

ILIA Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 28, 2021
Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church Pavilion

1. Welcome and Election Process

Chairman Keith Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:03 am and welcomed all in attendance. He asked that we begin the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Don Blackmond who recently passed and asked all to keep the Blackmond family in their thoughts and prayers.

Chairman Anderson reminded all ILIA members in attendance to cast their vote for the election of officers and expressed a thank you to Gary and Cathy (?) for their time and the presentation equipment provided for the meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tom Carlson reviewed the reports provided to the membership and noted that the dues income includes additional donations made to the ILIA; compared to 2020 was \$17K and 2019 was \$13K. And that the expense line for advertising included the new web design fees.

A motion was made by Dave Dibble to accept the Treasurers report as submitted and seconded by Ron Smith, passed.

3. Membership Report

Mr. Jim Rubino reported to the attendees that this was not quite as good of a year for membership as the past couple of years. However, we did receive 33 new members this year bringing us to about 46% of the eligible community. Approximately 44% of the memberships contributed extra donations. The new website can now accept membership payments and 2 have come in since the site went live a few months ago.

4. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management and Weed Control Committee

Mr. Jim Slott reported that there were significant areas in 14 acres along north shore and 18 acres on west shore that were treated. The harvester is running, and that the aeration was down shortly for seawall repair, now back up. The goose still on our radar, but back seat for now.

Mr. Slott reiterated the need for the membership to provide an email address to help with communications to the members on actions being done on the lake. A suggestion was made to utilize the Indian Lake FaceBook page for communications, this will be investigated.

b. North Inlet Committee

Mr. Rubino reported that there is no progress to report at this time as the State had turned down both plans submitted for the North Inlet.

c. Website Committee

Mr. Marty Kleva reported that the new Indian Lake website is up and encouraged all to take a look, www.indianlk.com.

d. Fish Committee

Mr. Kleva reported that the fish restocking is on hold awaiting plan from Barr Engineering for the lake.

5. Barr Engineering – Presentation of 5 Year Plan

Mr. Joe Bischoff thoroughly reviewed the proposed 5-year plan for Indian Lake to the Board and Membership in attendance and fielded all questions put forth by the membership. He provided his presentation to the Board to post on the Indian Lake website.

Chairman Anderson called for a vote on the acceptance of the Barr 5-year plan for the good of the lake ending the aeration program for 5-years and doing a full lake herbicide treatment.

A motion was made by Sam Esposito to accept the Barr presentation, seconded and passed with 2 opposed.

6. Governmental Lake Board, SAD Update, and Possible Role of ILIA

Chairman Anderson reported that invitations were extended to the complete Government Lake Board (GLB) to attend this meeting and learn of the 5-year plan from Barr Engineering, only Mr. Van Belle attended, as well as Mr. Rubino who represents Pokagon Township on the GLB. He noted that the GLB meetings are subject to the open meeting statute and encouraged anyone to attend. Statutory requirements say meetings would need to be held in Sept and Oct to get SAD approved for next year.

The GLB has hired an attorney and will utilize Mr. Bill Kay as the assessor, both professional services will be paid from the SAD taxes imposed.

The ILIA will provide the GLB with a copy of the 5-year plan presented by Barr Engineering and will propose the GLB to become a 3rd party on our Barr agreement and to enter into an agreement as we have had with the Silver Creek Township.

7. Election Results

Ms. Laura VanDyke Wall announced the election results and welcomed ILIA Board members Joe Campbell as Treasurer, and Directors Emmett Theissien, Jim Rubino, Chris Thrall and Boyd Timm. She expressed a thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the voting process.

8. For the good of Indian Lake and the ILIA

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Sam Esposito to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 pm, seconded by Dan Wall, passed.