

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

Call to Order at: 7:00 p.m.

1. Business Items:

- a. Additions to the Agenda (Tom)
- b. Approve Past Minutes: M/M/P Robin/Barb.
- c. Treasurer' Report: Chris emailed a complete report to the Board prior to the meeting. He reported that he received a bill for the \$2,500.00 LICA had committed to pay towards the funding of the Ravine Project. He said that he thought he had just enough cash on hand to pay it. Pat commented that the unspent funding for the Ravine Project went towards funding, 2 LICA Member, shore restoration projects. We should make it an effort to let our membership know of LICA's effort.

2. Membership & Communications:

- a. Membership Report: Chris reported no changes.
- b. Renewal Letter, Membership drive: Chris sent the letter to Barb and Robin for comments. He will send the letter out.
- c. Survey Monkey Ideas: No discussion.
- d. Website Update: Robin will remove Party on Ice from the calendar. She could use some help with input. We discussed usage and how to know what content gets the most looks. Mac said he would be happy to help with the analytics, because that's what he does for a living.
- e. Annual Meeting Preparation: It was decided to have our Annual Meeting on April 5. Next month we will decide if the meeting will be virtual, and how we will do election.

3. Discussion Topics:

- a. Beaver Control: Mike G. said that beaver activity is up around the Baker restoration project. 3R has protected trees with chicken wire. Chris said that a 50' roll of chicken wire certainly doesn't cost much. After discussion it was decided that valuable shoreland trees need to be protected and that it was an issue of water quality. The trees by Lakeshore park have also been wired. Barb, Mike G, and Craig will meet tomorrow to develop an action plan.
- b. 2021 Strategic Plan: Mac said he had given the plan a lot of thought and came up with 3 things we should ask every time we address taking on a project. The 3 steps are does it Educate, does it Advocate, and what Action is needed. Mac said that we will need to think of these steps as we seek to improve the Independence fishery. Pat commented that it would be very helpful to consider following this as planning tool. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

4. Water Quality

a. Dockside Run-off Project: Mike G. reported that he will get back to Steve after the Medina February budget meeting.

b. Zebra Mussel Status: Pat reported that she sent an e-mail to Justin Valenty, 3R, reminding him of his promised report. She hasn't received a response.

c. Curly-leaf Pondweed: Tom Said that James would be happy to schedule a survey for us but didn't think that it is necessary at this time.

d. Lake Ice clean up. Mac brought to our attention that he has noticed a lot of trash being left on the ice. It was decided to schedule a cleanup day. Pat will contact 3R for permission to use their dumpster. Dan volunteered to bring garbage bags. Randy will have signs printed that promote trash management, like Pack it In - Pack it Out.

5.Recreation:

Walleye Stocking Discussion (Mac/Tom) Pat encouraged Tom to send a letter to Daryl Ellingson requesting that Lake Independence be on the list for a 2021 fish survey. He should also request that and be considered for annual, walleye stocking.

Partnership/Stakeholder Updates

a. Camp Ihduhapi: Dan: No Report.

b. PSCWMC: Pat