

LLAA Membership Meeting

September 1, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Hermus (President), LexAnn Hitchcock (Vice-President), Sally Hickman (Treasurer), Diane Braunreiter (Secretary), Board Members: Jack Kloss, Amy Coughlin, Joe Heilmann. Absent and excused: Wayne Daul

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am. Board members introduced.

Approval of June 23 minutes. Carroll Halsted made a motion to approve the minutes. Maren Klitch seconded it. All said aye. Minutes were approved.

Board meeting minutes from July 5, 14, 25, 2018. Minutes. Sally said, for the July 25 minutes, she wanted it to say she wanted the members to vote on the 3 amendments we are making to the original bylaws. Someone said that Dennis Landgraf's last name should be added since others mentioned had last names listed. Patty Orlovsky moved to approve minutes with the changes. Brian Cundiff seconded the motion. All in favor said aye. The minutes for the three board meetings were approved.

Treasurer's report. Sally explained report. There were no questions. Jim Hammond moved to approve the treasurer's report. Patty Orlovsky seconded the motion. All in favor said aye. Treasurer's report approved.

2019 Budget. There were no questions. Carroll Halsted moved to approve the budget. Brian Cundiff seconded the motion. All in favor said Aye. The 2019 budget was approved.

The bylaw amendments were explained by Rick. The decision to postpone the vote until June 2019 was made because so many members weren't eligible to vote at this time. Jim Wienser questioned why the bylaw committee's work was not used; the proposed bylaw amendments are very different from what the committee came up with. Neal Klemme commented that the whole committee did not vote to forget the Stevens Point template and go with just the 3 amendments added to our current bylaws. This decision was made at the July 25, 2018 board meeting where about half of the committee was present and agreed to forgo the bylaws that were created using the Stevens Point template. Marc Blazich thought we should be voting on the same bylaws amendments that we voted on at the June meeting. Rick told them about the paralegal's melding of the 2 bylaws. The result was too complicated because the melding was of two entirely different documents. Dennis Landgraf said that the new bylaws was not supposed to go to the board, but right to the members to vote on. Jim Hammond commented that maybe this was done because the committee didn't trust the board. Marc Blazich said he was fine with the bylaw amendments as they are now. In the end, the board got involved and streamlined the recommendations from the committee. It was suggested that we poll the committee to ask each if they were in favor of using the new bylaws that they originally came up with or the condensed version with the three changes. This couldn't be done because they aren't all here today. Tom Austin said the three changes are what the members really want. Vern Kamenick suggested we take a vote, but it's not on the agenda to vote on this today. Rick said we are going to move forward with our original bylaws with the 3 amendments to be voted on next June. Jim Hammond said it was the board that made this change and it should say that in the minutes. Jim Hammond commented on the 66 percent super majority issue and also said that the lake association is only for recommendations; it has no legal right to make changes in ordinances regarding lake usage. That ended the discussion on the bylaws.

Committee Reports

LexAnn - Fun day report. Thanks to those who worked hard, including the ski club and youth group. We had to cram at the last minute to make changes. A special thanks to Renee Daul and Cheryl Hermus for stepping up to run the Children's games at the last minute. LexAnn said we need a children's game chairman for next year. She also asked for help with soliciting for donations. Amy and Terry Coughlin and Tom and Sara Austin stepped up at the last minute to run the bar. Rick thanked Jack Kloss and LexAnn Hitchcock for all their work throughout the year. Jody Landgraf volunteered to do children's games next year.

Golf Outing – Tom Braunreiter said you can still sign up.

Fisheries – Rick reported that we are working with the DNR to get more cisco for forage. There are 3 parts to the fisherie process: planting of walleye, forage fish, and some fish structure. Brian Cundiff mentioned that Shannon has been doing a creel count all summer. Jim Wienser said he is a diver, and he has seen a lot of big bass. He suggests putting some logs in for structure.

Grant updates: Rick explained the fish habitat grant that we received in July - \$10,000 from Potawatomie Tribe to be used for habitat structure. Greg Matzke said we can't put anything in the water that is not a natural material, such as logs or fallen trees. Jim Zach volunteered to be on committee to study habitat.

CBCW grant. We still need 150 volunteer hours until the end of October. Shoreline monitoring is not included. A signup list was passed around. Joe Heilmann said he might know about a small building that could replace our shed at the public landing, since ours is in bad condition. We have a new person for monitoring next year. He will come to next June's meeting to introduce himself.

Forage fish grant - \$3000 for whitefish and cisco.

Jody Landgraf asked about the Mole Lake buoys that several members have seen on the lake. Rick said that Mike Preull was doing a crab survey for about a week, and that's what those buoys were for. We will put a report in the first newsletter next year, explaining the results of that survey. Patty Orlovsky suggested that when things like that happen maybe an explanation could be put on Facebook and website.

Old Business. Eric Anderson said maybe we should have information on our website on how we can keep our lake unique.

Charitable Game Law. Rick reported that the Forest County chamber of commerce is working with charitable organizations to see what we can do to change legislation that will legalize what our organization and many others have always done to raise money – mainly paddle wheels and raffles.

Wild Parsnip. Brochures were passed out. It's prolific in Forest County. It is dangerous, Sap can give 3rd degree burns. It can spread quickly. We have had some phragmites on the lake. Tom Braunreiter said someone was here to eradicate it. We still have purple loosestrife on the north shore. Maren Klich said she is pulling it out. She said "smart weed" is a good weed.

Elections.

Tim Turriff and Sharon Halsted volunteered to help Joe Heilmann and Diane Braunreiter count ballots

1. Vice President. Kurt Landgraf nominated Jim Wienser. Ryan Gaeth seconded the motion. Carroll Halsted nominated LexAnn Hitchcock. Susan Zach seconded the motion. Final count: LexAnn 49. Jim Wienser 20.
2. Treasurer. Sally. No one else was nominated, so Sally was uncontested and will accept position for another term.
3. Board Member 1. Jim Hammond nominated Jack Kloss. Ed Tatro seconded the motion. Joe Heilmann nominated Jim Wienser. Meg Wienser seconded it. Carroll Halsted moved to close the nominations. Maren Klich seconded the motion. All in favor said aye. Final result: Jack won.
4. Board Member 2. Jenny Landgraf nominated Jody Landgraf. Dennis seconded the motion. Bill Hickman nominated Jim Zach. Carol Tomaski seconded the motion. Joe Heilmann nominated Jim Wienser, and Amy Coughlin seconded it. Carroll Halstad moved to close the nominations. Meg Wienser seconded the motion. All in favor said aye. Final count: Jody 1, Jim Zach 32, Jim W 34

Tim Turriff asked if we could approve purchasing an extension of pvc pipe from the restrooms. He said he would do the work. The purchase was approved.

Jim Hammond moved we adjourn. Maren Klich seconded that. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Braunreiter, Secretary