

RAINBOW LAKE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2020

9AM VIA ZOOM

President Cathy Unruh had everyone introduce themselves. Forty three people representing 28 camps were in attendance.

Jon Allen made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 2020 meeting with Todd Kahn seconding. Minutes were accepted.

Peter gave the treasurer's report. There are 150 members. There is \$10,568.51 in the general Fund and \$77,441.11 in the Reserve Fund. Peter commented that the divers removing Eurasian Milfoil from Moody Pond are getting about \$7,500 a week. He said how fortunate we are that we have at least 10 weeks of funds if we do get an infestation of Eurasian Milfoil.

Cissy Isaac presented the slate of officers and Board members to be voted on.

President – Lou Rubin Vice- President – Susan Whitehurst

Secretary – Ilene Geertz Treasurer – Peter Geertz

Board Members – Mike Brickman, David Haury, and Anne Joyce

The slate was unanimously accepted.

Nora Teter reported that paid stewards are covering the boat launch 7 days a week from 7:30am – 6pm with breaks during the day.

Stephanie Ratcliffe reported that the AIS Professional Survey was completed and no Invasives were found at this time. The cost of this survey was paid for by APIPP. Ezra Schwartzberg also completed the sonar data and we can now move ahead to get funding for the detailed educational map for everyone on the lake and renters. The cost is \$8,500. Stephanie and Anne Joyce are waiting to hear if the grant was approved by the Cloudsplitter Foundation. They think it is unlikely because the Foundation has been focusing on community needs since the Covid-19 Pandemic started. It was suggested that anyone can donate to this project, individually or through another organization. Checks can be sent to the treasurer with a memo that the donation goes for the map project. Cathy thanked Anne and Stephanie for the excellent job they have been doing.

Mike Brickman sent out an email to the membership with a tutorial on Aquatic Invasive Species, along with a list of the volunteers and the map showing each volunteers survey area. Please contact Mike if you would like to become a volunteer. Also, if you find any plant life that is unusual get a sample and contact Mike (m.brickman@me.com) Mike thanked all the volunteers. Cathy also thanked Mike for all he is doing and thanked Jennifer Borders for heading up the Terrestrial Invasive Plant education.

John McKeon said he has not been out fishing this season but reported that the DEC stocked the lake with 7,000 walleye fingerlings.

Old Business – none

New business –

The question was raised if we were going to do bacterial testing this year and it was decided that we will do the testing every other year.

Cathy informed the membership that she has gotten several reports from people concerned about the speed boats are going within 100 feet of their property and asked for ideas or comments, even though this is not a RLA responsibility.

1. Concerns were raised that excessive speeds damage boat houses, shore lines and puts the loon population in danger.
2. Lake stewards have the RLA waterway map which they give to boaters which posts the 5mph speed limit within 100 feet of property which is a NYS Law.
3. That map is on the RLA website for all shore owners and rental properties to post.
4. The DEC checks the lake once or twice a year but Rainbow Lake is not a priority compared with much larger lakes in the Adirondack Park.
5. People need to talk to people to educate them on this matter.

Cathy ceremoniously passed “The Gavel” to our new president, Lou Rubin. (Virtually of course). Many praised Cathy for the excellent job she has done in her term as president.

Jon Allen made a motion to adjourn. Joe Deignan seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Geertz

RLA Secretary