

Loon Lake Park District Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

May 19th, 2018 9 AM

**Call to order: at 9:03 am in attendance John Nick, Rich McCrum, Mary Flynn, Kevin Wickert Glen Vogel, Howard Kennedy, Michael Baumis, Doug O'Brien, Jim Fregoe. (new member Ken Wade)**

**President's update: - John Nick**

Aqualogic our invasives management contractor has been on the lake since 5/5/18. Removed ten - 55 gallon barrels of milfoil plants already. Made excellent progress last year for milfoil management. In 2017, the budget was \$90k and \$87k was spent. Town wants to cut \$90 annual budget by \$5k. Aqualogic absorbed some of the budget reduction. Loon Lake and the LLPDA are Aqualogic's largest customer. Kevin Wickert to make a FB post and send e-blast advising about the 'noodle' markers used by Aqualogic.

Introduce Ken Wade as a prospective new board member. By laws require maximum of 11 members but we can over-ride the by law. Glen Vogel motioned to accept Ken as a new member, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Wickert, voted unanimously to accept Ken as a new member.

**Secretary minutes from 9/2/2017 BOD meeting:**

Glen motioned to accept minutes, John Nick 2<sup>nd</sup>, no opposition. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:**

Mary Flynn – We have 1,140 in paid membership without Loon Lake club which put us way ahead last year. Paypal memberships \$907 collected so far this year. Paypal fees will go down as we become 501C3. Application fee for \$850 for 501C3 was paid – one time fee.

Jim motioned to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kennedy, all in favor.

**Old business:**

501C3 update Doug/John – 61 page application and \$850 fee to US Government to apply for 501C3 status. The IRS says the finalization can take up to 6 months if accepted. LLPDA has been looking at this for several years. Terry Griesmer has donated his services for this project – we are grateful for his help and guidance.

The fee was a little higher because we receive money from fundraising (golf, invasive management, etc) and membership fees. We are the last lake association in our area NOT 501C3 status.

Pay Pal update Mike B – a lot of work to get this out. As soon as newsletter hit, we got several payments electronically. Several people chose the higher price option. \$20, \$30, \$50 and \$100 levels. People pay more with their credit card and we have rec'd many "sponsor" level employees. Paypal website is easy to use and helpful to LLPDA.

Future updates include Paypal – recurring payment – donations at end of year – sell LLPDA branded items (shirts, mugs, etc)

\*\*what to do with extra money from fund raising – dedicate to our mission of caretakers of the lake. We have to be careful and mindful of budget decreases for milfoil management in the future and/or any scrutiny from LLPDA having extra money in their accounts.

Doug O'Brien talked about 100 invasive species in NYS and 100 invasive animals. With warmer temperatures, we are likely to see more of these invasives moving north. Currently we have 3 invasives in Loon Lake. Sources of information is NYS dept of Environmental Conservation. In our surrounding area, there are a huge amount of invasives that COULD come into our lake. With out efforts, we can manage or eradicate some species. Windstorms, hurricanes, etc can add to the spread of invasives.

Membership drive / Road captains      George – tabled as George is absent.

Tiered pricing option for membership      Kevin/John – new member list with password protect AND sort options by pricing levels. John is sending a letter to anyone opting for the two higher donation level with a sticker.

2017 Water testing      Jim Fregoe. Last year we had 2 tests around the lake for water quality. The lake is healthy with Loon Lake Beach being our worst area at 11 and 80-100ppm being the “danger” level. The 2<sup>nd</sup> test for water quality with Warren County (done 3x/season) gives us sodium, alkaline count has gone down from 20-22 to 18 and 12-9.6ppm – considered a “moderate” level for road salt. New York State has used a “brine” product to reduce salt in the lake. The phosphorus count from last August is up to 89 from 12-15 – brought on by human and animal waste. No real reason for the increase from average of 41. Clarity of lake is higher than average in our area and up slightly from last year. Boats and boat traffic can “turn” up contaminants.

John and Doug attend the Warren County Soil and Water meetings to represent LLPDA. LLPDA has been instrumental is getting New York State to use ‘brine’ product instead of straight road salt. The Lake George basin is pressuring the NYS DOT about road salt and is an issue to all lakes in our area.

Road salt/NYS at Warren Co Soil and Water and water meeting      John

Financial audit

Anthony Caponiano – Treasurer of Chester Shores – will donate his time to review LLPDA books for an audit.

Review discussion with Town regarding issues on Loon Lake      Rich – collection of issues brought by residents of lake and LLPDA members to the board. We approached Chester Town board with data and concerns by residents as conduit for communication. Concerns about lake congestion, high speed boats, recent accidents, noise levels, etc. LLPDA does not have the authority to address the issues – so we bring to the Town.

- Lake Safety Officer – replacing Constable position due to legal requirement of training. The Lake Safety Officer will be an ambassador of the town and instruct the boaters for Town and State regulations. Rich Konig is the new Lake Safety Officer and his cell phone number is 623-251-1393. This year’s budget for the Lake Safety Officer is 300 hours of service. Last year we had 80 hours on the lake.
- The Sun article regarding an annual registration fee – was not actually approved. It was proposed and considered and tabled.

- Dock data letter from Town – letter did not address it's purpose as intended. There is a need to understand the population of docks on the lake. This is not a pursuit of taxes. Many docks are not properly permitted. LLPDA wants to help the town understand how many docks/boats are on the lake. This helps us assess risk for safety, spread of invasives, et al. Increase in docks physical count from 2016 to 2017 was 42 docks with only 2 permits.

#### Zoning Law

- Section 7.03 – Docks, mooring, swim platforms, requirements.
- Section 7.03 is now on our web site and Face book site

#### **New business:**

Traffic survey for Loon Lake RV Park / Town Beach area by Warren Co. – putting in 50 new sites. John Nick requested traffic survey based on increase of activity. Survey will be completed by Warren County as requested by Craig Leggett. Loon Lake RV park has room for expansion for camp sites but has no additional dock space. Survey will be completed this year.

Beautification volunteer – LLPDA looking for volunteer to plant plants in the dam area flower boxes.

Dam lights – Tri Lakes business alliance promoting the idea of lighting dams in area. Focus on Look Lake sign and down lights at dam to display water run off. We have asked the Town to pay for the electricity and LLPDA will pay for light and installation.

Newsletter Rich – very happy with newsletter this year – new format, plenty of new initiatives for the board. Insert with rules and regulations for the lake. Printing of 1,000 was mailed to membership (718) and available locally at marina and public boat launch. LLPDA is printing less of the newsletters each year with it being available electronically on website. Will also like to give to realtors in area.

Town Budgets/State budget cap requirement impact on LLPDA John reviews every year if we are spending the proper amount on invasives management. LLPDA wants to track proper utilization and efficiency of these funds and physical progress of program. John has requested a third party review of invasive status in Loon Lake APIPP and APA. The Adirondack Parks Invasive Plants Program will use Loon Lake as a test site for study. The goal is to develop an evaluation program to understand how our program of invasives management is being effective or not effective.

#### **From the floor:**

Glen Vogel handing off Dinner Dance planning/management to Ellen Bosan.

Mike Baumis question on dock permitting – Are rules the same for temporary structures as permanent- Yes.

John Nick to review board member status for renewal for George Greenwood and Jim Fregoe as both commitment to expire in 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36am motion by John Nick, second by Doug O'Brien – motion carried.