

Lake Belle Taine Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 17, 2023 – 9:00 am – Bethany Lutheran Church, Nevis

Board Members in Attendance: JoEllen Bailey, Chuck Blair, Jim Caratozzolo, Steve Gossen, Steve Hankey, Camille Heyman, Phil Krahn, Mike Stevens Tom May, Lynn Swaggert

Excused: Rob Hall, John Maczko, Tim O'Neill

Attendance: ~90

1. Introduction by Lynn Swaggert, president
 - a. Welcome and agenda were presented.
 - b. Board members were introduced.
2. Election of board members: Lynn Swaggert
 - a. The nominating committee presented a slate of five current directors that were interested in continuing to serve: Chuck Blair, Jim Caratozzolo, Phil Krahn, Rob Hall, and Steve Gossen. A new candidate, Linda Fox, was also presented for consideration.
 - b. There were no nominations from the floor.
 - c. Motion made by Chuck Blair, second by Camille Heyman, to approve the directors up for re-election, Chuck Blair, Jim Caratozzolo, Phil Krahn, Rob Hall, Steve Gossen, along with Linda Fox, a new candidate.
 - d. The slate of directors was approved by voice vote.
3. Financial report: Jim Caratozzolo
 - a. Handout was provided with the budget for the fiscal year 2022 and YTD 2023 (p. 3-4)
 - b. Financial overview: Fiscal year 2022
 - i. Revenue: \$42,802
 - ii. Expenses: \$37,679
 - iii. Total Association funds: \$72,952
 - c. Financial overview: YTD 2023
 - i. Revenue: \$31,035
 - ii. Expenses: \$24,468
 - iii. Total Association funds: \$79519
4. Lake Quality Committee report: Steve Hankey and Jake Shaughnessy (Hubbard Co. SWCD)
 - a. At the 2022 annual meeting there was an overwhelming consensus from membership present for the board to pursue the creation of a Lake Improvement District (LID). The board solicited advice from the Lake Shamaineau Association, which recommended the services of the Ohnstad Twichell Law Firm. County commissioners met with John Mazcko and four other directors where our intention to form an LID was discussed. The key takeaways from the meeting were: commissioners knew about the water level issue on LBT; they are empathetic to our cause; they have a willingness to work with us. However, they would prefer us to work with the state program that is called One Watershed, One Plan rather than create an LID at this time.
 - b. The One Watershed, One Plan is in the process of development. The Crow Wing Watershed is over 2,000 square miles. Commissioner DeLaHunt has provided his support for the LBT water quality issues to be included as a priority in the plan.
 - c. The One Watershed, One Plan has four committees: Steering Committee, Policy Committee, Citizen Committee. John Mazco has been recommended to be on the Citizen Committee. Our goal is to get LBT as a priority on the plan.
 - d. A survey to help guide the planning process for One Watershed, One Plan can be found here: [Home - Hubbard SWCD](#)

- e. On June 28th, there will be an open house from 4-6:00 at the Park Rapids Northwoods Bank to educate the public about One Watershed, One Plan and gather their opinion.
 - f. The Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District obtained a grant in 2022 to provide shoreline stewardship and it continues this summer. For a site visit contact Jake at jake.hcswcd@gmail.com.
5. AIS Report: Andrea Dutcher
- a. Explained the shoreline monitoring program: check assigned shoreline 2-3 times per season
 - b. Explained the “Eyes on the Water” program: hang zebra mussel monitor tube from dock
 - c. Appeal for volunteers
 - d. Contact information for Andrea: ajd3@cornell.edu
6. Loon Restoration Project: JoEllen Bailey
- a. Loon Watcher Survey: 43rd year of the survey conducted by the DNR; record number of loons at least once per month during May through August. The DNR looks at nesting behavior and breeding productivity.
 - b. We currently have approximately 13 nesting pairs of loons and possibly three lone loons. As of 6/16, there were eight loon chicks from five nests; four pair are still on the nest.
 - c. Be a Loon Ranger! Educate your neighbors and visitors about staying away from the loons. It is unlawful to chase or harass wildlife with a boat or jet ski.
 - d. Attempt to use lead-free fishing tackle especially small sinkers or jigs less than one-half ounce. “Get the Lead Out” box for collection of lead fishing tackle will be at the Soil and Water Conservation office in Park Rapids.
 - e. Contact information for JoEllen if interested in helping: joellen.bailey@cortland.edu
7. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am. Members were invited to Muskie Pavilion for a pot-luck picnic.

