

IRON COUNTY LAKES AND STREAMS PARTNERSHIP
April Meeting Minutes 04/20/2023

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Mike Golas, Tom Madden, Vicki Browne, Callista Bortolameoli

Directors Present Via ZOOM: Diane Kut, Laurie Netzow, Deb Twardowski Visitor: Denise Fauntleroy

Directors Absent: Jim Novitzki, Sally Davis, Mike Bukovitz

President Mike Golas called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM at West Iron County High School.

MINUTES for March 16, 2023: Motion to accept minutes by Diane K, second by Tom M. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance 3/31/2023: \$23,377.44.

Expenses \$2.64 for 100 copies at Office Max; \$120 for Brule Lake CLMP to Barb G.; \$90 for Ottawa Lake CLMP to Barb G. Deposits \$245 4/6/23 and \$60 4/19/23. Current Balance: \$23469.80

192 Paid members. 62 (+25) reminder letters sent to members who paid last year, but have not yet paid.

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Vicki B, second by Tom M. Approved.

ACTION: Later in the meeting Tom M asked about a bill the Partnership received from Main Networks (\$289 for domain maintenance). Mike G will send photos of the bill to Debi T for review. Debi T does not believe this is a reasonable bill, but will take a closer look to determine.

Follow Up: Debi T immediately determined this bill was a scam.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial audit: Agenda item but not discussed.

Computer purchase: Debi T plans to head south late next week to shop for laptop and find prices for a digital projector that could be used for presentations.

CLMP 'orphan lakes': Still need to find someone(s) to do secchi disk readings (8 over the summer) at Ottawa Lake. Bill Artwich will be doing spring/summer phosphorus and secchi disk readings at Brule Lake. There is still time, perhaps, to add more lakes. Jim N was contacted but is too busy to make us additional secchi disks.

Diane K reminded us that we are in communication with White Water Associates to see if they can provide some personnel to do CLMP work. Diane K's conversation with Sally at WWA yielded that their interns will be too busy.

ACTION: Mike G is going to connect with Sally at WWA to see about contracting with them for CLMP work.

Tom M connected with the Principal at Forest Park who was going to talk to a class to see if any students are interested in doing CLMP monitoring. No follow up information yet.

MSU Extension Visit:

Denise F mentioned the mini-conference on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 in Watersmeet. It will focus on water quality and the meaning of water to the Tribe. This is an event we will be invited to attend. They have not firmed up plans yet, but there may also be a children's program on invertebrates.

ACTIONS:

Mike G and Vicki B will connect regarding Wednesday details like contacting township officials, county officials, health inspector, etc.

Any Director interested in seeing Chicaugon Lake on Wed AM and staying for lunch at Vicki B's, please let her know.

Mike G will connect with Iron Lake regarding Wed PM tours and focus.

Mike G will contact Paul Dalpra re Thursday CLMP procedure demos at Lake Mary. If this does not pan out, Vicki B and Mike G will make plans to have the CLMP demos at Sunset Lake.

Diane K will continue to be in communication with Crystal Falls Library regarding the evening program. The library has offered to do publicity and have snacks.

Laurie N will contact Jen Ricker at Iron-Baraga to determine which WE Energies personnel should be invited for the Friday Michigamme Reservoir tour. She will then contact WE Energies personnel.

Diane K, Laurie N, and Mike G will work on creating a flier that could be distributed. Most events will be for members and/or lake associations. The events to which the public will be invited should be advertised more widely.

ACTION: Callista B is going to check with various clubs to see if students are interested in participating in the MSU visits to lakes.

Vicki B will plan to do an article prior to the MSU visit and after the visit for the Reporter.

Annual Meeting:

Sunday June 25, 2023 at 11:30 - 3:00. Diane K and Sally D are the directors who will need to be voted in for another term. The most likely meeting site is at Buck Lake ...although there are some hurdles like parking, port-a-potties and tables/chairs to attend to. The event will be a potluck with chicken provided by the Partnership. Debi T encouraged us to make members aware of this meeting soon.

ACTION: Mike G and Debi T will connect with Roy Carlson to make strategic decisions regarding parking and tables/chairs. If the site will not accommodate at least 50 people, we may need to switch to

Ice Lake. Laurie N voiced an interest in still having the meeting at Buck Lake since it will acquaint members with another lake in the county.

ACTION: All directors should think about additional directors who could be recruited/nominated.

Indemnification Clause:

Mike G gave a brief history of the indemnification clause and its potential problem in indemnifying 'all'. Mike G found and got permission to use an indemnification clause that seemed shorter, clearer, and better. Vicki B still doesn't understand what the clause is saying. Laurie N indicated that more important than the clause itself is the insurance policy that covers directors and officers.

ACTION: Mike G or Tom M will give copies of the old and potential new indemnification clauses to our agent at Lud Stoor to see which one gives the type of protection we need. There is also some concern that Michigan-specific wording might need to be included.

Summer Fun Guide: The cost for an ad is \$180. We determined that there isn't a significant ROI, so we will not have an ad. Also, the newspaper articles and newsletters are getting our name and message out there in a much more effective way.

NEW BUSINESS

Impromptu '2022' Directors' Meeting to nominate and elect Vicki B as the Partnership secretary. Motion by Debi T, second by Laurie N. Approved.

Tom M has firmed up details for a July 12th pontoon tour for 5 residents and 2 staff members of Victoria Heights. The event will be at Stager Lake at 10:00 AM. Vicki B will stay on shore to get quotes for a story to put in the Reporter. Tom M will take pictures that can be included with the story.

No one is attending the MLSA Annual Conference this year.

Denise F asked if the Partnership is preparing a statement about wake/wave boats. Vicki B mentioned that the Michigan boating lobby is working diligently to make sure there is NO legislation about the use of wake/wave boats. This is an issue the Partnership should review.

ACTION: Laurie N, Mike G, and Vicki B will begin work on the next newsletter which will include information on shoreline health and summer events.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 18 at West Iron District High School if Callista can attend. If not, then at Stambaugh Township Hall. TBD