

Little York Lake Preservation Society minutes: June 2, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Gary Lawrence 10:13 am at All Season's Motors, Rte. 281, Little York Lake, NY.

Board Attendees:

President	Gary Lawrence,
Vice President	Paul Stepien,
Treasurer	Don Fisher,
Secretary	Robyn Fisher
At Large	Jim Anderson.

Introductions around the room

9/2/2017 Minutes Review: Linda Van Berkomp made a motion to accept the minutes of Sept 2 2017. Jan McNerney seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

TREASURERS REPORT: Don Fisher

Financial readout provided. See attached.

Bill Luety made motion to accept Treasurers Report. George Griffin seconded. Motion passed unanimous vote.

Bill Luety made a motion to raise annual dues to \$50, Jan McNerney seconded. Motion passed unanimous vote.

LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN Update: Don Fisher

This Year's Activity

- Lake mapping completed, and core samples done. Estimated have 350,000 cubic yards of material to dredge of the 500,000 cubic yards of lake. Current estimate for dredging is \$1.5 to 2 Million.
- Lake Steward 3rd year program.
- Attended 3 conferences, including those that offer insight on grant identification and submissions.
- Researching possible aeration pilot for 2018.
- Deploy lake bottom blankets of which CC Soil & Water paid for half of them.
- Expand hand harvesting pilot.
- Look to determine what kinds of plants could be use for replacement of weeds.
- With C-OFOKLA finished Water Shed grant planning and presented in January potential projects.
- Recommend members install phone app: IMAP Invasive to spot and report new invasive sightings. Training to be held at 6234 Little York Lake Rd, (Fisher's) July 14th
- July 21 a Septic System workshop will be held at Preble town Hall at 10 AM. Those attending will be given \$100 discount on septic pumping.

Discussions:

- Barb Stepien asked if dredging companies have reported success for other lakes. Gary Lawrence responded yes, but many are reluctant to work with us as we are not a municipality and they have little faith we could raise the required funding to dredge. He has been able to

Speak with Dredge America who indicated they could work on LYL and that it would take approximately 2 months.

- Paul Stepien wanted to know if board has reached out to our legislatures. Don Fisher indicated yes, and they are supportive, will write letters of support but can't provide any funding.
- Jim Reeners wondered if we did have the money to dredge, can we? Don and Gary indicated yes, just need to apply for permits which both thought would not be a problem.
- Jim Reeners asked if lake owners wanted to dredge in front of their properties what would the permitting process be. Gary indicated same permit process as for whole lake. He also added that he estimated that expense could run to \$10,000 and if your neighbors don't do also dredge, it would likely fill back in quickly.
- Question was asked if we did dredge what time of year that would occur. Gary indicated can't be done during spawning season so likely start after July 1st.
- If one takes weeds and the like from the lake where should it be disposed of? One suggestion was Maureen Knapp's Farm: Cobblestone Valley Farm, has been willing to take it. You must deliver it to them. Phone # is (607) 591-9607, 6609 Rt. 11 Preble, New York 13077.

Safe Boating: Paul Stepien

We should all be sure to have safety equipment handy on our boats, floatation devices, fire extinguisher, and grab-it pole to assist in rescue. Buoys are placed strategically to outline entrance to canal, 5 mile an hour canal speed limit and danger of Dam location. Anyone with a Jet Ski must take a safety course regardless of age.

C-OFOKLA UPDATE

Robyn Fisher, standing in for Kim Buttino shared C-OFOKLA spring speaker series on Ticks and Our Piece of Earth by Wild Ones, Habitat Gardening CNY. See www.hgcny.org for info. In conjunction with C-OFOKLA our lake participated in \$50,000 grant to develop Watershed Improvement plans. This year we are jointly seeking grants to implement those plans. See cofokla.org/final-watershed-improvement-plans-available/

During this session it was noted that hardscapes (sea walls and the like) are detrimental to the lake and there is funding available from CC Soil & Water to implement natural shore scaping.

Old Business

Little York Happy Hour Society: The Facebook page: **Little York Happy Hour Society** is where you will see announcement of days, times and locations of frequent happy hours hosted by members. All are welcome!

New Business

- Board is looking to start an Online Store for merchandise associated with LYL to assist in fund raising. Last year we raised \$120 with sales. This store will be open ongoing, and items will be shipped directly to you. More to follow in a couple weeks.
- Board considered selling Flares but now understand those expose our lake to prosperous thus it was decided not to do this. However, they are looking to sell Luminaries. The attendees were reminded to NOT place them in the lake which used to be a tradition. They are detrimental to the lake.

- July 4th Boat Parade: will start at 7 PM. Any theme acceptable.
- George Griffin noted he has photo'd and reported holes in the dam. Board asked he forward photos to Don and Gary.
- Wendy Dennee mentioned there is an Appalachian Region Consortium meeting to held Wednesday 11 AM at Hope Lake Lodge. Little York is within this region. She mentioned they help write grants which Don Fisher understands are for Job Development and Economic Growth. The Board will attempt to have someone attend the session. Contact there per Gary Lawrence is Ann Redman.

Board Elections

Vice-president position is open. Thanks to Paul Stepien for his 10+ years of service. Mike Reeners was nominated in absentia and voted in IF he is in agreement. Dick Albro made a motion for the remaining board members be voted back in. All in Favor, motion passed. Jim Reeners offered to be a Director. Board is allowed to have up to 3 directors. Past presidents continue as members of the executive committee.

New board for June 2018 – June 2020.

President: Gary Lawrence
 VP: Mike Reeners. (once he confirms)
 Treasurer: Don Fisher
 Secretary: Robyn Fisher
 Director: Jim Anderson
 Director: Jim Reeners

Meeting Adjourned:

On the motion of Bill Luety, seconded by Gary Lawrence, meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Treasurer Report: For Tax Year 2017 our results were as follows:

LYLPS 2017 Financials

Balance at start 4,888.91

Income

Dues 1,575.00

Donations 7,875.82

Grants 5,000.00

Total Income **4,450.82**

Expenses

LMP 7,847.50

Events 194.03

Admin 102.96

C-OFOKLA Dues 200.00

Total Expenses **8,344.49**

Balance at end 10,995.24

Expenses to date

- Solitude Lake Mapping - \$7847.50
- Cortland County Chamber – 120.50
- NYSFOLA Conference expenses \$528.30
- Taxes filed on time

First end of year fund-raising campaign with a target of \$1000. Two members provided a \$500 matching fund. Raised \$1,275. Thanks to everyone who donated! Remember, your dues and donations are tax deductible. Dues renewals can be done online at littleyorklake.org/membership.