

**Lower Nemahbin Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2020
Minutes**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 April 4, 2020 meeting were approved via email vote, 4-0-1 with the President not voting.

LN Water Quality: Charlotte reported on Lower Nemahbin water quality measurements. The DNR is not accepting chemical testing results at this time due to COVID19. (The sulfuric acid needed for testing was not distributed to volunteers this spring.) Volunteers can take secchi readings, record them and save to be submitted at a later date.

Annual Meeting: It is unclear at this time if LNLA will be able to hold a meeting in a format similar to past years (e.g., meeting room at Delafield Brewhaus). The LNLA bylaws require a meeting of the membership in August, at a minimum to pass the annual budget as well as elect board members. Jim, Nancy, and Paul are up for re-election at the Annual Meeting. Also, Jim Mateer's position is still vacant and should be filled. Alternative meeting venues were discussed, both virtual as well as outdoors. Charlotte Voigt moved that the annual meeting be held on Monday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m., place and format to be decided. Matt Katz seconded. The motion passed 4-0. The plan is to keep members (and others for whom we have email addresses) informed via email and the LNLA website.

EWM/Starry Stonewort Update: Jim Keller provided an update on EWM and Starry Stonewort. The EWM treatment will take place either the end of May or early June, with permits approved and a contractor (Marine Biochemists) in place.

With respect to 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. A permit for follow-up inspection and removal, with work performed by Eco Waterway Services (the contractor who completed the work in the fall of 2019) has been submitted for DNR approval. The work is planned to be done in June, with the DNR paying a portion of the project cost through a rapid response grant. The grant previously approved for the work in 2019 has been extended through 2020..

DNR has released a Notice of Proposed Guidance for starry stonewort management. The DNR's proposed new approach will be to only mitigate adverse effects that are clearly observable, such as navigational impediments or at a boat launch. They will not approve permit applications for lake wide population control. It appears that the Phase 2 work we have planned should receive DNR approval.

Website. The new website is up and running. Information, membership renewal, as well as contributions are possible via the website (<https://lowernemahbin.com/>). Thanks to Steve Mellone for his work on the website.

Newsletter. The newsletter will be emailed by the end of May. Two separate mailings are planned, one for current members and one for others for whom we have email addresses but are not presently members. The later group will also receive an invitation to join LNLA. No plans at this time for a snail mail campaign.

Clean Boats Clean Waters. Still expect this program to be operational for 2020, however the start may be delayed due to COVID-19.

County AIS Coordinator. A new AIS coordinator has been hired by Washington/Waukesha Counties. She is Samantha Lammers and has several years of AIS related work experience. Jim and Paul have already had email discussion with Samantha.

4th of July Paddle Race and Boat Tie Up: With the present situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is difficult to anticipate whether a 4th of July Paddle Race/Boat Tie Up will be possible. The BOD discussed alternative ways to celebrate as an organization, such as a pontoon parade. BOD members welcome input from LNLA members.

Ed Cohen Update: Ed has been at the launch site and around the lake, assessing the current presence (or lack thereof) of invasive species. To date, no evidence of a return of Starry Stonewort at the public launch site. Water quality looks clear, with evidence of EWM beginning to grow on the lake bottom. Ed reported on attending a virtual version of the Lakes and Rivers Conference (<https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/convention/2020/default.aspx>). Ed encouraged participation in the virtual Healthy Lakes Conference, to be held June 5th. See: <https://gatheringwaters.org/event/5th-annual-healthy-lakes-conference>

Next Meeting: The next LNLA BOD meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11th at 7 p.m. Matt Katz has already sent out an invite to meet via telephone.

Charlotte Voigt moved, Matt Katz seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, May 20, 2020 by

Nancy Mathiowetz
Secretary

Approved by LNLA Board of Directors: June 1, 2020