Respectfully submitted,
JoEllen Bailey, LBTA secretary

	2022	6/13/2023
Total Funds start of year	67829.91	\$ 72,952.81
Income:		
Membership Dues	\$ 10,465.00	\$ 7,350.00
Membership AIS Donations	\$ 23,541.00	\$ 23,902.95
Non Member Contributions	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 100.00
Nevis C & C - AIS funding	\$ -	\$ -
Total AIS Funding	\$ 31,041.00	\$ 24,002.95
Cerks Fishing Tournament		
Belle Taine Mug Sales(net)	\$ 240.00	
Dock Signs	\$ 540.00	\$ 45.00
MM interest	\$ 59.03	\$ 43.43
Pay Pal Fees	\$ (490.85)	\$ (406.31)
Pay Pay Setup		
Late Deposit		
membership Directories	\$ 948.00	
Misc.		
	\$ 42,802.18	\$ 31,035.07
Expenses		
AIS Boater Education & Monitoring Program	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 21,200.00
Legal Fees and Advice (Rinke Noonan)	\$ 4,177.00	\$ 20.85
Haas Printing - Dues Mailings & News Letter	\$ 2,920.44	\$ 880.59
Fireworks Donations	\$ 2,000.00	
Administration	\$ 1,595.61	\$ 761.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 284.00
COLA - Membership Dues / water testing	\$ 979.00	
Engle Sign - Dock Signs	\$ 405.00	
MN Rivers & Lakes Annual Dues	\$ 200.00	
Bank Charges - Check Order	\$ 46.64	\$ 35.00
AIS Misc	\$ 27.36	
Deneen Pottery		\$ 1,036.65
Nevis C&C Association		\$ 250.00
	\$ 37,679.05	\$ 24,468.09
Net Income	\$ 5,123.13	\$ 6,566.98
Balances		
Pay Pal Account		\$ 710.07
Checking Account	\$ 2,686.97	\$ 8,500.45
MM Reserve fund	\$ 70,265.84	\$ 70,309.30
Total Association Funds Year End	\$ 72,952.81	\$ 79,519.82
Membership Trends		
Paid Members	299	210
Average Member Total Contribution	\$ 113.73	\$ 148.82

Income:	5 Year Totals	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
	Membership Dues	\$ 10,465.00	\$ 10,465.00	\$ 10,570.00	\$ 9,495.00	\$ 9,710.00
	Membership AIS Donations	\$ 23,541.00	\$ 20,665.00	\$ 18,515.00	\$ 15,788.63	\$ 12,880.00
	Non Member Contributions	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
	Total AIS Funding	\$ 31,041.00	\$ 25,665.00	\$ 19,515.00	\$ 15,788.63	\$ 13,880.00
	Belle Taine Mug Sales(net)	\$ 240.00	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 1,855.00	\$ 274.00
	Dock Signs	\$ 540.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 150.00
	MM interest	\$ 59.03	\$ 33.37	\$ 78.32	\$ 42.18	\$ 36.15
	Pay Pal Fees	\$ (490.85)	\$ (344.57)			
	Pay Pay Setup		\$ 21.52			
	Late Deposit		\$ 150.00			
	membership Directories	\$ 948.00				
	Misc.		\$ 23.09			
		\$ 42,802.18	\$ 37,935.32	\$ 31,008.32	\$ 27,540.81	\$ 24,050.15
Expenses						
	AIS Boater Education & Monitoring Program	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 21,021.00	\$ 17,662.29	\$ 14,543.65	\$ 10,381.00
	Legal Fees and Advice (Rinke Noonan)	\$ 4,177.00	\$ 6,116.50			
	Haas Printing - Dues Mailings & News Letter	\$ 2,920.44	\$ 1,247.17	\$ 788.63	\$ 848.25	\$ 1,117.15
	Fireworks Donations	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Administration	\$ 1,595.61	\$ 830.39	\$ 455.05	\$ 304.00	\$ 401.00
	Liability Insurance	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 1,023.76	\$ 1,302.76		
	COLA - Membership Dues / water testing	\$ 979.00	\$ 977.00	\$ 795.00	\$ 932.86	\$ 1,074.72
	Engle Sign - Dock Signs	\$ 405.00	\$ 695.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 320.00	
	MN Rivers & Lakes Annual Dues	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	Bank Charges - Check Order	\$ 46.64		\$ 80.30		
	AIS Misc	\$ 27.36	\$ 99.14			
	North Country Structures - (Kiosk Paid in full)			\$ 3,950.00		
	Entertainment				\$ 991.29	\$ 1,118.95
	Deneen Pottery			\$ 930.60		
	Donation - Nevis			\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	
		\$ 37,679.05	\$ 32,209.96	\$ 27,644.63	\$ 18,640.05	\$ 14,792.82
Net Income		\$ 5,123.13	\$ 5,725.36	\$ 3,363.69	\$ 8,900.76	\$ 9,257.33
Balances						
	Checking Account	\$ 2,686.97	\$ 12,622.87	\$ 7,057.79	\$ 8,872.42	\$ 10,513.84
	MM Reserve fund	\$ 70,265.84	\$ 55,206.84	\$ 55,173.47	\$ 50,095.15	\$ 40,052.97
	Total Association Funds	\$ 72,952.81	\$ 67,829.71	\$ 62,231.26	\$ 58,967.57	\$ 50,566.81
Membership Trends						
	Paid Members	299	295	302	271	277
	Average total Contribution	\$ 113.73	\$ 105.53	\$ 96.31	\$ 93.20	\$ 81.43