

Lower Nemahbin Lake Association 2017 Annual Members Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, August 14, 2017, 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Delafield Brewhaus, 3832 Hillside Drive, Delafield WI

Attendees: About 67 people attended the meeting.

Educational Program: Bradley Steckart, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator, Washington and Waukesha Counties.

Brad provided an overview of the most common plants in the lake based on existing DNR survey data. He also described the invasive species known to be in the lake and those that are already in other lakes in the area (like starry stonewort). Brad discussed additional steps we may wish to take to prevent and control invasive plants and marine life in Lower Nemahbin, such as performing a survey of the lake, routine monitoring of the lake, and implementation of the "Clean Boats/Clean Waters" boat inspection program.

President's Report: Jim Keller

Jim Keller, LNLA President, gave a report on the Association's accomplishments over the last 12 months. These included a 10% increase in membership to 66, successful fund raising for milfoil efforts, milfoil control efforts (mapping, education, treatment, and follow-up assessment), the Spring Social event, the July 4th activities, publication of the first Members Directory, LNLA participation at the Village on the Toston development, and new interaction on lake issues with other area lake leaders. Jim also reviewed the near and long-term goals: increase membership, control Eurasian Water Milfoil, start a "clean boats/clean waters" program to reduce the spread of invasive species, detect and respond to the introduction of new AIS, expand water quality monitoring, and provide additional social opportunities.

Board of Directors Elections

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

- Chris Bering, Vice President – new 2 year term
- Matt Katz, Treasurer – new 2 year term
- Dan Jens, Director – new 2 year term
- Charlotte Voigt, Director – new 2 year term
- Anne Wall, to fill the remainder of Nancy Cummens' term as Director (August 2018)

Jim Keller thanked Nancy Cummens for her work as Director.

Adopt 2018 budget

Jim Keller presented the 2018 budget for approval by the Members. The proposed budget, which includes increasing the annual dues to \$40, 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 one proposed change to the Bylaws as recommended by the Board of Directors, as follows: Strike the term "\$35" from Article III, Section 2: DUES, such that it reads: "Dues shall be paid on a yearly basis and reviewed at each Annual Meeting". After some discussion, the Members voted without dissent to approve the proposed change to the Bylaws.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Control Effort

Jim Mateer, Co-Chair of the EWM control effort, provided a brief summary report. The effort in 2017 included obtaining DNR approval and hiring a contractor to treat the worst dense areas of EWM. About 3 acres were treated in early summer. The treatments have been very successful in some areas and we will review and make decisions this fall on future treatments. Possible future work includes joint work with Upper Nemahbin on adjoining sections of the lakes, start AIS monitoring by volunteers, and creating a "clean boats – clean waters" program here to reduce the spread of EWM and other AIS.

Water Quality

Jim Keller reviewed the activities in water quality. Volunteers have been taking regular measurements of water clarity and lake level. Would like to start water sampling for several key parameters to better assess and track the health of the lake, to include phosphorous, chlorophyll, dissolved oxygen, and suspended solids. We would need to seek a DNR grant to cover the costs of training and supplies, part of the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network.

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. Dan discussed the number of visitors and pages viewed.

Volunteer opportunities

Members were directed to a sign-up sheet if they had any interest in being more involved in the LNLA.

Member comments

Cathy Zmudzinski, President of the Sugar Island Association, discussed the current legal dispute between the Sugar Island residents, the Village of Summit, and the DNR regarding access to and use of the boat launch on Sugar Island road.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, November 10, 2017 by

Michael Carton
LNLA Secretary

Approved by LNLA Board of Directors: November 16, 2017