

CLCA June 23, 2019 Directors' Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by President Chris Rohrs.

Directors in attendance were: Merryn Byrnes, Paul Corr, Henry Eifert, Ed Fake, Allen Farber, Rick Fink, Dave Graves, Jim Hays, Deb Hoffman, Mary Jablonski, Tom Lyons, Dick Maider, Lois Miller, Mark Moritz, Chris Rohrs, and John Saunders.

Directors unable to attend: Mike Durkee and Eric Manning.

Guest in attendance: Bob Baker, Marcus Harazin, and Lorraine Mott.

President's Remarks

Chris thanked the officers, Vice Presidents and committee chairpersons for their support during his tenure. "Our Association runs efficiently because of you folks".

Secretary's Report-Deb Hoffman

Deb reported that some corrections were made to the minutes as originally emailed. Dave Graves asked that some rewording be done to the Environment and Ecology report. The original description in the minutes read: "Dave contacted members of his committee, 9 were in favor of the lower water level, three requested further information and one could not be reached. The E & E committee felt that a lower lake level could protect sensitive environment and offer a buffer during high water levels". The corrected version now reads, " The committee drafted a position statement for discussion at the Directors' meeting. Nine (9) members supported, three members abstaining pending additional information on the dam project, and one member unreachable. The position statement recommended that based on the above mentioned changes the DEC should consider reducing the height of the flash boards on the dam as part of their dam refurbishment project in order to protect sensitive environment and offer a buffer during high water". All other requested corrections were typos and were corrected. The corrected minutes once approved will be sent to Allen for publication on the website.

Deb asked for a motion to accept the minutes as emailed and corrected. Lois made the motion and it was seconded by Allen. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report-Paul Corr

Paul went over the cash basis financial statements as of and for the year ending December 31, 2018 and the period ending June 21, 2019. Paul talked of the 2019 approved budget as well as the tentative budget for 2020. Paul noted that the \$20,000.00 shown on the current balance sheet as a subtraction from the checking

account is a transfer to the money market account where it earns interest. Total equity and liabilities as of June 21, 2019 is \$62,611.88.

Thanks to an email that was sent out in December more that \$5,000.00 was raised for our 4th of July fund.

Filings have been made to both the Federal and State. We are enjoying a big savings due to Allen taking over our website. Paul asked for and received approval for the 2020 budget and a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The tentative budget for 2020 will be presented for approval by the membership at the 2019 Annual meeting.

Continuing Business

Dam and Water Level – As if on cue the rains came, calls were made and we are currently eight inches above summer norm. The gate will be closed tomorrow. It is believed that we got up to 15.6 inches. Chris found DEC's response to be tremendous. Hopefully Brian Haack (sp?) will be the point man for some time. The State did exactly what we asked. Bill continues to provide excellent data that Brian now "gets it"-that the data Bill sends is accurate and dependable. Responders are available on weekends if needed.

The dam project itself was completed in December. Both gates were renovated, the concrete was shored up extensively and the new flash boards were put in. Gate manipulation remains manual. The upper gate is leaking since the repair and will need to be addressed this fall. The short-term fix was to sandbag the upper gate but this provided mixed results.

The State closed the upper gate on the same day we reported ice out. The State also agreed to reduce the lower gate opening on the same day requested (June 5th). Water level management will be a continual challenge for us as we go forward. Brian believes that we should be tolerant of six inches above and six inches below.

We must continue to have an open line of communication with this gentleman. It is crucial to maintain a positive connection with DEC. The question was asked as to whether the repair would affect the draw down and we were told that the State will determine that.

Fireworks Funding – We did reach our \$5,000.00 goal. There was an increase of \$1,000.00 in the price from last year. This is a challenging number and we can't assume we will reach it every year. Options? Scale back and purchase a cheaper show? What is our policy if we fall short of funds? Short term we have signed a contract so we are responsible. Long term do we take what the members have earmarked and make up the rest if needed or if funding isn't there do we decide not to have the event that particular year? Discussion: If there is a shortfall, the Association should not fund, some believe if the shortage is two or three hundred dollars, the Association could step up. Allen wondered if we could do a "Go Fund

Me” page. Final decision was that if sufficient money is donated the event will take place. If funds are not raised the event will not happen that year.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid – The threat is moving north at approximately 10 miles a year. There have been reports this invasive was spotted in the Rockwood Forest Preserve just 10 miles from Canada Lake. These “beasts” can wipe out entire stands of hemlocks. Our members need to be aware of this invasive. Marcus had put together a flyer that was inserted into the 2019 Echo providing important information. Marcus spoke with Spencer Barrett of Cornell Cooperative Extension who indicated that a survey had been done in the Preserve and it was determined spider mite egg sacks were found NOT HWA. Regardless of these finding, this invasive is on its way and it would be devastating. Property owners must be involved. DEC does a have SWAT team ready to jump into action if needed. We have a good level of vigilance and the right contacts and connections.

