

RAINBOW LAKE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JULY 14, 2018

President Sue Fallone greeted everyone. We all introduced ourselves. Forty people representing 25 camps attended the meeting.

Minutes from the August 12, 2017 meeting were read and accepted by those present.

Peter Geertz gave the treasurer's report. To date we have 146 members. As of June 30, 2018 there is \$7,445.80 in the general fund and \$58,363.92 in the reserve fund.

Jim Hauber asked for volunteers to cover the remaining times at the boat launch on Fridays, passed around a sign-up sheet, and then introduced Matthew Merritt, the lead steward at Buck Pond. He reported that 456 boats were inspected so far. No invasive species were found and people were very receptive to the inspections. Bill Staebell offered to buy a bug proof tent for the boat launch for the season. Matthew was going to check with his supervisor if this would be okay.

Cathy Unruh presented the slate of officers:

President – Cathy Unruh Vice President – Lou Rubin

Treasurer – Peter Geertz Secretary – Ilene Geertz

Dick Fitchett, Alyse Holstein, and Nora Teter are running for the 2 open board member positions. There were no nominations from the floor, the slate was approved. The vote will take place at the August membership meeting.

Sue Fallone asked members who wanted to be part of the invasive species survey to contact her or Michael Brickman.

John McKeon informed us that the DEC stocked walleye fingerlings in Rainbow Lake in June. We are on a two year stocking schedule.

Joe Deignan gave the water quality report. Oxygen, phosphorus, and PH levels have been stable for 8 years. This is the 21st consecutive year of water quality testing. Water samples are taken in June, July, and August at the deepest point in Rainbow Lake, Clear Pond, and Lake Kushaqua.

Roger Gorham gave the Rainbow Lake Water Protection District of Commissioners report. Three bids were received to do the work on the dam. The purpose of the project is to raise the dam in order to reduce the risk of a washout during high water and to make it possible to release water faster when the water levels are high due to excessive rainfall. The engineer is going over the bids to make certain that they include all that is necessary for the project. One remaining open item is the approval by the State Office of the Comptroller for the financing. Once the approval is received and the contract signed the work should take 40 – 60 days to complete.

Sue Fallone informed the membership that NYS Boating Safety Courses can be taken on line. The Upper Saranac Lake Association is giving the 2 day course for free August 13th and 14th from 9 am – 1pm.

Contact Sue Fallone if you are interested in the Invasive Species class given at Paul Smith's College.

Bob Tebbutt agreed to let the association use his property for our annual picnic. Sue Fallone will chair the picnic committee. Joe Deignan, Dick Fitchett, Linda Gorham, Jim Harper, and John McKeon volunteered to be on the committee. They will be responsible for renting a port-o-potty, purchasing hamburgers, rolls, bottled water, paper products, getting grills, setting up, clean up after picnic, and returning rented items.

Cissy Isaac is the chairperson of the nominating committee. Alyse Holstein and Susan Whitehurst volunteered to also be on the committee.

Peter Geertz thanked all the volunteer plant surveyors for their time. He has been trying to contact people at Paul Smith's College to have a professional plant survey done this year since December, 2017. No one responded to his voice or emails. Joe Deignan gave him the name of someone to call in the beginning of July and they said they could do the survey in the beginning of September for \$5,000. The Board of Directors felt the cost was too high and the timing not optimal for the survey. Mike Brickman was looking into seeing if there were other organizations who also did professional plant surveys. If none were found this year we would do it first thing in 2019.

John McKeon felt very strongly that this survey be done this year and that it is important to the mission of the RLA. The Board will continue to research this issue.

Sue asked those present for feedback with the change of venue from the Firehouse to the VIC. All feedback was positive.

Tom Flanagan was available to take orders for RLA hats, t-shirts, and vests. New RLA stickers were also being sold for \$5.00 each.

Sue Fallone recognized Faith Lundgren who recently resigned from the board for her many years of service.

Tom Sansone and Clear Pond shore owners were thanked for the new bridge.

Motion, second, and approval was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Geertz

RLA Secretary