of a dues email reminder.
- 5. LLA BOD discussed the 2024 new budget spreadsheet in preparation for the October meeting.
- 6. Review and discuss draft letter to Ron Lemcool regarding the proposed Crescent Shores Boat Launch project. During discussion, the BOD decided that a face-to-face meeting would be preferrable to sending a letter. Schnell, Baker, Klein and Dahlstrom volunteered to participate.
- 7. Discuss letter received from Pic Rights and proposed response. Brent Schnell drafted a letter to Pic Rights that advises that the image was used inadvertently in an educational presentation prepared by our interns; the item has been removed; and we don't think we should have to pay the requested \$350 fee. A motion to approve sending the letter was made by Mark Walkowiak, seconded by Len Klein and approved by unanimous BOD vote.
- 8. The benthic barrier pilot effort was completed on September 2, 2023. An invoice from Alisha Davidson for her work on the project was submitted in the amount of \$892.92. Including the \$500 EGLE permit fee, the total cost is \$1,392.92. The amount is well under the original estimate and the grant amount provided to LLA by the Long Lake Foundation (\$3,500). Discussion concluded that Brent Schnell would follow up with the Long Lake Foundation to see if they would allow LLA to retain the full amount of the \$3,500 grant with the intention of using the remaining funds to conduct another benthic barrier pilot next season. Motion to approve payment of the \$892.92 invoice to Alisha Davidson made by Walkowiak and seconded by Klein with approval by unanimous BOD vote.

Committee Reports:

• Financial Report: Janice Moy reported a funds balance of \$27,700.38. Annual membership dues continue to trickle in. Total paid membership, so far, is around 345 and well short of our 2024 budgeted number of 400.

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- Communication & Website/Long Range Planning: Dave Porath indicated that he has been thinking of conducting a member survey to better understand what they want from their Long Lake Association.
- Lake Management–EWM Treatment: Schnell reported that Zero Gravity has initiated its EWM survey of the south portion of Long Lake on September 1, 2023. Mickey Lake was scheduled to be surveyed, but that has been delayed due to an algae bloom that limits visibility. Schnell reminded the BOD that we plan to survey half of the lakes alternately each year to spread the expense over two years. This was necessary due to the rapid increase in the expense of the service.
- Lake Management–Lake Studies: The final sampling and testing is scheduled for September 18, 2023. Water quality findings remain within expected ranges. Len Klein indicated that he is willing to continue to conduct the water sampling in 2024 but needs somebody with a pontoon boat to manage the boating aspect of the task. Frequency of sampling is once-monthly, May through September. Sampling is usually completed in 3-4 hours. Rick Dahlstrom agreed to be the primary resource next year. Mark Walkowiak and Cam Corteggiano agreed to serve as back-ups to Dahlstrom.
- Lake Management—Prevention-Road Clean Up: Road cleanup was completed on September 2, 2023. There was a good volunteer turnout and the task was completed quickly. Target date for the next road clean up is Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
- Lake Management—Prevention-Water Safety: Walkowiak is hopeful that he will be able to develop a new contact with the Sheriff's Department regarding patrol activity on long Lake.
- Fishing Quality/Loon Mgt.: N report. This position is now vacant following Terry Motley reaching his term limit. A candidate has been identified for potential appointment to fill this position.
- Membership/Nominations Recreation/Social: Becki Watson will work with Baker and Moy to get an email reminder sent out regarding membership renewals. New ideas are needed for 2024 incentive gifts for those members who contribute at the Centurion and higher levels. Becki will bring ideas to the October meeting.
- Community Affairs: No update.
- Island Maintenance: Corteggiano is in contact with Brad Oleson for access to a storage shed on Long Island. Seasonal removal of docks are expected to be no issue. BOD members volunteered to assist with dock removal, if needed.

Committee	Topics	Chair	Time/Mins
Financial Report	Review Financials/Budget Report	Janice Moy	2
Communication & Website	Website Updates/ Long Range Planning updates	Dave Porath	2
Long Range Planning			
Lake Management–Treatment	EWM Treatment Updates	Brent Schnell/Dave Baker	2
Lake Management–Studies	NMC Lake Studies/Water Testing/Interns	Len Klein	2
Lake Management–Studies	Zebra Mussel Update/Benthic barrier pilot	Rick Dahlstrom	5
Lake Management–Prevention	Road Clean Up	Mark Walkowiak	2
Water Safety	Updates	Mark Walkowiak	2
Fishing Quality/Loon Mgt.	Updates	Open	2
Membership/Nominations	Newsletter & membership update/Membership	Becki Watson	5
Recreation/Social	Events/Open Board Seat		
Community Affairs	Updates	Mark Walkowiak	2
Island Maintenance	Updates	Cam Corteggiano	2

Adjournment: 6:52 PM



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Proposed 2024 Meetings/Events

- April 10, 2024-LLA BOD Meeting
- May 8, 2024-LLA BOD Meeting
- June 3rd- LLA 2024 Annual Discussion Meeting/Welcome back to Paradise-Boone's Long Lake Inn; Time: TBD
- June 2024-EWM Treatment #1- TBD
- July 10, 2024- LLA BOD Meeting
- July 2024-EWM Treatment #2- TBD

- August 14, 2024- LLA BOD Meeting
- August 24, 2024- Annual Board Meeting-Boone's Long Lake Inn 9:00-11:00 am
- September 11, 2024-LLA BOD Meeting
- October 9, 2024-LLA BOD Meeting
- November 13, 2024- LLA BOD Meeting
- Adopt A Road Dates-Dates May 25th; Fall TBD