

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
General Meeting
Ida Township Hall
5/25/2024, 2024

President Lee Gustafson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Introductions were made of all officers.

Meeting Agenda: Dian Lopez moved to approve the agenda. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report: Directors approved the minutes from 8/26/2023 at their meeting last September. Minutes are on the website.

Treasurer's Report : as of 4/30/2024. Total cash assets of \$93,899.00. Budget is on target.

Old Business:

Fish Survey/Stocking: Mike Kleve

Walleye committee consists of Bob Reed, Joe Tower and Mike Kleve. Leaf Valley & Viking Sportsman along with annual membership dues are supporting this effort. We are just over \$7,000 to date but we need to get to \$13,000 to meet our goals.

Mike reviewed the process of raising the walleyes. We purchase the fish by the pound at the fish farm near Garfield. Very interesting process that Mike walked us through.

DCLA (Douglas County Lake Association): report by Dian Lopez

Dian shared the results of the recent FIBI report. In Douglas County, 5 impaired lakes in the area were reported. Lake Ida is noted as exceptional, top of the list, which indicates that Lake Ida fully supports aquatic life.

According to the FIBI report - a score of 45 is the benchmark. Under 45 is considered impaired, which we have 5 lakes in Douglas County. 64 and above are considered exceptional. Lake was 67 and 68, consecutive years.

Invasive species update: Report by Dave Geddes.

We have two invasive species to report. Zebra mussels and curly leaf pondweed.

A survey was completed in late May and 9 patches were found. The largest area is in the northwest corner. We are currently treating 12.1 acres, which is down from 18 last spring.

Total cost to treat the acres is \$6,400, but -0- cost to association because of the \$2,500 DNR grant and county support for the remainder.

Curly leaf grows in shallow bays and areas with high nutrients. Ditch 23 has been a problem area with run off from ditch and we continue to address the area. We have budgeted \$2,500 for this process and it is recommended to move those dollars to next year since the county money and DNR grant have us covered.

Water levels: David Geddes

Lake Ida has just come off of 4 years of high levels. Last spring we were high but by fall we were at the lowest since 2003. We are about 1 foot below where we should be. In checking other lakes in the area, Lake Carlos is having similar issues.

Questions about changing the dam level was addressed and is set from the 1920's. This will not be an option for us to consider. Another question about water usage by watering yards and resident usage.

Question of shoreline debris was addressed. Plant growth was unusually high last year and the plants broke off and came to shore. It has been happening statewide. Zebra mussels are cleaning the water combined with the record low water levels, wave action is causing them to float to shore.

Pilgrim Point Update – Lee Gustafson

Restrooms are open for the public and the parking lot is complete. Tree planting on the point and others areas are planned to address the point erosion. The county is planning for more planting to discourage people climbing the shoreline. Intentional walk ways to be included to direct residents and guests to follow for restroom usage etc.

Deb Oleson reported on the new playground being planned. The plans have been reviewed with company from Wisconsin. We are looking for revised plans based on input soon. They will be looking for donations for the playground. Individuals, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions Clubs etc.

New Business

Lake Water Quality update: Lee Gustafson

Ditch 23:

Upstream project is on schedule and should be done this year. The water flow starts in Garfield and flows in the ditch. There is a lot of phosphorous flowing which is ideal of

invasive plants to grow. Final plans have been submitted to the county to make improvements. Bids will take place this summer with construction late summer to early fall.

2024 Projects:

2 areas of focus this summer will be to close the abandoned manure pit off of Ida Beach Road and work on erosion control from Ida Beach Road.

Little Ida Drainage – NW Corner:

Water run-off from the farmstead and feed lot have inspected. Vegetation on the feed lot is growing well, which is a good sign.

An engineering firm that does work for water shed districts has provided some feedback. His recommendation that we develop a plan with the land owner to address the issue.

Boat Parade Leader: Jim Conn has volunteered for 2024 to lead us. We will be on the south end of Ida in 2024. 9:00 a.m. gathering at Pilgrim Point.

Spring Clean Up – 1-2 volunteers are needed to coordinate for spring and fall. We are responsible for Highway 34 – starting at Pilgrim Point to County Road 5. We are looking for someone to organize the clean-up.

A reminder for lake owners – access important information on our website at Lakeidamn.org. You can also pay your 2024 membership dues or join the lake association through this site.

Next General Meeting: Saturday, August 24, 9:00am.

Adjourn: Frank Steen moved to adjourn the meeting. Dick Sudmeier seconded the motion. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Jana Berndt, ILA Secretary