

RAINBOW LAKE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 14, 2021

VIA ZOOM

President Sue Fallone started the meeting with a moment of silence for the passing of Roger Smith.

Welcome and introductions were made. Thirty two members attended representing 20 camps.

Minutes – Minutes were sent to members prior to the meeting. Todd Kahn made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Anne Joyce. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Peter Geertz reported that as of July 31, 2021 the RLA has 170 members. One more person joined since then bringing the total to 171. There is \$19,915.21 in the General Fund with \$4,335 restricted for the mapping project. There is \$89,983.50 in the Reserve Fund.

Board Nominations Report & Vote – Susan Whitehurst expressed the committee's desire for more involvement from the membership. She then presented Jon Allen's name for a Board of Director's position. His nomination was approved by those present.

Buck Pond Stewards – Nora Teter stated that the best prevention is keeping aquatic invasive species from getting into the lake. The Buck Pond Boat Launch is manned by AWI Stewards 7 days a week from 8 – 4pm. The RLA membership covers Friday and Saturday from 4 – 6pm. We need more volunteers to sign up. You can go to the RLA website and click on the link to sign up or contact Nora. Her contact information is on the membership list.

Invasive Species Survey Results to Date – Mike Brickman reported that no Invasives have been found. He recommended looking up Adirondack Invasives.com for more information. There is a Watershed Education program on line starting August 23rd.

The results of the Professional 2021 AIS monitoring of the high risk areas came back clean. No aquatic invasive species were found.

By-Laws – At the July meeting Sue Fallone proposed that the number of directors be changed from 9 to 7 and that 2 Directors will be selected each year. Anne Joyce made a motion to approve the changes, Todd Kahn seconded. This passed unanimously.

Invasive Species Survey – Peter Geertz reported the bacterial testing came back as excellent. Anything under 100 is considered acceptable. The highest we had in the 10 samples was 4.

Picnic – Sue Fallone – Unfortunately this year’s picnic was cancelled. We are planning our annual picnic for next year. The Tebbutts have agreed to host the picnic. Hopefully all those on the picnic committee this year will be willing to do this next year.

Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation – Linda Gorham – The RLA is supporting the ADK Loon Friendly Lake Certification Program. One of the ongoing projects of the Loon Conservation is “Love Your Lake Day”. This year it will be August 21st. Members are encouraged to take their boats out on the lake for “Lake Clean Up.” Pick up any trash and fishing line and report what you did and did not find to Pam Timbie. Pam, along with Joan Stevens and Marilyn Leitch are volunteers for this program. A reminder will go out to the membership on Friday the 20th. There are two containers on the lake to discard of fishing line. They are at Buck Pond and the Railroad Bridge.

Another goal is to get brochures in the hands of visitors and renters. There is a link on the RLA website to see the brochures.

The ADK center for Loon Conservation started a “Lead Back Program” where people can turn in their lead fishing tackle into the Blue Line or Woods & Water Sporting Goods stores and receive a \$10 gift certificate to purchase new tackle.

Map Project – Stephanie Ratcliffe - Stephanie thanked all those who helped finalize the map project in such a short period of time to meet the deadline for printing. The map was turned into the printer at 5pm on Friday the 13th.

Stephanie will get back to us on the cost of a separate project of creating a wall map suitable for framing from Adirondack Research.

New business –

Sue Fallone officially but virtually passed the President's gavel to Cathy Unruh who will serve as President from 1/1/2022 – 12/31/21.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Geertz

RLA Secretary