**Little York Lake Preservation Society**

**Fall Meeting minutes Sept 17th, 2022**

Meeting called to order 11:03 AM by President Gary Lawrence at Preble Park, Preble NY.

**Board Attendees:**

President: Gary Lawrence, Vice President: Steve Major, Treasurer: Linda VanBerkom,

Secretary: Robyn Fisher, Director: Don Fisher, Director: Open, Past President: Paul Stepien

Absent with Permission: Director: Julie Palermo

**Minutes Review: Robyn Fisher**

Robyn read a summary of the minutes from the Annual June Meeting. Marie Ferro made motion to accept the minutes and approve, Barb Greg 2nd motion, motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT: Linda VanBerkom**

Financial readout provided. See separate attachment.

Ending balance $19267. Balance for Treatments is $2,329. Annual membership fee is $25 which goes towards, Administrative cost such as : COFOKLA & NYSFOLA membership fees, copier costs, CSLAP expenses and conference fees plus insurance for picnic. Cathy Lawrence made motion to accept the report and Marie Ferro 2nd. Motion carried

**Treatments Results and Plans: Don Fisher**

**2022**

* Pond weed harvested for one week. Unable to get a harvester for a second week. Currently working to lease, rent or acquire a harvester so we can continuously ‘mow’ the lake next year.
  + Matting you’ve seen lately is Eel grass. It’s a weed some lakes would like to have. Its native. It’s good for fishing and has a positive effect if doesn’t hamper boating.

**2023**

* Completed lake survey to know where Variable Milfoil is now. Expect to submit application to DEC for ~4 acres but will likely treat less.
* Hope to do continuously harvesting as state above.
* Look to create a committee to develop fund raising ideas to support dredging the lake, which is expected to be over $1M. George Griffin shared some ideas to start with. We need support and membership fees to show we have community support which makes it possible to seek government grants. Also participating in WFRP (Waterfront Revitalization Plans) to list ideas that might then get grant awards.

**THANK YOU’s**

* Don thanked the following people who have represent LYLPS or taken CSLAP training. Marie Ferro: COFOKLA, Amy Hall: Flood preparedness, and for CSLAP testing Ted Larison, Brian Hall and Andy Young.

**Old Business**

* **Lake District: Advisory Board** 
  + Now that the lake district is official, the creation of an advisory board is in the works. LYLPS board will continue to draft a work plan and budget each year which will then be presented to the Advisory Board for review and approval.
  + The Advisory Board will consist of a representative chosen by Town Boards, one from Homer and one from Preble. LYLPS Board will pick a rep and CCS&W will choose someone from those who apply via general nomination form plus one more of their own reps. Those interested can sign up on the form at the back of the room. Involvement will require 2-3 meetings a year, likely less than 10 hours total effort.

**New Business**

* **Billboards discussion** 
  + There is a motion before Homer’s Town board to change zoning so that 14’ X 48” billboards can be placed near the tower. An environmental assessment has been requested. The board asked the membership if we collectively want to oppose this action. The attendees agreed.
  + George Griffin suggested we ask that a study of how other billboards have generated revenue for a community vs reduction in home values experienced by others. Others suggested we get an attorney to help, however that could be very costly.
  + 2 Homer Town Board members would appear to have conflict of interest. One owns the land the billboard would be placed on and benefits from the sale of the land to the developer and another is a business partner of the former.
  + Next meeting on this is Oct 5 at Town Hall.
  + Talk was to circulate a petition, to include residents of Homer and to write a letter from LYLPS to the Homer township. Several members signed up on the form at back of the room.
* **Other discussions**
  + Dam lowered expected Sept 29 or 30th. County Highway maintains the dam.
  + Coffers put in place while dam was being rebuilt are still there. Discussion arose that those should be removed.

**Volunteers needed:**

* Robyn Fisher reminded attendees to get **NY State Boater Certified.**  In 2025 all individuals operating a Boat/Jet Ski must have completed the boater safety course. Those under 14 cannot operate jet skis or another personal watercraft, those 14 and over must have a boater safety certificate. Course can be found online and costs $29. You must have your certificate with you while boating or jet skiing or you can be ticketed.
* Please sign volunteer form in the back of room if you can help with membership drive, CSLAP, updating online sites, and distribute flyers.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Motion to adjourn by Helene Haldane, 2nd by Paul Norris, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.