

Loon Lake Park District Association
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
December 9th, 2018 9:00 AM

Call to order: Rich McCrum, Doug O'Brien, Jim Fregoe, Rich Koenig (Lake Safety Officer) Glen Vogel, Eric Lauritz, Mary Flynn, Rob Freligh, Howard Kennedy, Kevin Wickert

Rich McCrum call to order 9:05am

Lake Safety Officer 2018 results - Rich Koenig – Lake Safety Officer. LLPDA has requested 50 additional hours for 2019 Lake Safety Officer patrolling the lake to a total of 350 hours. Allotted 300 hours for 2018, used 280 hours – boat was out of water for a period to service mechanical issues that stopped him from patrolling. Inclement weather too. Felt 2018 was a success in many ways to manage boater activity on lake.

Water hazards – Rich removed floating logs from 4' to 30' – not sure of origin – could have risen from bottom or fallen from a tree as large branch. Also made a point of removing other debris in addition to logs/branches.

Lake Safety Officer is not able to write citations. Focus was on stopping and giving verbal warnings and education to boaters. Many watercraft stopped for speeding, not obeying markers and no wake zone areas. Some others speeding within 100-200 feet off the shore line. Personal watercraft were out after 7pm. (rule is not before 9am, not after 7pm) Stopped boaters for towing without spotters. Assisted boaters out of gas or experiencing mechanical problems.

Majority of boaters being stopped were courteous, responsive and grateful for the courtesy conversation. In 2019, Rich will look more closely at registrations being current. Wants to give people a written warning for next year. John Nick and Rich McCrum has discussed this with Craig Leggett as well as the 50 additional hours. More to follow here.

Loon Lake rules and regulations are handed out at the public boat wash/launch and at the Loon Lake Marina. Rich carries these rules and registrations as well.

President's update – Vice President Rich McCrum

Aqualogic YTD status – in 2017 harvested 43,000 lbs of Eurasian Milfoil with 565 diver hours, in 2018, 23,000 lbs with 499 diver hours. Weather conditions played in our favor as well as a productive harvest in 2017. DASH system from Aqualogic has been effective for Loon Lake invasives management.

Do we continue with them in 2019? YES, the LLPDA decided to hire Aqualogic again for invasives harvesting on the lake for 2019. Paid \$77,600 to Aqualogic in 2018, our annual budget was \$84,150. 2019 budget is \$75,000. Projection with Aqualogic expenditures is that with the success of the program, will reduce the revenue to the contractor. Will likely evolve into an annual management fee. Aqualogic has asked us to consider buying a \$45,000 boat to be owned and reside on Loon Lake. This would make

the contractor more efficient and keep our annual costs down. At this time, the LLPDA has decided to keep the arrangement as it is.

Move to keep Aqualogic – Glen, 2nd Doug.....all in favor

Secretary minutes from 9/2/2018 BOD meeting – Kevin Wickert – September meeting minutes submitted. Move to accept Jim- 2nd – Mary. All in favor – motion carried.

Treasure’s report: Mary

LLPDA had 307 paid members in 2018 – revenue received in 2018 was \$3000 from electronic payment. Number of paid members in 2017 was 317 but all at \$20 membership fee. Largest expenditure was Aqualogic Invasives Management at \$77,605. Remaining EOY balance for LLPDA is \$14,357.05

Move to accept minutes – Rich 2nd – Doug.....all in favor. Motion carried.

Old business:

501C3 update Rich McCrum – status is completed and approved by the IRS. Has been announced to the public that we are an approved ‘not for profit’. This was an effort of several years and attributed to the volunteer work of Doug O’Brien, Terry Griesmer, John Nick and others.

Pay Pal/501C3 update Kevin Wickert – Website has been updated by Mike Baumis to accept donations via paypal. This is a permanent change and members need to know that their annual membership dues are tax deductible as well.

Tiered membership results to date Mary/Kevin See minutes from September.

Membership drive / Road captains Ken Wade – report tabled to Spring 2019 meeting

Invasive Species remediation evaluations program with APIP and APA Rich McCrum – new evaluation program for 2018 where we study the invasives growth/recession over the year. Loon Lake has agreed to be the test lake for this program moving forward. Purchase of computer tablet to contribute to this survey program. This helps us determine how our invasive management program is working. LLPDA purchased 2 tablets this year and Rich donated 3 phones for the program. Lake Management Tracker Survey is designed to rapidly assess invasive and native plant distribution in the lake. LLPDA volunteers will collect the data, send to APIP and then receive a report back showing progress/condition in the lake. Baseline of our lake over 240 GPS positions has been established and allow us to track progress over the years and seasons. APIP is requesting local measurement 1x year at the same time – October.

Town dock survey / shore pictures John Nick – tabled until Spring 2019 meeting. Based on 2014 survey on existing docks and pictures to establish data base of current shoreline and docks. Another survey is slated for 2019 for comparison.

ALA meetings/symposium - Doug O’Brien See September minutes. Paul Smiths College in August 2018. Hundreds of people in attendance to include legislators. One main issue is salinization of the lake. Loon Lake is in the 86% of all lakes in our area with road salt issues. LLPDA and ESSLA (Schroon Lake) have excellent programs to reduce road salt in our lake. New York State has agreed to use a brine solution days/hours before a storm to avoid major road salt dumps during and immediately after a storm. This is

new to the NYS DOT to give consideration to lake health while promoting driver safety. Since 1980, seven million tons of road salt has been dumped on Adirondack roads.

Drain Dry & Clean signs near OP Fredericks in spring This is an area where people launch small vessels like canoes and kayaks. Lynn Hagman suggested that people going to and from OP Fredericks to hang signs. Meant to encourage kayakers and others launching small vessels into the water to check for invasives/clean boat, etc.

New business:

2019 newsletter ideas to Rich

2019 activities – Need to add more advertising to increase participation. Lake resident participation is down across the board of all activities. Fishing derby? YES July 6 – Saturday – proposed. Boat parade is July 27, Saturday – reconsidering holding the event based on declining participation. Water carnival scheduled for August 3. Family Hike day – August 4th. Golf tournament – August 9th. Dinner Dance may move to July.

Warren County Soil and Water meetings

LLPDA future spending within our mission statement

2019 events calendar

Officer terms that are expiring in 2019 Eric Lauritzen – John Nick, Rich McCrum, Beth Cole, Rob Freleigh, Eric Lauritzen, Kevin Wickert, Glen Vogel, Brian Bosan

Suggested to stock the lake with bass or pike with extra funds.

BOD proposed meetings for 2019. May 19th, Annual Meeting - July 7th, August 25th, December 8th

Boater safety course – July 5th and 6th – proposed.

From the floor: Meeting adjourned at 11:40am