**Little York Lake Preservation Society**

**Fall Meeting minutes Sept 30, 2023**

Meeting called to order 11:05 AM

by President Gary Lawrence at Preble Park, Preble NY.

**Board Attendees:**

President Gary Lawrence, Treasurer: Don Fisher,

Vice President Steve Major, Secretary: Robyn Fisher,

Director Julie Palermo, Past President: Paul Stepien

Director Ted Larison, Past President: Karen Lang (Absent w/permission)

**Minutes for June Annual Meeting Review: Robyn Fisher**

Linda VanBerkom made a motion to accept the minutes of 2023 June Annual Meeting, Paul Stepien 2nd motion, motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT: Don Fisher**

Financial readout provided. See separate attachment.

Ending balance $12,881 To date. Balance for Treatments is $10,366.

Don also shared data on Raffle finances and LYLPRD expenses for 2023, see attachment. Barbara Greg made a motion to accept the report and Marie Ferro 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

* Lake Management Plan and Treatments
  + Lake Management Plan was updated in 2016 with CCS&W, Town of Homer & Preble and the country but needs current review. RFP started and/or grant for funding is being sought for this activity.
  + The Plan requires creating and executing yearly activities for 5 areas. See plan on our website for details.
  + SUNY ESF will do a study on the inflows to LY Lake and impact on sediment.
  + We need volunteers in 2024 to do HAB and Macrophyte monitoring. A couple of people for each.
  + We partner with C-OFOKLA to whom we pay $200 annual dues to do outreach and education.
  + We also still maintain the boat decontamination station in Dwyer Park.
* MILFOIL
  + All vendors require a minimum of 5 acres needing treatment before they agree to service any lake. Lake treatment areas must be defined in the fall, permits must be submitted to DEC in January and are approved/denied in March. Then the treatment happens in May. This year when we looked in May at the approved treatment areas no milfoil was found, so the treatment was cancelled.
* Harvesting
  + We borrowed Lake Como harvester with the agreement we would get it running in return for the use of operating it. Repairs cost more then usage by $1,800 which Lake Como will remit to us.
  + Larry LaRue harvested for a week after Lake Como asked for the harvester to return much sooner than anticipated.
  + What we have learned from this year’s pilot program is we need to obtain a permanent harvester so we can use it like a lawn mowing tool and harvest the lake repeatedly.
* 30 Day Raffle: Julie Palermo
  + The final drawing was done and ticket #3 won $100 cash.
  + 486 tickets were sold. Hage Realty donated $500 to cover the administrative costs. (Posters, ticket printing, etc.) We netted $4824.52 from this effort.
  + Next year we would like to raise more than $5,000 which will require special licensing from the state, something we learned late in our process but now have time to plan for next year.

**New Business**

* Home Billboards
  + Gary Lawrence shared data about the proposed billboards before the Homer Town Council. Having an awareness article printed in local papers will need to be an ad costing roughly $500.
  + Karen Rachetta made a motion to authorize the LYL Board in representation of the entire society, to write a letter to Homer Council members against the billboards. Barb Stepien 2nd motion, motion carried.
  + Brenda Major made a motion which will authorize the board to use up to the $1,800 from Lake Como if needed, to fight this action should it pass. That will mean using an Article 78 which will require hiring legal counsel. Amy Bertini 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
  + See below the list of council members who are involved in voting on this issue. We urge all to reach out to them and express your concerns.
* Officers John Gallagher and Paul Stillman from the Sherrif’s office attended.
  + Gallagher shared that the department has 5 officers who volunteer for Boat Patrol. These are the men who put the buoys on the lake and patrol the lake on holidays.
  + They shared that they are seeking a new boat from NYS Parks and Recreation (NYS P&R) as theirs is unusable. They can use DEC’s but hope to lease (for free) one from the NYS P&R parks next year or purchase one funded by P&R.
  + They shared that in 2024 a **NY State Boater Certificate** is required for anyone born after 1978 and in 2025 anyone operating the motored boat or jet ski must have one. You can take a course in person. Check the NYS P&R website for dates and locations or take an online course found there too.
  + One must be at least 14 to operate a jet ski. Towing a floatation devise with a jet ski NYS requires a 3-seater so there is a seat for operator, spotter and one riding the float.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 11:06 AM.

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