

**Lake Management:** Mary Jablonski, Vice President

**Environment and Ecology:** Dave Graves, Chair: Report at Meeting

**Water Level:** Bill Fielding and Henry Eifert, Co-Chairs: Report at meeting with updates on the DEC dam project. For more information and the on-going Water Level Log see water level webpage: <http://canadalake.mylaketown.com/lakelevel> (copy and paste in browser).

**Fire Safety:** Bill Fielding, Chair: No report at this point.

**Water Purity:** Merryn Fielding, Chair: Report at Meeting.

**Invasive Species:** Michael Durkee and Marcus Harazin, co-chairs: Report at the meeting.

**Lake Safety:** Eric Manning, Chair: No report at this point.

**Fishing:** Doug Smith, Chair: 1830 brown trout, 8-9" inches in length were stocked in Canada Lake this spring by the NYS Department of Conservation. Also \$482.00 was spent to purchase brown trout from Avery's Fish Hatchery, Gloversville, NY.

**Property Assessment:** Linda Clark, Chair: No report at this point.

#### **Stewardship Committees:**

**Adopt-A-Highway:** Shawna Thompson, Chair: Dates for the highway pick-up will be posted on the CLCA website in the Newsletter.

**Adopt-A-Shoreline,** Deb Hoffman, Chair: Last Fall a one-day pick-up was organized which included the area west of the Dolgeville boathouse to the mouth of Sawdust Creek. A committee member also removed three tires from the West Lake side of Dolgeville Point. Early this spring there was another pick-up by several committee members along the same stretch of shoreline. This past week, a dock was retrieved by some residents on the lake, and committee members hauled it back to State land near the Dolgeville Boathouse. It was secured and will be disposed of as soon as it becomes less water logged and easier to handle. Again, the committee wishes to thank our property owners for their diligence in keeping their shoreline free of debris.

**Campsites:** Betsy Cannon, Chair: As noted in this year's *Echo*, the campsites along the Sprite Creek Waterway, from Stewart's Landing to Lily Lake were the fortunate recipients of a volunteer project conducted by the scouts of Troop 81 of Canajoharie, under the leadership of Eagle Scout, Philip Leverett. Brush was trimmed, cleared, and fire in a fire pit on an unoccupied site in Lily Lake was extinguished by a lake resident. Campsite visitors are reminded to be sure fires are completely extinguished before leaving.

**Fire Tower:** Tim Mitchell, Chair: No report at this point.

**Island:** Rick Fink, Chair: No report at this point.

## **Lake Organization:** Allen Farber, Vice President

**Adirondack:** Jim Hays, chair: the focus of the committee has been on how to respond to the potential threat of the insect known as the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid that has been destroying hemlocks on the east coast. This will be covered in the presentation by Mark Whitmore of Cornell University.

**By-Laws:** Dick Maider, Chair: The Board is considering an amendment to the bylaws concerning membership approval of the budget. Nothing has been drafted as the Board will consider same at its August meeting.

**Directory:** Chris Rohrs, Chair: The next CLCA Directory will be published in Spring 2020. The Directory Committee will begin pre-planning this summer and fall and will fully activate in summer 2019. Volunteers are welcome in content development and ad sales.

**Fire Department:** Alan Peck, chair: no report.

**Lake Publications: *The Echo*:** Mark and Christine Moritz, chairs: As usual the content provided to us is of great quality and value to the readers of the *Echo*. We would like to thank everyone that contributed and encourage everyone to start thinking how they can contribute for next year. There is not much to report since we believe the *Echo* speaks for itself. We would like to use this opportunity to talk about submitting pictures. We will send an E-mail out in the fall on how to submit for better quality. Some pictures that we received this year were not usable, that is why you may not have seen pictures in the *Echo* that you have submitted. As for now during this summer keep in mind that cell phone pictures from older phones are usually not print quality and cell phone pictures in low light are problematic even on a newer phone. If you have a quality camera take it to an event and take some good pictures and offer them to the committee head that planned that event.

Thanks,

Mark & Christine Moritz

**Legal:** Dick Maider, Chair: nothing new to report.

**Membership:** Merryn Byrnes, Chair: We have 284 memberships currently, 13 of them are new members.

If you haven't paid your dues, they can still be paid to myself at the store, Lois Miller or mailed to PO Box 483, Caroga Lake, NY 12032. You will need to pick up your copy of the Echo at the store.

**Nominating:** John Saunders, Chair: As Chairman of the Nominating Committee I wish to submit to the CLCA membership at the 2018 CLCA Annual Meeting the following slate of Directors and Officers for a vote of approval.

The following CLCA Directors have terms ending in 2018:

Dick Arthur

Allen Farber

Dave Graves

Deborah Hoffman

Mark Moritz

Chris Rohrs

John Saunders

Of this group, Dick Arthur has decided to step down as a Director, while Allen, Dave, Deb, Mark, Chris and myself, have confirmed our interest to continue to serve as Directors for the upcoming three year term ending in 2021.

To fill Dick's Director position, the Committee nominates Tom Lyons. The Committee also nominates Eric Manning, who was appointed last year to replace John Broderick, to serve as a Director for the upcoming three year term.

