

## RAINBOW LAKE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 13, 2019

Before the official start of the meeting, past president Sue Fallone, ceremoniously handed the presidential gavel to our new president, Cathy Unruh. Cathy then opened the meeting and the sound of the gavel was heard by all.

Forty five members were present representing 30 camps.

All present introduced themselves and where they live on the lake.

A motion was made by Jim Northrop and seconded by Tammy Tenerowicz to accept the August 2018 minutes. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Peter Geertz informed us that as of June 30, 2019 there were 142 paid members. There was \$8,649.61 in the General Fund and \$67,969.34 in the Reserve Fund.

**RAINBOW LAKE WATER PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Roger Gorham & Peter Geertz – Roger with the use of a power point presentation shared the process of the Dam Improvement Project, starting with the need for the improvement to its completion. Peter explained that he expected that the water protection district tax bill will remain the same for the next 15 years as it was for 2019. The RLWPDBOC contracts with Steve Smith for the raising and lowering the gates.

Tom Sansone thanked the Commissioners for completing this project in such a timely manner.

**AIS PROFESSIONAL SURVEY** – Peter Geertz & Stephanie Ratcliffe – Peter and Stephanie met with Ezra Schwartzberg of Adirondack Research to do a yearly professional aquatic invasive survey of the lake. This year he will focus on the critical areas around the lake. He will also begin a digital depth survey of the lake for a future professional map of the lake. This will be funded with future grant opportunities. Both Stephanie and Anne Joyce are on the Grant Committee.

**AIS VOLUNTEER SURVEY** – Michael Brickman – Mike had information outside the auditorium for people to see and also sign up if they would like to be part of the survey team. He will also be available after the meeting to answer any questions.

**AIS SIGNAGE** – Jim Harper & Stephanie Ratcliffe – Jim ordered 10 signs to be placed at boat launch sites. The signs are a preventive measure. It is better to “Keep it out before you have to clean it up.” More signs can be ordered if needed. Stephanie asked members to please look at the property map of the lake to help identify boat launches where owners rent their houses. New York State wants every public launch site to have a hot water cleaning system to be operated by trained employees. Jim will help put up signs if needed. They need to check with the town on the legality of putting up signs on the roads.

**AIS CLASS & BUCK POND STEWARDS** – Nora Teter – Nora reported that we have 7 day coverage at the Buck Pond Boat Launch. Peter Shrope was instrumental in the town of Brighton paying for one day of coverage for the season. Our volunteers will cover Fridays and Saturdays from 4-6pm.

AIS training class was provided on July 19<sup>th</sup>. There were 20 attendees. The training included identification of invasive species, how to inspect a boat, and tips on how to approach people when checking their boats. It is NYS law that boat owners clean their boats before and after being in the

water. They also discussed other lakes that are infested, such as Lake Flower. There are employee operated boat washes (140 degrees) at the Upper Saranac and 2<sup>nd</sup> Pond launch sites.

**FISHING** – John McKeon – John reported that people have been catching a lot of pike so far. Bass has also been good especially in the beginning of the season. People are also catching rock bass and the perch population seems to be less so far this year.

**WATER QUALITY** – Joe Deignan – This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year that the water quality of the Rainbow Lake chain has been tested. Joe gave an overview of the flush rates for the different parts of the Rainbow Lake chain. Samples are taken in June, July, and August. This year the PH level is 6.5. The oxygen levels are 8mg/liter at 15 to 20 feet which is good. The bottom of Rainbow Lake has no oxygen due to rotting debris. The oxygen level 50 feet down on Kushaqua is at a good level. The Phosphorus level is 8 micrograms/liter which is very good. It was determined that “better equipment gives a better reading.” Our lake is not impacted by road salt. The complete report is on the Rainbow Lake Association website. [www.rainbowlakeassn.org](http://www.rainbowlakeassn.org)

**BACTERIAL TESTING** – Peter Geertz reported that last year the levels were from <1 to 8. This year the levels were from <1 to 16. Anything under 100 is very good. Samples are taken where people swim to insure their safety.

**RLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION SLATE** – Cissy Isaac presented the slate of nominees with a brief background on each. They are Stephanie Ratcliffe, Todd Kahn, and Jim Harper. There were no nominations from the floor. Jim Northrup made a motion to accept the slate, Anne Joyce seconded, and all approved. Sue Fallone, Alyse Holstein, and Susan Whitehurst are on the nominating committee with Cissy as the chairperson. Please contact someone on the committee if you are interested in serving with them.

**RLA PICNIC** – Cathy informed us that the Annual RLA Picnic will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at Mark and Joan Stevens’ camp on Clear Pond. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a “Corn Hole Throw”. A flyer with all needed information will be sent out as the date of the picnic nears.

**NEW BUSINESS – Future grants** – Both Anne Joyce and Stephanie Ratcliffe will be watching for future grant opportunities.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Jim Northrup made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by many.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Geertz

RLA Secretary.