

WIXOM LAKE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 9, 2022

Doug called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Board members present were: Doug Hill-President, Dirk Meister-Vice President (virtual), Mark Mudge-Treasurer, Susi Najmowicz-Secretary and Directors Bill Faust, Bryan Gardner, Tami O'Donnell, Gary Oliver (virtual), Dave Rothman, Larry Woodard and Don Zakett. Director Len Pytlak was absent. Six people were also in attendance.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the agenda as presented.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the May 12th meeting.

Mark began the Treasurer's Report by reviewing last month's activity. Our balance on May 31st was \$97,813.25. Our income for the month was \$5,144.00 and expenses were \$3,239.16. Dirk gave a breakdown of the finances from the Memorial Day Poker Run that Amy organized. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Susi reported we currently have 400 paid memberships and 663 individual members. She also sent out a mailing with 2 flyers—one for DJ Bingo on June 25th and the other for the Ice Cream Social on July 17th—to our 84 members without email. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Secretary's Report.

Dirk reported the Social Committee sponsored an awesome Poker Run event. Their next event will be the Music Bingo on June 25th at the Eagles Club. The committee would appreciate any help they can get on June 25th and also at the golf outing in September. Dirk announced Jamie Meister and Amy Bentley will be taking over the everyday business of the Social Committee, but he will still be running the golf outing.

Dave began the FLTF update announcing the stabilization of the Edenville Dam is done and the hydroseeding is completed. The rebuilding is scheduled for the winter of 2024. Clean up of the lake bottom has begun for the area downstream of Smallwood Dam and upstream from Sanford Lake Dam. Government funding is paying for 75% of the cost, and the other 25% is coming from the FLTF. The task force is working on obtaining permits for repair work at Secord and Smallwood Dams. Engineering processes are underway to prevent another failure at the Edenville and Sanford Dams. Money from the state is funding the engineering work being done by 140 engineers from 3 companies.

Don reported he received a call from a member on Muddy Bay asking when the stumps that floated in will be removed. Dave said they will be picking up loose stumps. The task force is advising people to get orange/red caution tape (Lowe's, Family Farm & Home in Midland, Tractor Supply) and attach a 3-foot long streamer on debris they want removed. They are working now above Highwood heading toward Estey Road and will be most of the summer. They are removing and hauling away trees in the area from Smallwood Dam to Highwood. Sometimes they have to mow strips to "see" the trees. The NRSC will pay for mowing to find or access debris. Mowing will be done by lake associations and townships using big excavators, dump trucks and long reach equipment. If people know where their personal property is

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now located on the lake bottom, they should paint their name and contact information on it. The FLTF will either contact them or the property will be stored and the owner will be notified.

Don has been working with the WLIB, SLIB and two townships. Many of the inlet areas are mucky. The cottonwoods in Heron Cove are dense and about 16 feet tall and an inch and a half in diameter. Areas that were mowed earlier now have cattails growing, but they're too wet to allow anyone to get in to cut them down. The WLIB has money in their treasury and has hired PLM to develop a solution to get rid of the vegetation. Applications for permits have been completed. Mark said Smallwood Lake has 2 permits. Smallwood and Hay Twp. are not included in the PLM permits. Drone flights are scheduled for early July to map out how much area will need treatment. The certification process for Corteva is still moving slowly. The WLIB can begin mowing immediately. Areas that were mowed have re-sprouted; and property owners can mow them again. Mark has talked with Casey from PLM about the area starting at The Wooden Shoe going south to the dam. Secord and Smallwood lakes had permits and they never drained.

Doug introduced Anthony Adams from the Freedom Boat Club. They are opening a branch in Bay City at the mouth of the Saginaw Bay. They offer hassle-free access to boating for individuals who join and pay a monthly fee; and state it's cheaper to be a member than a boat owner. They provide an assortment of boats (Brunswick) customized for the region. No boats are older than 3 years. They are interested in working with the WLA to advertise, offer discounts for members, etc. Their website is: FreedomBoatClub.com and they are holding a Grand Opening Event this coming Sunday from 2-6 PM at Wheeler's Landing.

Doug has received a letter from Len Pytlak indicating he is resigning his position as a director either immediately or when his term ends in August. Doug responded thanking him for his time and work on the board and accepting his immediate resignation. A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Liz Seelhoff to fill Len's position on the board until August. Liz will be coordinating the lake bottom clean-up crew. Doug proposed creating a "board member in-training" position and have Amy "shadow" Tami's work on the website. A motion was made, seconded and passed to create a "board member in-training" position. Doug said we will do it officially at the August meeting.

Talks are underway with Scott to identify areas to be worked on. Work will be concentrated on the first 50 feet of lake bottom from the shoreline. He will not be going out to do large areas.

Last week, Doug talked with Robert Ross about of good deal on a mower. Doug got together with Mark and made the purchase. A motion was made to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded and passed. Additional items identified for purchase to be used for lake bottom clean-ups were: DR mower, OREC mower, a 7' x 16' aluminum landscaper utility trailer, 3 brush cutters, a rack, rake and shovel, storage box, 30' tow straps, belts, first aid kit and miscellaneous items. A motion was made, seconded and passed to spend \$14,146 to purchase the above items. Doug will store them in his shop and will have them plated in his name/WLA.

Tami reported May has been a busy month on our website. There were 1,374 site sessions; sales were over \$4,000; there were 693 facebook contacts and over 200 google contacts. Tuesday is the most popular day of the week for visits to our site and 80% of the emails we send get opened.

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Tami reminded everyone Jamie needs volunteers to help with the golf outing—sign-up sheets are available.

Don said last week the FLTF revised the feature on their website to calculate assessments. He suggested people go and look at the current assessment on their property. The deadline to submit for a change is June 15th.

Dave asked people to call the FLTF in advance to coordinate clean-up work.

Dirk asked everyone to encourage their neighbors to join the WLA. He said people call who have never been members.

Jamie suggested in addition to putting caution tape on the debris in front of people's property, they spray paint a big red/orange "X" on the item. She also suggested putting the directions for what the FLTF want people to doP on the FLTF website and on flyers to be handed out at events.

Doug thanked everyone for all their work.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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