

LNLA Board Meeting 9/6/16
Minutes

Directors Present: Chris Bering, Michael Carton, Paul Keenan, Jim Keller, Charlotte Voigt

Others Present: Ed Cohen, John Eull, Jim Lieske, Don Kelln, Jim Mateer, Anne Wall

Directors Not Present: Nancy Cummens, Dan Jens, Matt Katz

Meeting Location: Revere's

1. Call to order – 5 Board members present, 11 total present
2. Agenda – no comments
3. Minutes from the August 8th Annual meeting and the June 16 Board meeting were approved.
4. A. New insurance program put into place at a savings with additional coverage. Chris Bering recommends reviewing insurance every few years. Proposals were shown to former insurance provider, they could not meet it.

B. Member contact list has been updated with information from the last annual meeting to include multiple addresses and multiple phone numbers. Jim Keller compiled the information.

C. We use this Member information to track who have paid their dues and the Outreach Committee can contact them if we need donations. We could use expertise in generating reports from the spreadsheet and generating mailing lists for email or US mail.

D. The bylaws were updated by Jim Keller to incorporate the changes approved by the Members at the Annual meeting. The updated bylaws should be on the website soon.
5. Matt Katz was unable to attend today's meeting but he forwarded his treasurer's report for the period ending August. We have a balance of \$4,200 and the insurance has been already paid. Jim Keller will forward the report to board members and committee members. The report shows 31 Members total have paid their 2016/2017 dues in the association.

Seeking 501 3c status is being contemplated. Some concerns over negative aspects were expressed, but in general the Board still would like to pursue the issue. Waiting on further information from Matt regarding the benefits and any negatives to forming a 501 3c.

6. The Annual Meeting was held last month and the Board discussed how to improve for next year. We used a sound system and it worked well. Some concerns and disappointment over the speaker's presentation (some would have liked more on history) and its duration. Suggestion to keep eyes out for good speakers. Paul provided the speaker with a gift certificate to a restaurant as a token of thanks. Concerns that this is not a good venue for Annual Meetings. Paul Keenan volunteered to gather information on

possible alternatives in the area. Discussions regarding whether to change the Annual Meeting date. Any date outside of August would require a change of the bylaws.

7. Membership drive report was provided by John Eull. Assistance is required to use computer to determine who has not renewed. Dan Jens may be able to help us on this or recommend an app for this. Mike Carton volunteered to help with populating form letters asking Members to renew their membership for 2016/2017. Must have excel spreadsheet with information properly entered. Chris Bering will mail the letters and submit an invoice for the cost of the letters and postage. The Board also provided input to John Eull on a draft thank you email that will go to people who recently paid their dues.
8. A draft of a membership directory was prepared by Anne Wall. The Board provided Anne with direction on the options presented for hard copies. Some discussion regarding what format for the directory and what the content would include. Membership contact information will only go into the directory if the member agrees to it. The directory will not be published on the website and will only be delivered to members in PDF format. Jim Keller will send Anne the list of LNLA committees and the Chairs for the directory. Anne only authorizes LNLA to use certain of her photos for this directory only. Matt Katz will work with Anne on extracting the information from the Member contact spreadsheet for use in the directory.
9. Water quality monitoring. There was a discussion on expanding water quality monitoring beyond the current water clarity measurements. There was general agreement that we should learn more about what other lakes are monitoring and what are the benefits and costs. There was a suggestion to have board member(s) attend the annual lakes meetings in Stevens Point in spring. Jim Mateer reported on lake monitoring information he found on the DNR's website and noted the things Upper Nemahbin monitors. Charlotte Voigt volunteered to contact the Upper Nemahbin water monitoring person and see what they test and how they test.
10. The lake history was discussed at the Annual Meeting. This was to encourage interest in the lake. We need people who are willing to do some data collection on this and compile it. John Eull will work to gather, but will not chair this effort. The Board decided to put on hold for now work on lake history until volunteers step forward.
11. Chris Bering suggested and the Board discussed several proposals to increase efficiency at the Board meetings. These included distributing committee reports prior to the meeting, have a scheduled end time for the meeting, scheduling the amount of time to discuss each item on the agenda, and identifying a few things on which we can target our efforts per year and stick to those events at Board meetings. Jim Keller will send an email note out to committee chairs so that committee reports can be available prior to the Board meeting with the agenda. Once we get to the Board meeting the discussion should be limited to questions regarding the reports and any requested direction or approvals from Committee Chairs. This will allow the Board to then focus on what to do. There was also discussion on the responsibility and authority of the Directors vs Members. It was pointed out that this is largely defined in the bylaws. There was a suggestion to limit

Board meeting discussion to Directors, but allow any others to visit/watch or possibly having some people invited for specific presentations and that is all. It was noted that the Board meetings are to be open to the Members according to the bylaws. The frequency of Board meetings was also discussed. Jim Keller will poll Directors as to how often the Board should meet.

A motion to limit Board meetings to 1.5 hours was made by Mike Carton, second by Chris Bering, 3 YES, 1 NO. Motion passed.

12. Boater safety. Suggestion to add boater safety tips to the website for things that are common issues. Paul Keenan will send Dan Jens info on safety for the website.
13. A milfoil update was presented by Jim Mateer. The treatment program was successful at reducing dense milfoil beds by 25% to 90+%. There has been much less surface and floating milfoil fragments on the lake this summer (high water may also be a contributing factor). Portions of the milfoil beds treated in 2016 will benefit from retreatment in 2017. New areas to monitor and/or treat were identified. Treatment plan for 2017 will be developed after meeting with the DNR this late fall/winter. Treatment of north areas of Lower Nemahbin Lake should be coordinated with any treatment plans for Upper Nemahbin Lake (meet with their representatives - if willing). Recommended to seek milfoil control funds in spring after Jim Mateer has discussed what we can do and gets recommendations from the DNR.
14. No other business
15. Next meeting, Jim Keller will call the next meeting when he thinks we need it.
16. Vote to adjourn at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, September 14, 2016 by

Michael Carton
LNLA Secretary

Approved by LNLA Board of Directors: March 30, 2017