



**Lake Iroquois
Association**

*Research, education,
and action for a healthy lake*

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LIA Board Meeting
June 18, 2020 (via Zoom)

MINUTES

Present: Chris, Pat, Ernie, Roger C., Shannon, Jane, Bob, Marian, Jeff

Called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Review of the Minutes from May 13, 2020: Should we communicate in our minutes about any correspondence – e.g. sending out a press release so that we have record. Should we include in minutes so we have formal record. OK to have reference to it.

Motion to approve: Jane moved, 2nd Roger C. Carried unanimously

Review Financials for May/June 2020: Funds from Richmond received. Chris needs to submit expense for additional buoys and rope for access area. That will be in July's expense report.

Move to accept: Roger C, 2nd Jeff. Carried unanimously

Review Financial vs Actuals June 2020 Budget (Roger C): All looks good. Donations up, dues in line.

Review the Status of the LIA Aquatic Nuisance Permit (Chris): Status quo. State's timeframe is 180 days.

Discussion/Correspondence with Misha (Pat): Talked with Misha last Friday. Over 200 responses. We think that all comments that were submitted are public record, though we might not see who submitted. We'll check in again in mid-July before the annual meeting. Questions we know came up were the byproducts (degradates) and the representative (surrogates) species used for testing ProcellaCOR. Shannon explained that the species used for testing are considered appropriate plus research showed that degradates are no more toxic than the main ingredient. Discussion of some of the objections that we know were submitted from the public meetings.

Loons: Jane reported that the babies were born last Saturday at 8 a.m. within an hour one was in the water and within three hours they were swimming the lake. They are done with the nest now.

Action Item: Please send Pat pics.

Greeter Program Update (Bob): as of May 22, program was up plus just two days before F&W set up the porta-let: it gets cleaned once a week. Anyone who uses it, must sanitize and wear masks and gloves. We only got about half of what was requested in the grant but DEC have said there will be more but haven't told how much yet. Shirley, from Williston, has agreed to use the remaining town \$\$ that ends on June 30 to pay the greeters. May 22 – 64 greetings happened - both launches and retrieving, 16 were washed. It's been quite busy. Average of about 30 per day – Fri-Sun. Of the total of 437, 56 were washed. Have 3 greeters, two returnees and 1 new. Have all been trained. They must self-check their own health, including taking their temp, due to COVID. If there is one case, per DEC, that is tracked back to the greeter program, the entire program will be shut down. Hourly rate for greeters is \$15/hr. Beach pays \$11 but work more hours. Jim Johnson won't be greeter manager next year. He will remain with LIRD though. Masks: Florida person, Kim Norvell, made the masks and donated them. Discussed a potential donation to the food shelf in Kim's honor as she has created and donated masks for all the greeters in VT (250). Roger C is stepping away from overseeing the greeter program at the end of this year. Many thanks to Roger C for all he's done for the program. Need another person to help out and also a replacement for Jim Johnson as greeter manager.

Motion to make a donation of \$100 to all three community food shelves (Williston, Hinesburg, Richmond): Roger C moved, 2nd Jane. Carried unanimously

Action Item: Bob D & Roger C will work on a job description for greeter manage.

LIRD (Jeff): No bathrooms at the beach but portolets at boat launch. (NOTE: Bathrooms were opened at the beach as of Friday 6/26.) Requirement of state to clean twice a day and LIRD can't afford it. Picnic tables also locked up. LIRD problem is that they are running in the red and don't sell enough passes. Hoping that the governor will relax requirement to clean bathrooms twice a day. Cost of enough portolets is beyond what LIRD can afford. Noted that there is a big demand for these. They are revisiting the situation in the next week or two. Beach is open 9 to dusk as of last Saturday. No buses coming or school programs. All of that is cancelled this summer, so there will be fewer people at the beach this summer. Problem is that people are going in woods, in the lake, etc. not at all good for the lake. Grills are out but no picnic tables. Have received some complaints. Problem is the need to do the cleaning twice a day. Normally, they clean the bathrooms once a day so the requirement is an extra one per day in the middle of the day which takes the person out of the booth. Could towns step it up – did they increase the amount dramatically? Awkward to go back again and ask for more.

