

**LPLA Annual Meeting  
June 10, 2023**

Board Members not in attendance: Ryan Jundt and Chantal Tougas.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Jason Jundt.

Jason Jundt asked the Board Members, Officers, and Beach Captains to stand and introduce themselves. The Beach Captains will meet on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in the Zorbaz parking lot to distribute the Second Newsletter and the Ring of Peace Luminaria Bags.

**Old Business:**

- **Approval of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes**  
Membership was provided a copy of the prior year annual meeting minutes. Motion was made to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes by Gary Layman and seconded by Ken Krajsa. Voice vote approved the motion to accept the Minutes.
- **Treasurer's Report – Mary Bader**  
The Treasurer's Report was given by Mary Bader. We have \$12,000 in reserve for invasive species and approximately \$10,979 in the general fund. Currently, we have 141 paid members out of 275, with more expected. Membership was provided with a statement of Cash Flows from June 11, 2022 through June 9, 2023, a copy of the check register, and a copy of the bank statement from Community National Bank in support of transactions for the fiscal year. Daryl Kowitz moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and his motion was seconded by Mark Sivertson. Voice vote approved the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- **Water Testing – Ken Krajsa**  
From May through September, we take monthly water tests at four stream locations: (1) Avis Creek on the east side of Big Pine; (2) Toad River along Highway 8; (3) N. Little Pine Rd.; and (4) Zorbaz Bridge. The test samples are delivered to RMB Lab in Detroit Lakes for analysis. RMB does annual analysis along with 10-year averaging. The range of averages for the North Central Hardwood Forest Ecoregion (which the lakes in Otter Tail County are in) are as follows: Phosphorus: 23-50 micrograms/liter (Little Pine is at 24); Chlorophyll: 5-22 micrograms/liter (Little Pine is at 13); and Secchi: 5-10.5 feet (Little Pine is at 9.7). The Little Pine numbers are 2022 running averages. Nitrate levels come in well below hazardous levels, which are less than 10 milligrams/liter. In sum, there is little variation in our lake water quality from year to year. Weather, lake activity, water levels, and snowpack contribute to overall health and quality of lake water. For water quality analysis reports for each lake in Otter Tail County visit [ottertailcountycola.org](http://ottertailcountycola.org) and click on Water Quality Analysis Library on the main page.
- **LID Annual Meeting Update – Gary Layman**  
Members were encouraged to attend the Annual LID Meeting on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Big Pine Lodge. The LID focuses on fighting invasive species. This year Jim Wolters, DNR Fergus Falls Area Fisheries Supervisor, will be speaking on a number of issues facing Otter Tail County lakes, including invasive species and reducing the possession limits for walleye and other types of fish. He will make his presentation available electronically so that members who cannot attend can review by going to the LPLA website at [LittlePineLake.org](http://LittlePineLake.org).
- **Website Update – Daryl Kowitz**  
Daryl Kowitz reported that our website ([LittlePineLake.org](http://LittlePineLake.org)) is up and running. Members were encouraged to check it out.
- **Fish Ladder Update**  
Members were encouraged to view the You Tube video on the fish ladder. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXlety1Rh7Y> to watch the video.

## New Business

- **Boy and Girl Scouts Update – Nick Murdock**

Nick Murdock, assistant Scoutmaster, gave a report on Scout Troop 321 and their activities at Scout Park, which is located on the east shore of Little Pine. The park is a public park that has rustic bathrooms, a dock, power, and a picnic shelter (which is in the process of being constructed). Members are encouraged to visit the park.

- **Little Pine Lake Walleye Limit Reduction- Jim Wolters, DNR Fergus Falls Area Fisheries Supervisor**

Jim Wolters gave an informative presentation. He discussed zebra mussels and what effect they may have on walleye and other fish species. He discussed the upcoming creel count on Little Pine. He discussed legislation proposed in 2022 reducing the possession limits on walleye statewide, which did not pass. He is convinced this issue will resurface in the Minnesota Legislature in future years. Members are encouraged to attend the LID annual meeting, where Jim will be speaking, to hear the latest information. If members cannot attend the annual LID meeting, the presentation should be available on the LPLA website at [LittlePineLake.org](http://LittlePineLake.org).

- **LPLA Survey for Walleye Possession Limit – John Martodam**

John Martodam reported that an overwhelming majority of members completing the survey support the reduction of the walleye possession limit from 6 to 4. At Jim Wolter's suggestion, a motion directing Jason Jundt as President of LPLA to write a letter to Jim Wolters in support of reducing the walleye possession limit from 6 to 4 was made by Mary Bader and seconded by Daryl Kowitz. Voice Vote approved the Motion and Jason will write the letter. It is expected that Big Pine Lake Association and the LID will also write letters in support of reducing the walleye possession limit. Signage asking the public to support the Little Pine walleye population by voluntarily reducing the number of walleyes taken will be looked into by John Martodam.

- **Important Dates**

- Beach Captain's Meeting is on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM at Zorbaz parking lot.
- Sandcastle Contest is on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM at Paul Miller Park.
- Boat Parade is on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM at Paul Miller Park, clockwise rotation.
- Ring of Peace is on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at dusk. Members may purchase their own lanterns and release in unison at 10:00 PM on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Golf Tournament is Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Lakeside. Call/text Jason Jundt @701.941.0951 or Daryl Kowitz @218.443.0537.
- Annual picnic is Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at Zorbaz. Members are encouraged to bring a dessert to share.

- **District 1 Commissioner – Dan Bucholz**

Dan Bucholz discussed insurance coverage for tornados; members were encouraged to check their homeowner's policies. Construction on Highway 8 and Highway 51 was discussed. Phelps Mill has been restored and is now open. The dam at Phelps Mill was preserved. The bike trail is open and operational, but vandalism has been a problem.

- **Election of Board Members**

Rob Evans nominated Andi Bucholz for the board, which was seconded by Ken Krajsa. John Maddock moved to reelect Ryan Jundt, Ken Krajsa, and Gary Layman, which was seconded by Mary Bader. Voice vote approved all 4 board members.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM by Jason Jundt.

Respectfully submitted:

By Madge Murphy

LPLA Secretary