

RAINBOW LAKE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2019

The meeting began with a welcome from President Cathy Unruh and she continued on with introductions. There were 43 members present, representing 28 camps.

The minutes from the July 2019 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Peter Geertz – As of July 31st there were 161 members. Four more memberships were received as of August 9th. There is \$8,889.61 in the General Fund and \$68,745.99 in the Reserve Fund.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION VOTE – Cissy Isaac – Cissy read the names of those agreeing to be on the board. They are Stephanie Ratcliffe, Todd Kohn, and Jim Harper. The membership approved those nominated.

BUCK POND STEWARDS – Nora Teter – There are 2 dates still open for the 4-6 shift at Buck Pond. They are August 17th and August 31st.

AIS PROFESSIONAL SURVEY – Stephanie Ratcliffe – Ezra Schwartzberg of Adirondack Research completed the professional survey and there were no Invasives found. One sample was collected for DNA testing. The sample was not an invasive milfoil. Stephanie also reported that signs are up at many boat launches and she is still in the process of identifying all the places that boats can launch. The suggestion was made that we announce at each meeting that there is a welcome pamphlet on the RLA website for home owners, boaters, and renters with a lot of information concerning keeping boats clean and to preserve our lake.

AIS VOLUNTEER SURVEYS – Mike Brickman – Mike thanked the volunteers and asked people to see him after the meeting if they had any questions or were interested in becoming a volunteer. Nora Teter told us that if you find anything we are not sure of we can take a sample over to AWI to identify.

FISHING REPORT – John McKeon – John said people are trolling for walleye and catching bass. There was no stocking of walleye this year. HAPPY FISHING!

AIS SIGNAGE/BOAT LAUNCHES – Jim Harper & Stephanie Ratcliffe – Jim reported that there has been a good reaction to the signs. There are 4 sign posts left. Peter Shrope took one to put up at the Garondah Road Boat Launch. Jim was asking if anyone would be willing to put up a sign on their property at Hull Road and Tebbutt/Vosburgh Road.

ADIRONDACK LAKE ALLIANCE – Cathy Unruh & Peter Geertz – Cathy informed us that Billy Jones spoke about the overuse of road salt effecting the lakes in the Adirondacks. There is a lot more money needed for stopping Invasives and he is not sure where the money will come from. The DEC staff was cut from 4000 to 3000. There is a connection between the economy and environment and building on those connections can increase local businesses' income. Local government officials can also help with the fight against Invasives. Peter Shrope was again thanked for being instrumental in the town of Brighton donating the money for one day of coverage at the Buck Pond Boat Launch.

Peter reported on Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB). Though they are rare in the Adirondacks they have been in Meacham and Eagle Lake. They are also reported in Lake Champlain and Otter Lake. They are

bacterial toxins that can harm pets and people. If you think you see them DO NOT go near them. DO NOT let your children or pets in questionable waters. Contact a Board Member and they will notify the DEC. Peter showed pictures of different HABS. They tend to grow in warm stagnant waters and can last for a few hours, days or longer.

BOATING SAFETY LAW has just been passed. By 2025 all boaters will have to pass a boating safety course. You can take the course online by going to Boat US.org. Upper Saranac Lake also offers the course yearly. There is also information on the RLA website.

RAINBOW LAKE WATER PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - Roger Gorham & Peter Geertz - Roger said the work on the Dam is totally complete and they are just waiting for paperwork to be completed and the DEC inspection.

Joe Deignan then asked the RLA Board to seriously consider making a generous gift to the Water Protection District to help pay down the loan from the Dam Project as quickly as possible. Discussion ensued. Points were made that the Reserve Fund was started to help if the lake was hit with invasive species and it might not be legal for a Not-For Profit to change what the fund raising was designated for to something else. The board will discuss this at a later date.

COFFEE & DONUTS – Steve & Cissy Isaac – Steve and Cissy were thanked for the years they have set up the refreshment for us at our meetings. Someone else needs to take this over if we want this continued. Cissy and Steve said it was not hard to do and will give you all the information needed.

Picnic is today at 1pm at the Stevens' camp. Lou will continue selling raffle tickets at the picnic with the drawing at 3 o'clock.

Jim Northrup made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Todd Kohn seconding the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Geertz

RLA Secretary