

**Lower Nemahbin Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2020
Minutes**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Due to “stay at home” restrictions related to the corona virus, the meeting was held via conference call.

Note: the minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting were approved via email vote, 4-0-1 with the President not voting.

Updates

- The permit and the contractor are in place for the follow-up treatment for Starry Stonewort in late June/early July. First step will be assessment of what is present at the boat launch that will guide decisions about next steps. At present, there is no obvious indication of the presence of SSW.
- Chemical treatment of two beds of Milfoil is planned; the contractor is waiting for a calm day on the lake for the application.
- Clean Boats, Clean Waters. Ed and Paul provided an update of recent meetings. The new coordinator for Waukesha County, Samantha Lammers, is 1 of 2 certified identifiers of invasive species for this area and is quite proactive.. The new intern, Dani (pronounced Danny) began last weekend at the channel launch. In the LNLA CBCW grant request this year, LNLA included the Sugar Island launch since there has been much more activity at that launch by the public. She and/or volunteers will intermittently spend time at that launch this season.
- Paul and Ed reported there is one more opportunity for CBCW online training on June 27th. See attached flyer. We need additional volunteers to help in this effort.
- Charlotte reported there will be no testing of water quality this summer due to the inability of the DNR to deliver sulfuric acid needed for testing. Only clarity testing will be conducted
- There is a reported large increase in fishing license and boating license applications this year.

Budget

- Jim is beginning to draft the 2021 budget, to be vetted at the annual meeting.
- Potential big ticket items: Starry Stonewort (we have a grant to cover some costs; shared costs with Upper Nemahbin and Lower Nashotah). Potential LNLA costs of \$1000.

- Milfoil treatment for this year expected to be around \$2000. Expect higher costs in 2021 with the need for a contractor to conduct the mapping (previously completed by LNLA member Jim Mateer).
- The CBCW program is approved for up to \$4,000. If there was no volunteer participation, the LNLA share of that would be \$1,000. Last year, most of the LNLA share was "paid" in volunteer hours. The actual payment in funds was about \$300. Members are encouraged to take the short 2 hr training and help in this effort to educate the public.
- Website: The move to LakeKit reduced our website costs to \$100/year. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Steve Mellone.
- Currently have about \$7k in the general fund; \$8k in AIS fund; \$2k in Milfoil fund.
- Social activities ran \$800 in 2019 but may be less in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions

Social Events

- Difficult to plan for social events, given the current status with COVID-19.
- Increased traffic on the lake makes planning for LNLA member outing difficult for the holiday (July 4th) weekend.
- Upper Nemahbin to hold fireworks on July 11th
- Discussed some type of boat parade or paddle outing on a weeknight in July, but took no action.
- Discussion included indications of extensive use of west-end launch; potential commercial activity being run from the DNR or Summit launch sites.

Annual Meeting

- Plans are being made to host a virtual annual meeting on Monday, August 10th at 7 p.m.
- Potential platforms: Zoom, GoToMeeting
- Charlotte to ask Joan Gucciardi about potential help in running the meeting
- Need a mechanism for voting (budget, directors) that could be used with the meeting software or separate (e.g., SurveyMonkey)
- Need to be able to view slides and hear speakers
- Decision needs to be finalized in time to make announcement to members 30 days prior to the meeting

Membership

- Currently, 62 members according to Nancy.
- Need someone to fill empty director's position
- Need more volunteers (e.g., CBCW)
- How to increase both membership and level of participation?

Next LNLA Directors' meeting: July 9th 7:00 p.m. (via telephone conference call)

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted, June 20, 2020 by

Nancy Mathiowetz
Secretary

Approved by LNLA Board of Directors: June 23, 2020