

Lower Nemahbin Lake Association

2019 Annual Meeting

Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, August 12, 2019, 7:00 PM

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

Attendees: About 50 people attended the meeting.

Educational Program: Michael Engleson, Executive Director of Wisconsin Lakes.

Michael discussed how Wisconsin Lakes is the only statewide organization working exclusively to protect and enhance the quality of Wisconsin's inland lakes. They help lake groups connect with tools, resources, and contacts that can help us protect the lakes we love. Wisconsin Lakes, the Wisconsin DNR, and UW Extension together are the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership who publishes the Lake Tides newsletter and puts on the annual lakes conference in Stevens Point. Michael described how Wisconsin Lakes is a resource for lake associations like ours and can provide tips for how we can better work to preserve and protect Lower Nemahbin Lake. He also described their "Lakekit" program for providing assistance with lake group websites. Michael responded to a number of questions from the floor.

President's Report: Jim Keller

Jim Keller, LNLA President, noted that the LNLA celebrates its 10th anniversary this year as it was formed in May 2009. Jim gave a report on the Association's accomplishments over the last 12 months, including AIS/milfoil efforts (education, mapping, treatment, follow-up assessments), startup of the Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program, requested and received IRS tax exempt status, continuation of expanded water quality monitoring, held a DNR fisheries educational event, spring social event, July 4th activities, monitoring of area developments that could impact the lake, and pursuit of interactions with area lake leaders, DNR, and others. Jim also reviewed the near and long-term goals: increase volunteer participation especially AIS, website, and Board of Directors; continue to increase membership; control Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) including education and increase donations; detect and respond to the introduction of new AIS; continue water quality monitoring; continue "Clean Boats – Clean Waters" program to reduce the introduction of new invasive species; and provide additional social opportunities.

Board of Directors Elections

Jim Keller conducted the election process for the slate of 4 positions. The Members elected the following:

- Chris Bering, Vice President – 2 year term
- Matt Katz, Treasurer – 2 year term
- Charlotte Voigt, Director – 2 year term

- Mike Wells, Director – 2 year term

Jim Keller noted there will be a vacancy on the Board in the near future with Jim Mateer moving away.

Adopt 2020 Budget

Jim Keller presented the proposed 2020 budget, as recommended by the Board, for approval by the Members. The proposed budget, which includes keeping the annual dues at \$40, had been posted to the website prior to the meeting. The Members voted without dissent to approve the budget.

Committee Reports:

Treasurers Report

Matt Katz thanked Maggie Katz for her day to day managing of the Association's finances and reported: as of yearend 2018 the Association had a Cash Balance of \$14,050.28; the annual third party review of the Association's financial records was completed in April 2019; and the Association received IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status in April 2019 and is a "public charity" under 509(a)(2).

AIS (including milfoil) Control Effort

Jim Keller, on behalf of Jim Mateer, reviewed the past and current year efforts. About 2 acres of EWM were treated in 2019 and monitoring of new AIS using trained volunteers continued. Future work includes possible joint work with Upper Nemahbin in controlling AIS on adjoining sections of the lakes. Jim Keller acknowledged the efforts of Jim Mateer in creating and leading the AIS/EWM control efforts and thanked him for his service. Several members also voiced their appreciation for Jim Mateer's work.

Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW)

Paul Keenan described the start of this new program, mostly funded by a grant from the DNR. A trained intern will work about 200 hours this summer at the County boat launch to educate boaters to remove weeds and drain water from boats and trailers. Trained volunteers also assist in the effort. The program has been well received. There were comments from Members supporting an expansion of the program to include the Sugar Island boat launch.

Water Quality

Jim Keller, on behalf of Charlotte Voigt, reviewed the activities in water quality. Volunteers have been taking regular measurements of water clarity and lake level. In 2018 we expanded the monitoring under a DNR grant to cover the costs of training and supplies for our volunteers to perform additional water quality monitoring, part of the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN). We continue water sampling for several key parameters including phosphorous, chlorophyll, dissolved oxygen, and suspended solids. Results show that summer clarity and the summer chlorophyll was much lower than area lakes. Results are found on the DNR/CLMN website.

Outreach

Nancy Mathiowetz reported her outreach responsibilities now include maintaining the members' contact information, sending out group emails, distribution of flyers by volunteers, and seeking member input (such as through the suggestion box and possibly surveys).

Social Events

Mike Wells noted the July 4th paddle race and boat tie-up and the planned Labor Day weekend boat tie-up. Mike is looking for volunteers to help pursue additional social activities.

Website Update

Jim Keller thanked Dan Jens for his design and management of the website the past several years. While Dan has continued to voluntarily manage the technical parts of website operation, he no longer has the time to edit and update the content. Jim Keller noted we have been looking for a volunteer to update the website content. We are also looking at contracting for a service to do that. The Wisconsin Lakes "Lakekit" program is also an option. Jim stated the website is a key form of communication to current and potential members and keeping it up to date is a priority.

Volunteer opportunities

Jim Keller discussed that volunteers are crucial to the success and continued operation of the LNLA. He asked people to consider participation in any of the volunteer areas. Members were directed to a sign-up sheet or talk to Jim if they had any interest in being more involved in the LNLA.

Member comments

There were no comments from the floor at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, August 21, 2019 by

James Keller
LNLA President and Secretary

Approved by LNLA Board of Directors: September 17, 2019