President Lewis Flinn called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.

Jaime read the May 17, 2026 meeting minutes, which were approved.

President's Report

Lewis Flinn spoke about the lake association's ongoing goal of maintaining a cleaner lake. He noted that after many years focused on the sewer project and dam replacement efforts, the association is now able to devote more attention to water quality initiatives.

Lewis thanked Janet for her efforts preserving historical records and reviewing previous studies and projects, including water quality testing conducted in the 1990s, the 2001 TMDL study, Growing Greener grants, stormwater projects, floating islands, alum treatment, and the sewer installation project.

Recent Aqua Link testing showed phosphorus levels have decreased from 0.072 mg/L in 2001 to approximately 0.02 mg/L today. While this represents significant progress, testing also identified internal phosphorus loading as a continuing concern, particularly in the upper lake. Lewis emphasized the importance of continued monitoring to provide the data necessary to identify the most effective future treatment options.

Potential treatment options discussed included bioaugmentation, lanthanum-based phosphorus treatment, aeration systems, dredging, and aquatic invasive species management. Lewis explained that the Board is gathering information, evaluating costs, and exploring funding opportunities before determining which projects to pursue.

Lewis reported that a Growing Greener grant application is currently being prepared. The proposed project would include monitoring phosphorus entering the lake, implementing a lanthanum treatment, and monitoring phosphorus leaving the lake downstream. He noted that previous water quality investments and volunteer efforts may help satisfy grant matching requirements.

Lewis thanked volunteers and fundraising committees for their continued efforts and noted that grants, fundraising, membership growth, and possible future dues increases may all play a role in funding future water quality projects.

Janet added that the 2001 TMDL called for a 67% reduction in phosphorus loading and that Lake Carey will continue to be considered an impaired waterbody until phosphorus levels are further reduced.

During discussion, members asked about actions homeowners can take to improve water quality. Lewis and Jess discussed shoreline vegetation, reducing runoff, educational outreach, and

volunteer efforts. The Water Quality Committee will continue exploring educational opportunities for residents.

Treasurer's Report

Deb Tierney reviewed the financial reports as of May 29, 2026.

Bank Accounts
• Checking (General): $6,133.74
• Checking (Special Projects): $3,850.99
• Grand Total: $9,984.73

Growing Greener Accounts
• GG3 Floating Islands: $5,147.16
• GG4 Alum: $14,767.41

Lake Carey Dam Association Accounts
• Checking (General): $31,385.63
• Dam Checking: $65,426.14
• 6-Month CD: $54,418.36
• Grand Total: $151,230.13

Deb reported that both the LCWA 990-EZ and LCDA 990 tax filings have been completed.

Lewis clarified that the Growing Greener accounts remain open only as a precaution in case any outstanding invoices are received. He thanked Janet for her efforts in closing out the grants and noted that Justin Shalada removed the floating islands and donated the value of his work back to the Association.

Committee Reports

Membership

Patty Publik reported 178 paid members and $8,920.03 collected to date for 2026.

Fundraising

Deb reported that the annual yard sale raised approximately $2,100 for water quality initiatives.

The golf tournament will be held June 8 and currently has 36 teams registered, the largest turnout in the event's five-year history.

LCWA will participate in Founders Day on June 27. Patrick Robinson has donated booth space and a Lake Carey canvas print that will be raffled.

Lake Carey Day will be held July 25. Food vendors, crafters, and new merchandise have been secured.

Night at the Races will be held August 22. Members were encouraged to save the date.

Communications

Patty reported that the LCWA Facebook page has grown to nearly 2,600 followers. Members were encouraged to submit photos and stories for future posts.

The next newsletter will be distributed following the golf tournament. Patty reminded members to provide updated email addresses to ensure they continue receiving Association communications. Members interested in receiving text alerts were encouraged to contact Rob Baskin.

Water Quality

Jessica Fiore reported that the HAB Lab trailer from the Lake Wallenpaupack Management District will be featured at Lake Carey Day. The interactive exhibit provides educational information about harmful algal blooms, phosphorus sources, and lake management practices.

Jess also discussed a partnership with researchers at Lacawac Sanctuary that would provide rapid testing and analysis of suspected harmful algal blooms. Samples can be collected and analyzed within 24–48 hours, with recommendations provided based on results.

Discussion followed regarding shoreline vegetation, stormwater management, fertilizer use, geese populations, and native plantings. Jess encouraged members to consider native shoreline plants and informed members about Penn State Extension native plant fundraising opportunities.

Safety

Rob Baskin reported that plans remain in place to mark the bridge and causeway area with buoys once his boat is available. Members were reminded to exercise caution in the area due to shallow water, rocks, limited visibility, and increased boat traffic.

New Business

Jess offered to work with Master Gardeners to develop recommendations for native shoreline plantings and educational materials that can be shared with members through the newsletter and other Association communications.

With no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Publik
Secretary, LCWA