Annual Meeting: usually third or fourth week of July. At this point we're limited to groups of 25 but in another month that is likely to expand. Will people come? Lots of interest so may attend but maybe not a great turnout. Chris suggested doing it at his place. Could do a combo of in-person and Zoom meeting, can also require people to wear a mask. We will need to have people register to control the number coming in person and can register for zoom. Have to think about bathrooms again. Probably will need to have a portolet and not let people in the

house. People will want to know about the permit. We'll keep it simple: just update on what is happening on the lake and then votes on officers and directors. Date: Thursday night at 6:30 p.m., July 16 at Chris's camp. Agenda: overview of the lake, permit, slate of officers and directors to be nominated and voted on.

Action items:

Test internet for the annual meeting

Send out announcement and post on FB and Website

Board of Directors Slate of Officers/expiration terms (Roger C.): Bylaws only allow officers to serve 3 years and Chris has served three years as president. We can suspend bylaws at annual meeting and allow him to run for a fourth year. Chris agreed to stay on for another year for benefit of association. Roger J is up for re-election as treasurer, with exception of breaks he's been treasurer since 2007. But at some point we'll need someone with skills to take this on.

Check with Anne Stowman – about joining the board

General Discussion:

Responsibility and placement of 200' Buoys: Concern about liability. Problem is measurement from shore to place these. Does this fit into our mission? Concern about liability – Could distribute them.

Action item: Pat to contact Dan and Jane – see what the plan is and if he is going to put them in or if not, can we distribute them around to each property. Maybe ask volunteers to help out.

Suction Harvesting/Benthic Barriers Schedule for Summer 2020: Chris called AB Aquatics to find out when they are coming – usually second week of August. Planning on doing 2 weeks this year. Benthic mats: this is year 4 or our permit. Do we want to get them in this year? Not sure what date we can put them in this year. If we can do it, we should do it this year at the access area and beach area. Didn't do them last year b/c couldn't get people to do it.

Action item: Chris will check with Misha about timeframe for installation

Lakewise Program development/Homeowners Manual Review: Landowner directory needs to be pretty accurate because we updated to send out the notice of the permit application. Homeowner's' manual update can be provided as a pdf file so people could print it if they needed it. Should include info on the Lakewise program, mission, management plan. Shannon has professional Adobe tools so he can help with putting it together. Pat did last two updates and has the electronic files. Jane volunteered to work on the updates.

Action Item: Pat will send electronic file to Jane who will work on it and have something before the annual meeting

Lakewise (Roger C): We can get a gold award if we get 15% of properties on lake. Should definitely push that program.

Other Business

Beebe Lane (Shannon): Would like to discuss this project in August. Try to consider pursuing this with greater vigor. Talk with Jeff to potentially be in better position to receive grants. Maybe present at next LIRD meeting to get DEC to give a true legal opinion about LIRD property not being part of Williston MS4 which creates real issue for matching funds. Town of Williston does a lot for LIRD but they're not going to share MS4 monies with LIRD.

Loons: Chip Wright will be sending out an email about project related to taking care of the signs and the loon nesting raft.

Review of ERP Pine Shore Project: Dec is doing this on June 25. Shannon and Pat will meet with the review team and walk them through the project.

Public House Fundraiser: Chris found a check from them in the door of his camp from them for \$800 that was dated Jan 31. We decided not to accept this given the COVID crisis. Chris is planning to personally return it to Alex and thank him for his help and support.

And Finally (Bob D): What's the difference between a cat and a comma? A cat has claws at end of its paws. A comma has pause at the end of its clause.

Move to adjourn: Roger C.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by P. Suozzi