

# Loon Lake Park District Association -LLPDA

## Meeting Minutes – Sunday 2/4/2024

Attendees: Kevin Wickert, Barb Kearney, Ken Wade, John Nick, Patrick Reed, Andrea Mc Donough, Sue Chambers, Gail Danforth, Mary Flynn, Lisa Deering

Kevin called the meeting to order at 8:35.

- Minutes - Ken motioned to accept the minutes from 10/8/2023; seconded by Barb. All in favor.
  
- Treasurer report – Mary Flynn  
Mary presented the end of year report for 2023.
  - Membership levels results for 2023 are at 326.  
Barb mentioned that she is keeping the address database but that continuing to maintain the dues as well is not necessary. Gail mentioned that the tax roll map is used for mailing the newsletter which has approximately 700 addresses. Barb will compare the tax roll map and the member address list for differences and possible consolidation of pertinent information.
  - Report on donation activity – Mary received a \$30 donation from a “friend” of the lake.
  - Cash levels – There is \$34,966.80 on hand which can be spent on the lake.  
John brought up the LLPDA mission statement and mentioned that we need to be careful about what we spend it on.
  - Ken suggested “Welcome” signs at strategic locations around the lake.
  - Gail suggested a lake management planning process which involves engaging members through a survey to be funded by grants from Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board. This would be a high level report for future use.
  
- 2023 business – Kevin Wickert
  - On behalf of Rich McCrum, who was unable to attend, Kevin said Rich will continue to work on the invasive survey project.
  - Rich does not want to continue managing the boat parade. Kevin said he would do it and John said he would ask Joanne to help.
  - 2024 meeting schedule – after the meeting today, the remaining meetings will be in May, the public meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>, and a meeting in October.
  
- Gail Danforth’s updates
  - Newsletter preparation: It is in good shape; she needs any articles to be included by 4/1/24. She has left a message with the new Town Supervisor John Mayday to get input. Jeremy Little, Planning & Zoning, will provide information on Short Term Rentals. John Nick will provide a dam update.
    - Gail spoke about choosing where to vote in local elections if you own more than one residence in NY.
    - There will be mention of Briana’s law.
    - Hometown Sewer offers \$25 septic pumping for lake residences.

- Dates for 2024 events
  - All 2024 events were assigned a date. All events in the 2023 calendar will be repeated and a Paddlefest Poker Run was added, to be owned by Patrick and Sue. Patrick suggested shoreline banners for the boat parade. Also suggested was providing information regarding all the options for the NYS boating test.
    - NYS Boater Safety Course – 7/5 & 6
    - Children’s Fishing Derby – 7/6
    - LLPDA annual meeting – 7/7
    - Adult Summer Social – 7/12
    - Boat Parade – 7/20
    - Water Carnival – 7/27
    - Family Hike – 7/28
    - Golf Tournament – 8/9
    - Paddlefest Poker Run – 8/17
    - Ring of Fire – 8/31
  
- Road Captains – Ken Wade
  - Status of program – A discussion was held, and it was decided that the existing program was not worth the expense and effort currently required. Gail suggested going back to the doorknob hanger and would like to see more social media, emails and links to the website for people. John said we don’t need to worry about the cost but mentioned possibly mailing information to people. People decided they like the stickers and they should continue to be sent with a thank you letter to gold and platinum members.
  - Eliminate the delivery of bags. Do a welcome wagon delivery for new homeowners, making a packet for them. Barb will look into it and work on getting them out.
  
- Updates from John Nick
  - ProcellaCOR - A permit for ProcellaCOR use for 5 locations on Brandt Lake has been applied for. It is used in several lakes in NY.
  - Update on dam – Adirondack Explorer named the Loon Lake dam the 7<sup>th</sup> worst in the park district last year. Lake Champlain-Lake George Commission Economic Development Coordinator Chris Beldon is a resource for grant applications. The cost was originally estimated at \$450k – 500k and now is at \$900k. Grants have been applied for but not received since 2000. Craig Leggett had spoken with the town’s attorneys on floating a bond. John will continue to meet with John Mayday to move it along.
  - Aqualogic 2024 contract and funding – the most recent APIP report has not been received. We lost some ground with the dam issue of lowering the water level. Aqualogic received \$71.5k and requested \$84k, which was approved by Craig Leggett.
  - Town Board – Larry Turcott, town board member has been designated liaison to the LLPDA board.
  - Lake Safety Officer program – Rich Koenig will no longer be Lake Safety Officer. John Mayday was a former Marine Sheriff Patrol Officer and may have some insight. We have a boat and motor.
  - Thomas Swick estate update – in his will left part of his estate to the LLPDA. His attorney and executor is Carol Gascoin(?). Nothing has been heard to date.

- Boat Launch – there is a problem with the coffer dam and launching some boats. Its’ depth is 27” when the lake is full. The benefit of the coffer dam is not losing significant levels of water if the dam is breached. It could be altered when the dam project is being completed.
  - Re-assessment – coming in March. John brought up the issues of living on a public road that is privately maintained, which some of the roads around the lake are considered. The municipality cannot maintain a private road and owners are not compensated for work not done by the town. There are 117 roads in this category. A discussion ensued on the pros and cons of this issue.
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- Patrick Reed
    - New event – Paddlefest – Patrick and Robin sponsor along with Sue.
    - NYS Boating course – last year before it’s mandatory.
    - Loon Habitats – Patrick asked if we could have more on the lake. Gail said no, explaining that based on the loon census our lake doesn’t qualify for artificial nesting craft. The swamp is the only area they can safely nest on their own. If they don’t successfully mate this year Gail will pursue the issue.

A motion was made by Barb to adjourn the meeting at 10:05. Seconded by Kevin, all in favor.