

**Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Spring Meeting at Large
Ida Township Hall
May 28, 2011**

President Dian Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:05 am

Dian introduced the Board members and directors.

Minutes August 28, 2010

Minutes of the August 28, 2010 Annual Meeting were read by Secretary Barb Kilgore. Andy Lopez made the motion to approve the minutes. Dan Berke seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Jim Peterson. He reported a balance of overall total assets of \$ 68,691.52 and the membership total of 179 as of May 26, 2011. We donated \$2,000 to the Douglas County Lake Association for boat monitoring and programs for containment of invasive species and we spent \$984 for monitoring on Lake Ida. Jim went over some of the comments he received from lake association members. Donations for worm spraying were discussed. Jim said that the cost spraying is paid for by the ILA, but if we spray every year it would deplete the ILA's finances, so donations are welcome. Rob Auel stated the cost of spraying a regular lot will be \$32.00. Jim also noted that a voluntary 15-inch limit for walleye was requested in the spring newsletter. Glenn VanAmber made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Army Worm Spraying

Rob Auel reported that this year we would only spray the areas where the directors have requested spraying. The districts that will be sprayed this year are 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 14. The spraying will be done as soon as a director reports to Rob that they have spotted worms. They are late this year because of the late spring. The spray being used is a BT insecticide, Foray 48B. It is soap based and is not harmful to song birds.

Fourth of July Boat Parade

Denny Gormley said the committee met and the parade will begin at Pilgrim's Point at 10:00 am. They will go around the north end of the lake. The time allotted for the parade is 1 to 1-1/2 hours. The boat parade will end up back at Pilgrim's Point for refreshments of watermelon and lemonade. They will start serving refreshments at 11:00 am. Flyers will be distributed by the directors shortly before the fourth informing people of the parade.

Picnic/Annual Outing

Dian reported that due to the low turnout there would not be a picnic this year. She asked for suggestions on what else we could do. Doing something to promote joining the lake association, a potluck or a pancake breakfast to raise money for fish stocking were a few of the suggestions. A pancake breakfast seemed like the most popular idea.

Membership

A discussion on how to attract people into joining the association was held. Jim Peterson said we had 433 members at the end of 2010. Bud Anderson pointed out that having 400 plus members is pretty good. Jim Peterson reported that we have one of the largest lake associations in Douglas County. Allowing second tier properties around the lake to join was suggested. Bud Nielson pointed out that doing that could affect the voting rights and would allow people who don't live on the lake a vote on lake issues. No action was taken.

Phone Directory

Andy Lopez reported that the phone directory was a self-paid enterprise. Advertising paid for the whole directory. Paid members should have received a directory last year. It is important for association members to show our support for the advertisers by doing business with them.

Website

Jim Peterson informed everyone that there is a lot of good information and links on the Lake Ida website www.lakeida.org. Andy Lopez is the web master.

Shirts and Hats

Glenn Van Amber informed everyone that anyone wanting shirts, hats or other items with the Ida Lake Association logo on them can go to Cowing Robards and order what they would like. They can fill an order in about 10 days. ILA is not going to get involved in placing any orders.

Fish stocking

Bill Sandstrom reported that 35-37,000 walleye fingerlings were stocked in the lake last fall. The DNR tests the lake by electro-shocking in the fall and if the numbers are less than 34 fingerlings in a certain area they will stock the lake. The ILA put in 6-7000 fingerlings as well. We did not receive any money from the Leaf Valley Sportsman last year. The money from the Chamber of Commerce is nearing its end. The ILA did have the DNR mark 3 out of the 4 spawning areas on the lake.

Water monitoring

Jerry McClure stated that he and Wes Smith are doing testing five times throughout the summer or every 3 weeks. The samples are sent to Detroit Lakes for testing. The tests are for chlorophyll, phosphorus and clarity. The results can be viewed at www.rmbel.info website.

Zebra Mussel

Jim Peterson reported that the ILA has helped the Douglas County Lake Association (DCLA) in their effort to promote awareness of the problem. Dave Rush from Douglas County Land & Resources is monitoring to see that it doesn't spread. A portable washing station for boats is going to be moved around to different areas on the chain of lakes. The state has passed a law to give more teeth to make sure people are emptying live wells and bait buckets when they are leaving lakes to help in preventing the spread. Once they are in the lake, there is no good way to get rid of them. Dian Lopez said that this year we are currently having boats checked on weekends. The monitors are there to talk to boaters and to check the boats. The monitors are trained by the DNR.

Curly-leaf Pond weed

Jerry McClure stated that so far this spring he has not spotted any in Little Ida where it has been in the past. They will keep checking on it.

Adjourn

Frank Bartlett made the motion to adjourn at 10:10 am. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectively submitted
Barb Kilgore ILA Secretary