

# Lower Nemahbin Lake Association 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, August 10, 2020, 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting via Zoom (COVID-19 pandemic)

Attendees: About 25 people attended the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Jim Keller and Joan Gucciardi

Jim Keller, Lower Nemahbin Lake Association (LNLA) President, welcomed the attendees and Joan Gucciardi provided directions on how to use Zoom during the meeting. Jim Keller introduced the Board of Directors and recognized several volunteers for their contributions.

President's Report: Jim Keller

Jim Keller briefly outlined what is new since last year, including the discovery of Starry Stonewort, the use of DNR grants to help fund aquatic invasive species (AIS) efforts, the Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program completion in 2019 and renewed in 2020, COVID-19, and the overhaul of the LNLA website.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Katz

Jim Keller reported on behalf of Matt Katz, thanking Maggie Katz for her day-to-day managing of the Association's finances. Jim reported that the Association's year end 2019 total assets were \$10,988.

Starry Stonewort Issue: Jim Keller

Jim Keller reported how Starry Stonewort (SSW) was discovered at the boat launch in late August of 2019. Diver harvesting with a suction system was used by a contractor in October 2019 to remove SSW at the boat launch. The work was managed by the LNLA and performed under a DNR grant with additional funding from LNLA, Upper Nemahbin Lake Management District and Lower Nashotah. However, the SSW returned by June of 2020. As per the DNR, there is no known chemical or mechanical means to eradicate SSW. Hand pulling of SSW was performed in July 2020 to reduce the spread into the lake and to reduce the chance that exiting boats/trailers would transport the SSW to other lakes. Jim Keller stated we will look at doing surveys to document the spread of the SSW. We will also provide SSW updates to members using a fall newsletter and possibly a special virtual meeting on SSW.

Eurasian Watermilfoil Issue: Jim Keller

Jim Keller reported on the recent efforts to address areas where Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) grows to the surface in high traffic areas. A visual survey in the fall of 2019 indicated a total of 11 areas totaling 8 acres with EWM. Two acres were selected for

treatment in the spring of 2020. Another survey will be performed in the fall of 2020 to help plan for 2021 treatment. In response to a member question, Jim responded there are no available DNR grants to help fund EWM treatments.

#### Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW): Paul Keenan

Jim Keller reported on behalf of Paul Keenan that we are in the second year of this program intended to contain the spread of AIS. The work is funded by a DNR grant using a paid Waukesha County Intern and volunteers. The Sugar Island launch has been added this year. We have reached out to about 70% more boat owners and people in general than this time last year.

#### Water Quality: Charlotte Voigt

Charlotte Voigt reported that volunteers continue to take regular measurements of water clarity. Volunteers also do water sampling for phosphorous and chlorophyll, with analysis and reporting by the DNR. Water quality continues to rank better than area lakes: higher clarity and lower amounts of summer chlorophyll and total phosphorous.

#### Outreach: Nancy Mathiowetz

Jim Keller reported on behalf of Nancy Mathiowetz. The outreach effort includes maintaining the contact information for members and other owners, sending out group emails, and developing newsletters (like the spring 2020 newsletter and a planned fall newsletter). Nancy is seeking member input and volunteers.

#### Social Events: Mike Wells

Jim Keller reported on behalf of Mike Wells that COVID-19 concerns severely limited the social events for 2020. However, the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fun paddle race was held but without the traditional boat tie-up. We are looking forward to more social events in 2021. Volunteers welcome to help plan and conduct new events.

#### Website Update: Steve Mellone

Steve Mellone reported that he took over from Dan Jens as the new manager of the Association's website. The website was moved to a new platform supported by the Wisconsin Lakes organization. Comments, suggestions, or new content for the website can be directed to Steve.

#### Board of Directors Elections

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

- Jim Keller, Director and President – 2 year term
- Nancy Mathiowetz, Director and Secretary – 2 year term
- Paul Keenan, Director – 2 year term
- Steve Mellone, Director – 2 year term

The 16 eligible Members who voted were unanimous in favor of each candidate.

#### Adopt 2021 Budget

Jim Keller presented the proposed 2021 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 two weeks prior to the meeting. The 16 eligible Members who voted were unanimous in their adoption of the budget.

#### Member comments

Comments and questions from attendees were taken via the Zoom “chat” capability. There were several comments regarding helping with an effort to get more new members (referred to Nancy Mathiowetz for follow-up). There were also several comments from members thanking those working in support of the Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, August 14, 2020 by

James Keller  
Acting LNLA Secretary

Approved by LNLA Board of Directors: August 17, 2020