**Little York Lake Preservation Society**

**Annual Meeting minutes June 24, 2023**

Meeting called to order 10:05 AM

by President Gary Lawrence at Dwyer Park Main Pavilion, Preble NY.

**Board Attendees:**

President Gary Lawrence, Treasurer: Linda VanBerkom,

Vice President Steve Major, Secretary: Robyn Fisher,

Director Julie Palermo, Past President: Paul Stepien

Director Don Fisher,

**Minutes Review: Robyn Fisher**

Gary Lawrence made a motion to accept the minutes of 2022 Fall Meeting and approve, Jim Reeners 2nd motion, motion carried.

**Board Elections**

Steve Major agreed to serve 2 more years as VP. Paul Stepien made a motion to approve nomination, Karen Lang 2nd motion… motion carried. Don Fisher agreed to serve 2 years as Treasurer. Karen Lang approved nomination, Jim Reeners 2nd motion, motion carried.

Don nominated Ted Larison as a Director, Linda VanBerkom 2nd motion and motion carried.

Karen Lang offered to serve on the board, Paul Stepien made motion as such, Don Fisher 2nd motion and motion carried.

New board for June 2023 – June 2024

President: Gary Lawrence Director: Julie Palermo,

VP: Steve Major Director: Ted Larison

Treasurer: Don Fisher Director: Karen Lang

Secretary: Robyn Fisher Past President: Paul Stepien

**TREASURERS REPORT: Linda VanBerkom**

Financial readout provided. See separate attachment.

Ending balance $18,408 To date. Balance for Treatments is $10,533. Robyn Fisher made a motion to accept the report and Cathy Lawrence 2nd. Motion carried.

Lake District Advisory Board**:**  Representatives are: Gary Lawrence, Jim Reeners, Kim Buttino and Robert Mudge.

**Old Business**

* *Kettle Lakes Storm Response Team:* Don Fisher
  + The response plan can be found on the web at [www.littleyorklake.com/storm-preparation-and-response/](http://www.littleyorklake.com/storm-preparation-and-response/)
  + Water testing can be provided at a discount after a flood.
  + Karen Lang asked could we seek a group discount to test prior to a flood as a baseline,
* Robyn reminded all to buy items from [Café Press,](http://www.littleyorklake.com/store/) as percentage of proceeds goes to the association! You can find it at *LittleYorkLake.com/Store.*
* Robyn reminded attendees to get **NY State Boater Certified.** 
  + In 2025 all individuals operating a Boat/Jet Ski must have completed the boater safety course. The course can be found online and costs $29. You must have your certificate with you while boating or jet skiing or you can be ticketed.
* **Lake Etiquette Document:** Robyn shared the Lake Etiquette document is available online.

**New Business**

* Cody from CCS&W shared info about invasive plants. If you want to identify a plant, check out www.imapinvasives.org. Also, there are several opportunities to attend CCS&W Septic System Workshops which provide $100 discounts for tank maintenance.
* **2023 Work Plan: Don Fisher**
* Procellacor treatment was cancelled this year due to the limited presence of milfoil. A Harvester has been procured from Lake Como which CCS&W will run for us a few times this summer on Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and StarryStone Wart.
* Don shared that the 2023 Work Plan has several sections: Prevention, Monitor, Treatments, Management, & Organizational. (See Attached)
* Long Term: our focus is to get lake sediment reduction which will allow more water retention avoiding flooding and reduce weeds.
* **30 Day Raffle: Julie Palermo**
  + To raise money for lake sediment reduction a committee determined the best first effort (least work for most reward) would be a raffle.
  + We ask all members to help us sell 500 Tickets at $10 each by August 15th.
  + The drawings will be daily, September 1st through the 30th. All tickets will be entered into the raffle every day. Winners will be posted to our website & notified.
* By-Laws amended (see attached new verbiage) Motion made by Kim Buttino, 2nd by Jim Reeners and motion carried. All Tax District homeowners automatically members and dues are no longer accessed.
* **The boat parade** is scheduled for July 1st at 6 p.m. Meet at the north end of the lake. No special theme this year.
* Cortland County will hold annual **4th of July fireworks** on the 1st, along with a Festival in the park which will now be an annual event held the Saturday closest to the 4th.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Motion to adjourn by Karen Lang, 2nd by Linda VanBerkom, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.

**BY-LAWS change**

ARTICLE TWO  
MEMBERSHIP  
  
            1.         All Members of the Little York Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District are members of the Little York Lake Preservation Society, Inc.  
   
  
ARTICLE THREE  
DUES ASSESSMENTS AND LIABILITIES

            1.         All financial obligations of members are satisfied by payment of their obligations to the Little York Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.

2.          Except in the case of fraud or bad faith, the Officers of members of the Society shall not be held personally liable for its debts, obligations, or liabilities.