The Committee on behalf of the Association wishes to extend much heartfelt thanks to Dick Arthur for his many years of service as an Association Director and as chair of the Directory Committee.

The Nominating Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors wishes to submit to the 2018 CLCA Annual Meeting for a vote of approval:

Officers whose term ends in 2019

President - Chris Rohrs

Secretary - Deborah Hoffman

Treasurer - Paul Corr

President Elect - John Saunders

Directors whose terms will end in 2021:

Allen Farber

Dave Graves

Deborah Hoffman

Mark Moritz

Chris Rohrs

John Saunders,  
Tom Lyons, and  
Eric Manning.

**Website:** Allen Farber, Chair: I am continuing to try to keep the website up to date, and for the third year, I am sending out the weekly newsletter. Anyone who is not getting copies can email me: [canadalakesconservation@gmail.com](mailto:canadalakesconservation@gmail.com).

As announced in the June 29<sup>th</sup> newsletter, a CLCA Facebook Group has been created. This is a closed group with membership only open to CLCA members, and only administrators and designated moderators are allowed to post in the group. Members can suggest to administrators and moderators material to be posted. For the moment, Allen Farber and Merryn Byrnes will be Administrators and Chris Rohrs as CLCA President will be a Moderator. [Click here](#) to go to the CLCA Facebook group. On this page you can request to join the group.

**Welcoming:** Lois Miller, Chair: Membership packets are once again being distributed to new members of our association. The packets include, along with many information brochures, a current CLCA Directory, the Town of Caroga information pamphlet and the Caroga Historical Museum schedule. The packets are hand-delivered by the committee members.

**Winter Emergency:** Tony Sturchio, chair: we are hopeful that Morey road, corridor 8 going to the state access road will be open this winter for snowmobiling.

**Lake Activities:** Lois Miller, Vice President:

**Boat Parade:** Kristen and Brian Franz, Co-Chairs: The boat parade this year is cancelled. It will again be revived for the 2019 season with the hope of an increased interest from the boat enthusiasts around our lakes.

**Flare Lighting:** Ed Fake, Chair: Labor Day flare lighting will take place on Saturday, September 1, at 9pm.

**Fireworks:** Mike Manning, Chair: Another great display of fireworks this year. We will continue to schedule this event for next year. However, it is Important to note that your individual contributions make the fireworks spectacular happen. Please continue your generous donations.

**Sailing:** Courtney Young, Commodore and Nancy Young, Vice-Commodore: There has been little to no interest in the event over the last few years. Lessons are still available for anyone who would like to learn to sail. Please call Courtney Young at 835-3701.

**Water Sports Clinic:** Diana Leaf, Chair: the Water Sports Clinic is scheduled for this Saturday morning. It has been announced in the newsletter and on the website ([click here](#))

### **Social Functions:**

**Ice Cream Extravaganza:** Erin Alexander and Mary Peck, Co-Chairs: Thanks to Stewart's Shops we once again will have ice cream sundaes, root beer floats, creamsicle floats and chocolate sodas available for everyone to enjoy. This event takes place at Alexander's on Green Lake on Saturday, August 4th at 2:00p.m. Stop by and enjoy being a kid again...making your own sundae!

**Luncheon:** Kathy Rohrs, Chair: This year's Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pine Lake Lodge beginning at 11:30 am. Once again, musicians from our very own Caroga Lake Music Festival will provide entertainment before lunch is served.

Tickets are \$18 with a cash bar and can be purchased from any committee member, at the Canada Lake Store, or here at the meeting.

*Tickets must be purchased ahead of time:* There will be no tickets sold the day of the luncheon.

You are also asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food or canned goods that will be given to our local food bank.

**Picnic:** Mary and Mike Cannon, Co-Chairs: The Annual Picnic is being held on Saturday, July 21 at 1PM at the Cannon's on 230 Fulton Road. Everyone is asked to bring a chair and a **Dish to Share**. If anyone would like to volunteer, be at the Cannon's at noon. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (985) 516-1852.

**Youth Activities:** Ward Halverson, Chair: We are excited this year to, once again, have an Amazing Fun Day at The Lake, 115 Dolgeville Point's Halverson/Montague camp (big lawn and flagpole, 4<sup>th</sup> from the woods on Dolgeville Point), Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 2 PM. There will be another rousing game of Lawn Ball where the energy expended is only exceeded by the rapidly-evolving ridiculousness of the rules. There will be some event involving digging through sand for treasure in a plastic pool. There will be another event where strings are connected between trees and kids shoot water guns at moving targets. There will be a delicious and wonderfully unhealthy lunch. There might be a swamped canoe. There could be volleyball. There will definitely be t-shirts, although there may or may not be t-shirts that fit. Anyone youthful in age or spirit is welcome. Afterward, the annual Ice Cream Extravaganza will be, literally, the icing on the cake.

For other events, anyone interested in bushwhacking or off-trail adventures should text Ward Halverson at (315) 868-1000. Amanda Young might host Reading on the Island and can be called at (518) 835-3701. Beyond that, we're open to more ideas!

