

**LPLA Annual Meeting
August 1, 2020**

Board Members not in attendance: Mary Bader, Mary Doyle, Paul Wills, Ray Ehly
Meeting called to order at 9:05am

Membership was provided a copy of the prior year minutes prepared by Rob Evans. Motion was made to approve Minutes by Board Member and seconded by a Board Member. Voice vote approved the Minutes.

Treasurers Report - Gary Layman

Membership was provided the 6/30/2020 annual cash flow/cash basis financial statement, one month statement dated 7/31/2020, and bank statement from United Community Bank in support of the cash balances at 6/30/2020. Major expenses were commented on, and it was noted that annual expenses exceeded revenues by \$15.00. A Board member moved to accept the financial presentation and motion was seconded by a Board member. Voice vote approved the annual financial reporting.

Old Business:

- **Lighted Cross**
 - Repairs reported. Per Ken Krajsa any additional repairs would only be made after approval by the whole membership.
- **Sign Replacement and Installation**
 - Spear headed by Ray Ehly
 - Thank you to Ray and Mike Pickett for installing
 - Two signs have vegetation growth which partially hides the signs. One sign is on the right of way while the other sign is on private property. Chantal was asked to contact the private party to obtain permission to clear around the sign. Gary to ensure sign on public property has the vegetation cleared.
- **LKPK Pipeline**
 - Excel spreadsheet showing the OTC GPS readings and pumping start/stop dates was enlarged and displayed on an easel for review of the membership.
 - The membership was made aware of the OTC website as well as, the Little Mac/Paul Lake/Devils Lake LID website which contains pertinent information on pumping activities.
 - Prior to the meeting Kevin Fellbaum was contacted and asked for an update. Kevin indicated that in July 2020 rainfall accumulation was 10" compared to average rainfall of 3.5". Because of the high rainfall amounts OTC was watching the project more closely. GPS readings were made on 7/10 and 7/22. Pumping was stopped on 9/11/2019 and did not commence until 6/9/2020.
 - Since 6/9/2020 electrical problems at the main pump station have impacted the amount of water pumped thru the pipeline. Gary reported that 2 weeks ago I checked the water levels at the rock and four inches of the rock was showing, and the gauge attached to the bridge abutment was at 2.9 which appeared to be 4 to 5 inches under what I thought was the OHW mark. The day of the meeting the rock and gauge were checked, more of rock was visible and the gauge read 2.7.
- **Zebra Mussels**
 - Zebra mussels have not been found on Little Pine Lake; however, because lakes on the Otter Tail River above Little Pine have zebra mussels the DNR has put up signs indicating Little Pine has zebra mussels.

- 2019 the LID paid RMB Labs to survey both Big Pine and Little Pine for invasive species. While the purpose of the survey was not to look for zebra mussels none were noted by RMB Labs.
- **Fish Ladder**
 - The LID was provided a letter from Howard Fullhart of the DNR outlining the DNR was still pursuing funding for the project. It is their expectation the project will go forward when OTC does the Shatzky Bridge replacement on Hwy 8. It is anticipated the bridge replacement will start in 2021 or 2022.
- **Water Testing**
 - Ken Krajsa reported on water testing. Tests both Little Pine and Big Pine for phosphorus and similar contaminants. Recent tests continue to trend positive and are on par with lakes in our area.
 - Todd Colliton tests Little Pine for water clarity. Todd's testing is paid for by the COLA from monies provided by the LID. Todd obtained a report from RMB Labs on Friday and this report was commented on by Ken. Water clarity is like what it was in recent years.
- **Clothing Update**
 - Chantal Quigley briefly talked about the website to procure Little Pine shirt/sweatshirts. Thru the LID, residents on Big Pine will be availed the same service for Big Pine clothing.
- **Website**
 - LittlePineLake.org
- **Boat Parade**
 - 1st place – Jundt's, Yellow Pine Dr., Hawaiian theme
 - 2nd place – Martin's, Yellow Pine Dr. & N. Little Pine Rd, USA theme
 - Excess of 30 boats participated in the parade.
- **Sandcastle**
 - Ryan Jundt reported there were fewer participants than last year because of COVID
 - Kids had a great time, and all left as winners

New Business:

- **Picnic**
 - Gary Layman reported the picnic would be at Zorbaz starting at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
 - There would be outdoor seating under 2 canopies as well as other seating on the east side of Zorbaz where the ice machine was located.
 - Zorbaz expected LPLA to enforce social distancing and the wearing of masks when attendees were not seated at their table.
 - Free masks and sanitizer will be provided. A show of hands on who planned to attend resulted in a few non-board members planning to attend.
- **Golf Tournament**
 - Steve Colliton presented info and 11:00 am start time for the tournament.
 - Membership urged to attend as they had room for additional groups.
- **Election of Officers**
 - Gary Layman reported the results of the voting during the spring membership renewal. Chantal, Ryan, Ken and Gary were reelected to the Board for a 3 year term.
 - Jon Chose resigned and the Board appointed Madge Murphy to take Jon's place. Jon Chose commented that he signed up for 1 year when the Board was increased from 12 to 13 members. Jon was thanked for his service and it was reported Jon was now 1 of Little Pine's 4 representatives on the LID Board.

Other Business:

Gary Layman indicated Ray Ehly has a concern he wanted addressed at the annual meeting. Ray had provided an email outlining his concern. Gary Layman read aloud Ray's email and asked for comments and if the membership had similar concerns. There was good open discussion on the issues/concerns Ray had outlined. After thorough discussion consensus was given the water testing reports, significant amount of rainfall, above average temperatures and pumping activity noted on the spreadsheet that mother nature and other variables contributed more to the weed growth on Little Pine.

On Friday, 8/8/20 attempts were made to contact the DNR regarding fishing, weed and wild rice growth, without success. One of the LIDS primary functions is water quality, and it was recommended that Little Pine's representatives on the LID Board address weed/wild rice growth with the LID which in turn would contact the DNR regarding these areas. Little Pine's representatives agreed to pursue these matters in upcoming LID Board meetings.

Overall, the main concern coming out of these discussions was the continued growth and spread of wild rice on Little Pine. This will be a focal point in discussions with the LID. The expectation is these areas will be commented upon in the Spring Letter to the membership.

Jon Chose wanted to discuss having a gauge installed on the bridge replacement on Hwy 8. In the prior meeting with OTC in 2019 there was tentative agreement to have a gauge installed on the new bridge. Recently, Jon Chose had talked to Rick West of OTC and installing a gauge appears to be doable. Jon wanted to assure if OTC does not install a gauge that LPLA fund the cost of installing a gauge with OTC's permission. Jon moved that should OTC not install a permanent gauge visible to passerby's then LPLA would fund the cost of a gauge and installation not to exceed \$750.00. Motion was seconded by Lance on North Little Pine road. Voice vote approved the motion.

Todd Colliton and Stormi Jo of Lakeside were thanked for allowing LPLA to conduct our annual meeting at the Lakeside Banquet Center. They offered refreshments and pastries but given the COVID situation and mask wearing we declined their offer.

Respectfully Submitted:
By Gary Layman
Acting as LPLA Secretary