

RAINBOW LAKE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2017

President Sue Fallone welcomed everyone and those present introduced themselves. There were 42 people representing 30 camps.

The minutes were read. Jim Northrop made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Todd Kahn seconded and all present approved.

Peter Geertz reported that as of July 31, 2017, there were 149 members, \$7,142.14 in the general fund, and \$50,570.00 in the reserve fund. Jim Northrop made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Lionel Schumann seconded and membership approved.

Faith Lundgren, Nominations Committee Chair, informed us that Cissy Isaac is now part of the nominating committee. Faith said they would be happy to have more members on the committee. She then presented the slate of officers. Members Anne Joyce, Michael Brickman, and Tom Flanagan were on the slate for 3 year terms as Board Members. There were no nominations from the floor. Membership present unanimously approved.

Sue Fallone passed around a sign-up sheet to see how much interest there is for RLA hats, t-shirts, and vests.

Jim Hauber then announced the time slots still open for the Friday boat launch stewardship at Buck Pond. Jake Kuryla, the Regional Supervisor of Paul Smith's Lake Stewards, reported statistics from the Buck Pond Boat Launch. As of August 10th the paid stewards covered 57 days (4 days per week). Last year they covered 33 days (2 days per week). There were 55 "dirty boats" and 77 organisms removed. None of them were invasive species.

We discussed the possibility of purchasing a Decontamination Station for the boat launch. The DEC is installing them at lakes that already have an infestation. We will wait to see if any grants are available next year through the DEC and discuss the details of this issue then.

Michael Brickman informed Sue that so far there has been no identified invasive species in our lake.

Joe Deignan reported via email that water quality specimens were collected on 6/15 and 7/28. The 20.1 inches of rain in the past 58 days caused slight increase in turbidity and phosphorus in Clear Pond but had no effect on Rainbow Lake or Kushaqua. Historic inches of rainfall are 3.9-4.0 inches for the months of June, July, and August.

Joe Deignan and Becky Staebell counted 6 loons and 2 chicks between 8 and 9am on 7/15 for the annual loon census.

At the July membership meeting, Anne Joyce presented 2 "housekeeping" issues to be voted on at the August meeting. The secretary read the following:

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

"Any Director may be removed without cause being assigned at any meeting (add OF THE BOARD) by the concurring vote of a majority of all the Directors."

ARTICLE XIV - QUORUM

"A majority of members (strike members and replace with DIRECTORS) shall constitute a quorum of the Board."

This was approved by the membership.

The By-Laws Committee will continue to go through the By-Laws to make certain that they include all the current changes made by NYS for not-for-profit organizations.

Roger Gorham gave the Rainbow Lake Water Protection District Board of Commissioners Report. He first assured the RLA that the Dam is sound just as Chuck Gibbs reported last month. However, Roger also explained that the very high water in 2011 created some concern with the possibility that the earthen banks on either side of the dam could be breached. That concern led to the hiring of an engineering firm (Blue Mountain Engineering), and over the last several years, on-going discussions with the DEC and other entities over possible improvements to the dam to alleviate this threat. The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for August 23 at which time the engineering firm is scheduled to provide updated recommendations. As the Commission gets closer to an acceptable solution, Commission members will keep the RLA informed.

Sue Fallone brought up next year's picnic and the need to have a place to host it by the July membership meeting. If no one volunteers to host the picnic we will not have one. Cathy Unruh explained that it does not have to be anything fancy. People can bring their own chairs and "adult" beverages. There is a committee to help with purchasing items, with setting up and cleaning up.

Sue Fallone will keep the membership informed of upcoming boating courses for next year.

At the Board of Directors meeting on August 4th the board decided to form a Finance Committee. Peter Geertz will head the committee, Todd Kahn will also be on it. Jim Northrop volunteered to also be on the committee.

Jim Northrup made a motion to adjourn the meeting with multiple seconds.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Geertz

RLA Secretary