



Little York Lake Preservation Society Fall Meeting minutes Sept 20, 2024

Meeting called to order 11:10 AM
by President Gary Lawrence at Dwyer Memorial Main Pavilion

Board Attendees:

President	Gary Lawrence,	Treasurer: Don Fisher,
Vice President	vacant,	Secretary: Robyn Fisher,
Past President:	Paul Stepien	Director: Ted Larison,
Absent w/permission		Directors: Julie Palermo & Jarrett Regard

Minutes for June Annual Meeting Review: Robyn Fisher

Paul Norris made a motion to accept the minutes of 2024 June Annual Meeting, Marie Ferro 2nd motion, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Don Fisher

Current balance \$22K. of which \$11K is reserved for lake treatments. Karen Lang made a motion to accept the report and Harold Norton 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

- 2024 Lake Plan results
 - CSLAP performed four times this summer. ~ 15 years of results can be seen on the NYSFOLA website. ON that page we are known as Upper LYL. The Lake temperature has remained consistent year over year. Nutrients in the lake have lessened but algae have increased.
 - We partner with C-OFOKLA to whom we pay \$200 annual dues to do outreach and education.
 - We still maintain the boat decontamination station in Dwyer Park.
 - With Cofokla, Marie Ferro as our representative held a field day for all county 6 graders, about 100 kids to teach them about Clean/Drain/Dry concepts.
 - Don and Gary meet monthly with Cortland County Soil & Water (CCS&W).
 - There remains funding available for Septic System replacements or large projects. CCS&W will assist any homeowners who need help deciding if their system qualifies before the Health Dept is involved, allowing you a chance to decide yourself if you want to move forward or not. The funds available are up to \$10K or 50% of the project, whichever is lower.
 - Organizationally: Seeking new board members to bring fresh ideas, especially those someone living on the channel. Bridget Cox agreed to be a director on the LYLPS Board... thank you !!!
 - Questions:
 - Do Harmful Algae Blooms (HAB)s pose a risk to wells? NO, HABs only affect small areas around the bloom itself.
 - Do we test water quality in the main lake and in the channel or cove? NO, because the lake includes a river, quality will be the same across all and NYSFOLA requires we test in same spot for each test.
 - There was a Starry Stonewort Alliance lead by Hobart and William Smith. But they determined there is currently no sure way to deal with it. However, the leader of that group is now the head of NYSFOLA, so we could see some more focus on that weed.



- 2025 Lake Plan
 - We need volunteers to perform HAB and Macrophyte monitoring. The Adirondack group developed a methodology that provides measurable results and will be used.
 - CCS&W was awarded a grant of \$80K to purchase a harvester which they will operate next year. The cost of a harvester is ~ \$160K which CCS&W will fund remaining after the grant. It will run on the lakes in Cortland County and maybe more. We expect to have it on Little York Lake most summer weeks for a day or so next year.
 - We will be reactivating a Funding Committee to brainstorm ways to raise significant funds. That will enable us to demonstrate to granting organizations our dedication to dredging, improving the likelihood of winning large grants. Paul Stepien offered to identify small sites for testing dredging if opportunity arises.
 - MILFOIL: Most vendors require a minimum of 5 acres needing treatment before they agree to service any lake. We have a 2-acre site next to Rte.81 and the point needing treatment. We have spoken with Nicole White who is willing to treat a small area. She has worked previously with Song Lake with good results.
 - We need to identify which Lilly Pads are invasive so we could chemically treat them. Or if we find areas where Lilly Pads or Pond Weed impede traffic they can be treated even if not invasives.

New Business

- Homer Billboards
 - Nancy Defoe shared info on the current events with the proposed up to 16 electronic and blinking huge billboards and the Homer Town Board. She encouraged people to attend the next town meeting on Oct 9th at 6:30 where the board plans to vote on them or the next meeting.
 - Robyn will send emailing Town board member addresses via MailChimp soon.
- The fall lake draw down will occur on Oct 1. It sometimes takes 7 days to lower but has been known to act faster. Oct 1 is a Tuesday and it's not wise to wait until the following weekend to get your boat out of the lake!!
- Emily Stansfield of CCS&W, who was our boat steward this year provided these stats.
 - She was on the lake 15 days this summer,
 - She saw 123 groups of people for a total of 144 people spoken to about Clean/Drain/Dry.
 - She helped decontaminate 43 boats of which 37 had Aquatic Invasive Species present.
 - Her outreach efforts included 4 events with a public reach of about 100 - 150 people.

Meeting adjourned at noon, Dish to Pass picnic followed