

LICA Board Meeting, January 13, 2021

Virtual Meeting (Go to Meeting) Due to COVID-19

Members Present: Tom Blank, Chris Dahlberg, Pat Wulff, Mike McLaughlin, Mike Garwood, Mac Smith, Dan Kellander, and Randy Cole, Barbra Zedeh, Craig Olson, and Robin Reid, Angie McLaughlin, and Randy Szarzenskie.

Members Absent: Mike McLaughlin

Call to Order: Tom Blanck. At 7: P.M.

1 BUSINESS ITEMS:

- a. Additions to the Agenda: Tom said he would like us to discuss a strategic plan for the coming year. This was added with 1 e.
- b. Approve Past Minutes: Mike Garwood asked that his report on the Dockside run-off be changed to read ???
- c. Treasurer Report: We reviewed the 2021, Operational Budget. We added Facility rental, \$275.00, changed Flotilla Prizes to \$100.00. We left Outlet Channel Expenses. We had a long discussion about Survey Monkey which costs \$384.00/yr. the monthly plan is \$99.00. We have a paid-up subscription until June. We decided we certainly need to utilize our time remaining and then will have a better idea of our usage needs.
- d. By-laws follow up: Membership will vote on changes at the LICA Annual Meeting.
- e. 2021 Events Calendar/Strategic Planning: Tom started out our discussion by reminding us that our mission statement Stressed Water Quality and Use and Enjoyment He suggested our guiding principles should be Water Quality and Use & Enjoyment. Some things he suggested we consider:

- Are there key issues to address in this year?
- How do we prioritize our time and effort?
- What's important to our members? To the Board?
- Other long-term topics that we should be addressing?
- How to involve our multiple board members?

Pat added that we are a membership organization and Membership Development is a necessary basic focus. Chris suggested the importance of working with partner organizations. It was decided to Focus on the following 3 different areas: Water Quality, Recreation, and Membership. Tom will Send out a strategic plan draft to

the board, that includes the Annual Calendar, and we are all asked to offer input. We will continue this discussion at our February meeting.

2) MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS: It was decided to continue with one printed edition of the newsletter. a. Membership report: Robin reminded us that our newly adopted By-laws require that dues be paid by February 15. Chris will follow last years schedule for membership mailings. He will include notice of Ice party cancelation and encourage people to use and enjoy the lake. Chris will send out copies to the following to be edited: Tom, Barb and Robin. It was decided to continue with one printed edition of the newsletter.

b. Website Update: Robin reported that she posted articles on the Ardmore Stream carp barrier and Winter tips on staying safe and using less salt, to protect water quality.

3) WATER QUALITY:

a. Shoreland restorations: Pat reported that Kristen Barta is no longer with Henn. Cty. And that Kris Guentzel 612-543-1171, Kristopher.guentzel@hennepin.us, is the best contact.

b. Dockside run-off Situation: Mike M. will talk to Steve Scherer, City. Medina, regarding city funding and progress of the project.

c. Zebra Mussel Status: Pat hasn't received the report from 3R.

e. Curly-leaf Pondweed Strategy: Tom will type up a report and send it to the board regarding his discussions with James Johnson. He reported that basically James Thought we should ID areas of heavy growth and look at treating them. Pat said that we need to develop an aquatic plant management plan. Mike G. said that he is against chemicals and would not support their use. He said that we should look at harvesting. Pat mentioned that harvesting is very expensive and causes damages to the system to.

4) Recreation:

a. Walleye Stocking Discussion: Pat said she had an hour-long conversation with Daryl Ellingson, MDNR West Metro fisheries manager, and that he commented that he may support annual verses bi-annual stocking. Pat said do to COVID the MDNR did no stocking or survey work in 2020. Pat Suggested that Tom write Daryl

requesting a Lake Independence fisheries survey, and stocking be put on this year's schedule. Pat will send Daryl's contact info to Mac and Tom...

b. Ice Party: Canceled due to COVID restrictions. Chris will send notice of cancelation to members, with renewal letter. Randy C. invited members to use the ice-skating rink he has plowed. We discussed that we should encourage people to use the lake.

5) PARTNERSHIPS/STAKEHOLDER UPDATES:

a. Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates : It was decided to renew the membership

b. Camp Iduhapi: Dan reported that the camp is doing comprehensive site planning, and that he was concerned about possible erosion areas that need to be addressed. Pat suggested he contact, Kris Guentzil, Henn. Cty., to look at areas of concern. She gave him Kris's number.

c. PSCWC: Pat reported that the Commission will meet next week. It will then begin work on its newly approved 20-year plan.

d. Take a Kid Fishing: No Discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED: M/M/P Mike g./Dan
Minutes respectively submitted by: Pat Wulff
Next Meeting February 10, 2021