

**Lower Nemahbin Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2020
Minutes**

Attending: Matt Katz, Paul Keenan, Jim Keller, Nancy Mathiowetz, Charlotte Voigt, Mike Wells
Absent: Chris Bering
Guests: Maggie Katz, Steve Mellone

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Due to “stay at home” restrictions related to the corona virus, the meeting was held via conference call.

First order of business was approval of the minutes from the BOD meeting held on January 5, 2020. Charlotte Voigt moved to approve, Matt Katz seconded. Motion approved 5-0 (Paul Keenan abstained due to not being at the 1/5/2020 meeting). In follow-up discussion, the Board agreed, going forward, to review and approve meeting minutes via email soon after the meeting so as to expedite the posting of approved meeting minutes on the website.

Second order of business was to fill the position of Secretary until the end of the current term, August, 2020. Jim Keller indicated that Nancy Mathiowetz was willing to serve in this position. Charlotte Voigt moved that Nancy Mathiowetz fill the position of Secretary through August, 2020. Paul Keenan seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0 (Nancy Mathiowetz abstained from the vote).

Spring Social: The Spring Social, originally planned for April 20th has been cancelled. Discussion followed about possibly an early summer social event or information meeting. At a minimum LNLA needs to keep the members and community informed about treatments for Starry Stonewort and Eurasian Water Milfoil. At present, the plan is to try to keep members (and others for whom we have email addresses) informed via email and the LNLA website.

New Website: Steve Mellone provided an update on the new LNLA website which will be hosted by LakeKit (<https://lakekit.net/>), a network provided by Wisconsin Lakes (nonprofit dedicated to conservation, enhancement and restoration of Wisconsin lakes). There was some delay in moving to the Lakekit hosted site due to an influx of requests to Wisconsin Lakes. Progress is being made, including a PayPal option for payment of LNLA dues and donations. BOD members are reviewing the new website and the hope is to launch the site by the end of April.

CBCW update: Paul Keenan provided an update on the CBCW program. Similar to last year, we have an approved grant from the DNR to cover 75% of the cost and we have a signed agreement with Waukesha County to provide an intern. As of the date of the meeting, Waukesha County had not yet hired the intern for the program. The

hiring of an intern is needed as a first step, since the CBCW program cannot run as a volunteer only activity. Last year, Waukesha County hired an intern (supported by grant funds obtained by LNLA) to assist with the program.

Eurasian Water Milfoil: Jim Keller updated the BOD with respect to the spring treatment for EWM. The permit application for treatment (which for this year will be chemical treatment) has been filed with the DNR and riparian owners have been informed (via email and snail mail) of the work to be completed. The plans are to move forward with the treatment being completed by Marine Biochemists later this spring.

Starry Stonewort: LNLA, in conjunction with Waukesha County, Upper Nemahbin Lake Management District, and Lower Nashotah Lake Association, conducted a treatment/removal of Starry Stonewort in October 2019. At present, the plan is to apply to DNR for follow-up inspection and removal, with work performed by Eco Waterway Services (the contractor who completed the work in the fall of 2019). The cost of the DNR permit application and fee is \$150.

Action item: Charlotte Voigt moved that the LNLA BOD approve funding for a permit application to DNR for inspection and removal of Starry Stonewort near the public boat launch. Paul Keenan seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

Newsletter: A newsletter had been drafted and printed, with the plan to email to those for whom we had email addresses and snail mail (along with an application for LNLA membership) to all other riparian owners and those with direct access to the lake (e.g., Breezeland neighborhood access). However, that newsletter had an advertisement for the Spring Social and therefore, a decision was made not to distribute the flyer. The new plan is to revise the newsletter and distribute via email to those for whom we have an email address. The plan is to distribute this newsletter once we have the new website up and running (late April).

Next Meeting: The next LNLA BOD meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14th at 7 p.m. Unclear if that meeting will be via telephone or face to face. TBD.

Charlotte Voigt moved, Mike Wells seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, April 14, 2020 by

Nancy Mathiowetz
Secretary

Approved by LNLA Board of Directors: April 23, 2020