



Mission: "To Promote the Protection and Enhancement of Detroit Lake."

**Lake Detroiters Association
Board of Directors Meeting Notes
June 8, 2020
Electronic Zoom Meeting due to Covid19
Pandemic**

Present: Laurie Olson, Sandy Sprafka, Dick Hecock, Brian Korbel, Brad Wimmer, John Cox, Aaron Tait, Rochella Larson, Linda Wiedemann

Absent: Barb Halbakken Fischburg, Matt Pierce (Resigned) and Deb Pratt (Resigned)

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by President Brad Wimmer
- Quorum established.

Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance is \$20,713.72 (No checks written since March)

Secretary's Report

- May 2020 Meeting Minutes approved. (Motion passed)

Annual Meeting – Communication to Members

- Dick Hecock drafted a letter to members:
 1. **First and foremost, we are cancelling our 3rd Saturday in June annual meeting.** Your Board of Directors realizes that this action contravenes LDA bylaws which specify that an annual meeting with an election of Directors is to be held in June. However, under the COVID PANDEMIC during which large group gatherings are still prohibited in Minnesota, and it seems likely that many members would choose to avoid such a gathering anyhow, thereby making it difficult to achieve a quorum, the LDA board believed it was forced to **temporarily** depart from the bylaws.
 2. If meeting restrictions are lifted later in the summer or in the fall, the Directors will consider scheduling an annual meeting; all members will be notified promptly of such a decision.
 3. **It is a principal purpose of the annual meeting to elect Directors to the Board.** We have several Director vacancies owing to resignations or expiring terms. Several nominations have been obtained (see below), and it is the board's judgement that those nominees should be invited to participate in Board activities as non-voting members until such a time when the membership shall meet to hold a proper election.
 4. The power to set LDA membership dues rests with the Board of Directors. **Your Board has elected to suspend dues for this year.** If you choose to send a \$25 or another donation to LDA, it will be gratefully received, but such a donation is completely voluntary. **All current members are in good standing until June of 2021.** Our address is included for those wishing to donate for this year.
 5. With the news of no meeting or dues we have suspended this year's beach captain duties. We anticipate they will be in full force for next summer 2021.

2019/2020 Activities and Accomplishments

- We had a 75th Anniversary celebration and previewed the video "What a beautiful Detroit". It was orchestrated by Carl Oberholtzer and was met with great enthusiasm. The video is still being shown and is headquartered at the Becker County museum.
- We filled our board of directors for 2019/2020 and will soon announce on our website the 4 new candidates for 2020/2021. We are closing out on terms for Sandy Sprafka and Linda Wiedemann and certainly appreciate their service to the board. We have resignations due to time constraints from Deb Pratt and Matt Pierce and will possibly enlist them on a committee or in the future.
- We worked with the city of Detroit Lakes on mooring site issues and marina issues. We will continue to monitor both.
- We worked hard to get close to 400 LDA members for 2019/2020.

- *Our annual meeting in June of 2019 at the Pavilion was a huge success and very child friendly with a pancake breakfast by the KC's and being near the park. Our 75th anniversary video was premiered and followed by a great panel discussion.*
- *We monitored the West Lake Drive project and gave input as needed for the city of Detroit Lakes.*
- *We are continually monitoring and updating our LDA website as it is the main communication tool for you as members. Brian Korbel heads up that committee and is working now with a DL company to help us in updates.*
- *We held 9 board meeting and Secretary Laurie Olson even introduced us to ZOOM! 2 of our meetings were held with good attendance in that form. We hope to get back to in person meetings yet this summer.*
- *Buoys and signage were place around the lake and especially in the channel from Big/Little Detroit. We worked closely with the city and county sheriff's office on this and helped with funding.*
- *We continually work with COLA and Minnesota state agencies in workshops and meetings with our board to help with invasive species and other lake concerns.*

2020-2021 LDA BOD Nominations:

- LDA BOD Nominations for "Directors Elect" (To be voted in at June 2021 Annual Meeting)
 - Brad Wimmer (Renewing)
 - Carl Oberholtzer
 - John Flynn
 - Jill Guerrino
 - Carol Lee
 - Jaime Skarie
 - Julie Herman
- Please send contact info to Laurie and Dick. (email, address, cell #)
- Brad and Laurie indicated they would prefer to step down from President and Secretary positions for 2020-2021. Will consider having an Election of officers at July Meeting.

LDA Bylaws

- The Bylaws need to be revised. Dick has some Bylaws examples that were purchased some time ago. He will work on a draft of revisions. Committee members include: Dick Hecock (Chair) John Cox, and Laurie Olson
- Revised Bylaws: Approval by the membership – Planned for June 2021.

LDA email

- Brian checks the email periodically. He reports that there is a lot of scam email that goes into the inbox.
- Brian will also explore options to automatically copy these emails to other inboxes.

LDA Website

- The website continues to outdated. John suggested we remove all dated material. Jacob Fritz will not be able to do the work needed on the website. The group discussed other, more user-friendly platforms (ie: "GoDaddy" was one of the options discussed.)
- Brad will reach out to Rob Neilson to review the site and make recommendations.
- Website Committee Members: Brian, Rochella, and Brad
- The Membership letter for 2020 Meeting will be posted on the website.
- Rochella will post the final letter on Facebook to announce the Annual Meeting cancellation due to Covid. Directors are asked to forward pictures, info, etc. to Brian or Rochella to post on the LDA Facebook page. We have approximately 2000 followers.

Annual Meeting Cancellation Communication

- Brad will contact Marcy at the city and the KC's to let them know the LDA Annual Meeting is cancelled.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: Social "Meeting" and Event at Aaron Tait's residence 1724 East Shore Drive. July 13. For all current and new board members and their significant others. (More details to follow as available.)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie Olson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "O".

Laurie Olson, Secretary