

LOFA board meeting Sunday, May 29, 2022 – Beaver's Resort (unapproved draft)

The meeting was called to order 10:03 am by president Jan Tesch.

In attendance: Board members Jan Tesch, Bill Dalpiaz, Cindy Moriarity, Jim Hannemann, Mike Moriarity, Tom Tesch, and Dave Sino. Pat Anderson, Dave Anderson, Zach Wilson and Lynnette Anderson were also present. We took a few moments during roll call to remember long-term LOFA board member Jack Schuett, who passed away in March, 2022.

Secretary's report had been emailed to board members in advance and was approved.

Treasurer's report: Our account balance right now is \$9490.37. The treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Committee reports

Membership: To date, 19 members have paid their dues, 51 have not. The board considered a list of 10 LOFA members who have not paid dues since 2018-2019. The bylaws specify that the board can agree to drop anyone who has not renewed their membership in more than 2 years. Motion to do so was made and seconded and was passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to form a new Membership Committee for the purpose of tracking membership and dues payment, and contacting new lake residents about joining LOFA. The committee will consist of the LOFA secretary Cindy Moriarity, Diana Schuett, and Pat Anderson. Motion carried.

Fish and Water Quality committee: Bill has been meeting with Iron County DNR Fisheries Biologist Zach Lawson and presented the Fisheries Information Sheet for 2021. Discussion included the observation that all fish species are slowly declining in Lake of the Falls, and Zach W. commented that this is true across the North Woods, not just here. LOTF is still part of Project Walleye and they will be stocking the lake this year, as they have in the past during even-numbered years. Zach Lawson is looking into the possibility of the DNR allowing LOFA to resume stocking in alternate years. We should still encourage people to use the Fish Form.

Mike reported on water quality, and Zach supplemented with interpretation of the clarity and chemistry readings that have been taken, and characterized the quality of the water in Lake of the Falls as "excellent."

Old business

Bridge on Many Rock Road: The bridge was inspected by the Town of Mercer and the inspector said that it's "satisfactory as-is." Discussion.

Picnic committee: Moved and seconded to form a Picnic Committee, consisting of Jan and Tom Tesch and Pat and Dave Anderson. Motion carried.

New business

Appointment of a treasurer to complete Jack's term: Board agreed that Cindy Moriarity should be Secretary/Treasurer for the remainder of this term-year. A new treasurer may be selected at the Annual Meeting on July 31. Moved and seconded that Diana Schuett, as a member of the Membership Committee, be named a signatory at the bank, with more names to be added at the Annual Meeting.

Bill Dalpiaz extended his resignation from the board as of July 31, leaving a year unfilled on his term. President Tesch and Secretary Moriarity, and board member Mike Moriarity, indicated that they will each be willing to serve another term. Positions open will be one full-term (two years) board member to replace Randy Roets, and two one-year terms to replace Bill and Jack.

The date of the annual meeting and picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 31 at Beaver's. Tentatively, the meeting will start at 11:00 and the picnic at 12:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am, followed by a presentation by Zach Wilson about aquatic invasive species.