

# Lower Nemahbin Lake Association 2016 Annual Members' Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: Monday, August 8, 2016, 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Revers Wells Street Tavern, 505 Wells Street, Delafield WI

Attendees: About 55 people attended the meeting.

Educational Program: Dr. Delbert Clear

Dr. Clear, a former resident of Sugar Island, shared highlights from his research of Sugar Island's colorful history. His presentation, "Sugar Island: A Little History and a Lot of Culture, Always Surrounded by Water" started about 7:10 PM and concluded at about 8:00 PM, including questions and discussion from Members.

President's Report: Jim Keller

Jim Keller, LNLA President, gave a report on the Association's accomplishments over the last 12 months. These included an increase in membership to nearly 60, successful fund raising for milfoil efforts, milfoil control efforts (mapping, hand removal testing, education, treatment, and follow-up assessment), development and start-up of the new website, the Spring Social event, and the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities. Jim also reviewed the near and long-term goals: improve communications, increase membership, be more inclusive, address issues important to Members (for example Milfoil, other issues that come up), and increase knowledge about the lake.

Board of Directors Elections

Jim Keller conducted the election process for the slate of 5 positions. The Members elected the following:

- Jim Keller, President – new 2 year term
- Michael Carton, Secretary – new 2 year term
- Nancy Cummens, Director – new 2 year term
- Paul Keenan, Director – new 2 year term
- Dan Jens, to fill the remainder of Dean Parra's term as Director (August 2017)

Jim Keller thanked Dean Parra for his work as Director since the beginning of the Association.

Adopt 2017 budget

Jim Keller presented the 2017 budget for approval by the Members. The proposed budget, which includes maintaining the annual dues at \$35, had been posted to the website prior to the meeting. After some discussion, the Members voted without dissent to approve the budget.

## Approve Bylaw Changes

Jim Keller presented three proposed changes to the Bylaws as recommended by the Board of Directors.

- Provide flexibility in scheduling the Annual Members Meeting
- Change the name of the Membership Committee to the “Outreach Committee” and update the description of the committee
- Update the duties of the Finance Committee to remove the responsibility for fundraising activities and clarify the annual financial review

The full text of the original, changes, and proposed final wording was available on the website and as a handout. After some discussion, the Members voted without dissent to approve the proposed changes to the Bylaws.

## EWM (Milfoil) Control Effort

Jim Keller presented an update on the LNLA’s efforts to control Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in the lake. The presentation was prepared by Jim Mateer, Co-Chair of the EWM control effort. The effort started in 2015 with education, mapping, a pilot program of hand removal, and fund raising. Efforts in 2016 to date have included obtaining DNR approval and hiring a contractor to treat the worst dense areas of EWM. About 3 acres were treated in June and July. An assessment of the success of treatment was conducted in early August. The treatment was very successful in some areas, with EWM removal of about 90% and good replacement by native plants. Other dense areas have not responded as well and may need retreatment at a higher dosage. We will review and make decision this fall on future treatments. Jim Keller stated the EWM presentation slides prepared by Jim Mateer will be made available on the website.

## Water Quality

Jim Keller reviewed the activities in water quality. Volunteers have been taking regular measurements of water clarity and lake level. Both clarity and lake level follow annual patterns yet also vary from year to year. Keeping records helps to detect future trends in water quality. Jim Keller noted there is more we could do in the area of monitoring lake water quality and encouraged people who might have an interest volunteering in this area to sign-up.

## Website Report

Dan Jens, Website Committee Chair, gave a report on the LNLA website. The website was redesigned by Dan in late 2015. It has a more up to date look and new features, information, and ability to interact. It also now provides the ability to pay dues or make donations on-line. The site is popular, with a big increase in the number of visitors and pages viewed. The presentation slides used by Dan Jens will be available on the website.

## Sawyer Road Weir Replacement – Status

Jim Keller gave an update. The bridge and associated weir are being replaced this summer due to their deteriorated condition. Sawyer Rd closed June 20<sup>th</sup> and is expected to remain closed until about October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Bark River at Sawyer Rd also is currently closed to canoes and kayaks. The river is currently diverted over a temporary spill way as the old bridge and weir have been removed. In 2011, the LNLA was active in

raising questions about an earlier design of the new weir. The County subsequently revised the design of the bridge and weir so that the ability to pass water will match that of the old bridge and weir.

#### Volunteer opportunities

Members were directed to a sign-up sheet if they had any interest in being more involved in the LNLA. In particular, Jim Keller stated volunteers are encouraged for expanding our water quality efforts and to start a lake history activity. Jim Keller also described the new effort to create a LNLA Member Directory.

#### Member comments

Mark Karpfinger, LNLA member, thanked the Board of Directors and others who volunteer their time for the LNLA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, August 15, 2016 by

Jim Keller  
Acting LNLA Secretary

Approved by LNLA Board of Directors: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016