

## RAINBOW LAKE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2015

Phil Holstein called the meeting to order. He started by handing out a form from the Paul Smiths/Gabriel Fire Department. This form will make it easier for the fire department to find our home in case of a fire. Everyone then introduced themselves. Forty five people were in attendance representing 28 camps.

The minutes of the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved by the membership.

Sue Fallone, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the slate of nominees. There are 4 nominees running for 2 positions on the Board. They are Jon Allen, Douglas Gerhardt, Roger Gorham, and Faith Lundgren. Each person was asked to briefly introduce themselves and tell why they want to be on the RLA Board. Joan Allen spoke for Jon Allen who could not attend due to his work schedule, Sue Fallone spoke for Douglas Gerhardt who also could not attend. Roger Gorham and Faith Lundgren each spoke to their desire to continue serving on the board. Ballots were handed out and collected. Sue Fallone and Cathy Unruh started counting the ballots in the back while the meeting continued.

Ralph Bennett gave the treasurer's report. To date there are 167 members. There is \$12,171.46 in the general fund and \$32,277.95 in the reserve fund.

Phil followed the treasurer's report with the financial goals for the reserve fund. The goal at this point is \$60,000. This would provide 4 years of Lake Steward coverage if we do not receive grants or if we need to start clean up if our lake becomes infested with invasive species.

It was reported that there is now a garden hose at the boat launch dumping station.

Please get your plant survey reports to Mike Brickman as soon as you complete them. At the last Board Meeting Mike reported that there was concern expressed by some of the volunteer surveyors that they were not sure they could accurately identify Eurasian Water Milfoil. Even though Paul Smith's gives a course in recognizing invasive species in mid-June, many of the volunteers are not here to take advantage of the course. The Board passed a motion that we do a professional plant survey this year if those who conduct the survey feel that it is beneficial. Joe Deignan spoke on the importance of yearly data. The experts at Paul Smith's did verify that the survey would be beneficial this year. Peter Geertz made a motion to have a professional plant survey done this year. Anne Joyce seconded. The membership unanimously approved. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to do the water quality survey. Anne Joyce then made a motion to do the water quality survey next year. Peter Geertz seconded and the membership unanimously approved.

Todd Kahn, our vice president, has agreed to Chair the newly formed By-Laws Committee. Joe Deignan, Alyse Holstein, and Anne Joyce volunteered to be on the committee. Todd informed us that the By-Laws need updating to meet New York State standards for Not-for-Profit organizations. If anyone else cares to serve on this committee or has input they would like to share with the committee, it would be welcomed.

Phil read a statement from Chuck Gibbs on the Dam. Ralph Bennett was appointed by the Franklin County Legislature to serve as one of the commissioners on the Rainbow Lake Water Protection District. They received approval from the Army corps of engineers for work on the dam and are still waiting for approval from the DEC in Albany.

Linnae Hamilton reported that information to be added to the National Grid global data base is closing this month. This only effects people owning property within 250 feet of the National Grids right of way.

Faith Lundgren and Linnae are still working on a welcome document for renters and new home owners on the lake.

Sue Fallone announced that Roger Gorham and Faith Lundgren will continue serving on the Board for the next 3 years.

Phil reminded everyone that the Picnic is at 1pm.

Mike Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by numerous members and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Geertz, Secretary