Fire Pumps – Last year \$2,000.00 was budgeted and after talking with Bill and Howard we were able to purchase two new pumps and hosing. Rick indicated that the pumps have been ordered and should arrive next week. Rick has volunteered his time to build the housing units for the cost of materials. Rick suggested adding a pump to the West Lake side of Dolgeville Point and an additional pump on the South Shore Trail of Canada Lake. The question is now should we redeploy the older pumps for additional coverage. This idea seems to make sense. A question was asked if there would be another drill similar to the one Rick organized last year? Rick stated that he would like to involve the youth from around the Lake. If there is anyone who didn’t attend last year’s drill or would like to review the operation give Rick a call. Now the question becomes does the Association want to take on 5 pump stations. A question was raised as to Association liability. Dick felt that we own the pumps, we maintain them on a regular schedule and if this procedure is followed annually there would be no liability on the part of the Association. Maintenance must be a shared responsibility with neighboring properties to the pumps. Rick is willing to submit in his next report that each pump has been tested and is in working condition. This insures notification in the minutes and is on record. Rick would like to expand his committee to insure that annual pump maintenance is completed. It was suggested that a laminated instruction sheet be housed inside each unit.

New Business

Nominating Committee-John Saunders

Nominating and Officer Transition-John reported that there are three Director positions vacant as well as the Association’s Secretary position that need to be filled. The nominating committee is putting forth the following slate for the Directors’ approval: Marcus Harazin, Bob Baker, and Lorraine Mott. Lorraine has agreed to fill the secretary position as well. Lois did question the idea of having two

Board members from the same family. She noted that in the past we have tried to choose candidates from all parts of the Lake so that all members felt equally represented. John acknowledged this but felt that the Board and the general membership would be well served through these appointments. Lois made the motion to accept the slate as presented and Jim Hays seconded the motion. Board approval was unanimous. John will continue to look for a President-Elect candidate as well as a chair for the Nominating Committee.

Lake Management – VP Mary Jablonski

Environment & Ecology-Dave Graves. Previously covered in the minutes.

Water Level-Henry spoke to the fact that historically the CLCA and the SLA have worked together on this issue. The SLA has expressed their desire to maintain the level at 1543.1. Henry felt that contact with DEC by the CLCA without consulting with the Stewarts Landing people is inappropriate regarding the water level. Chris indicated that for the remainder of his term he will continue to work with Bill and the Water Level Committee which includes you (Henry) and then you can interface with the SLA. As far as the standard (1543.1) the CLCA also supported this level at the end of our last meeting in August of 2018. We are in sinc.

Water Purity-Merryn Byrnes. Merryn reported that we are continuing the CSLAP program in which they keep increasing their perimeters in what they are testing for. Merryn will send last year's report over to Allen to put up on the website.

Invasive Species-Marcus reported for Mike Durkee. They did get refunded for the State money for the work we do at the State boat launch site and at the boat wash decontamination site. Our Association contributed a lot of work on this year's application for funding but in order to be eligible for monies the Town had to adopt a Lakes Management Plan. This plan was a culmination of a lot of data. The Town now has a Lakes Management committee to compare notes and come up with some strategies. This plan was adopted and we are now funded for three years. This year we also needed to look for a coordinator (Mike had previously done this work). John Olm has agreed to take on this position. There are a lot of moving parts in this program. The pay off has been that this is an essential part of the Town's operation.

There was a potential spotting at the West Lake launch of the spiny water flea. That turned out to a negative but it is great to be aware as this threat exists in Peck Lake as well as the Sacandaga. Marcus will be handing out new information to the Lake Inspectors and he expressed his appreciation to all the volunteers.

Chris thanked Marcus and Mike for their incredible attention to detail. Marcus stressed the importance of having a strong partnership with the Town and the other lake associations.

Marcus did mention one small hiccup that we have at the launch site. The AWI workers' shift is from 8-4. This leaves the site unattended during early morning hours. One solution may be that Mike asks the volunteers to take a 6:30-8 shift in order to cover that time period. There is a high water sign that should go out when conditions warrant. This should be the responsible of a staff member not a volunteer.

Lake Safety-Eric Manning. Nothing to report.

Fishing-Doug Smith. Doug reported that there had been a stocking in Green Lake last fall. The cost was \$500.00. Avery's Fish Hatchery did the delivery. On June 6, 2019 230 rainbow trout were put into Canada Lake. They ranged in length from 12 to 15 inches. Doug also reported that DEC has approved the fish stocking permit for another five years.

Jim Hays asked if anyone had been catching rainbow trout. Those at the launch had heard fishermen were catching bass. Marcus did mention that ice fishermen were getting trout over on West Lake

Property Assessment-Linda Clark. Nothing to report.

Stewardships

Adopt a Highway-looking for a chair. Not sure if any pickups were done last year. Shawna may have her list of volunteers from several years ago that we could draw from.

Lois asked if our Bylaws state that as a Director you must chair a committee. The By laws are being checked as the meeting continues.

Adopt a Shoreline-Deb Hoffman. In addition to the report sent to the website, Deb has pulled several tires out of the Lake. Hopefully an early drawdown will expose some normally hidden debris and the group can organize a clean up this fall. The shoreline from Dolgeville boathouse to the entrance to Sawdust Creek still has much that should be cleaned up. The committee still needs to dispose of a dock section and a 6" x 6" beam with pipe fittings. Marcus asked if we might get some funding to help defray the cost of disposing of tires. I believe that was approved. Marcus indicated he would be willing to work on that in the fall.

Campsites-Basically in good shape. Lois noted that the 5-mile per hour sign entering Lily Lake is down. She is wondering who is responsible for putting that up. Would it be the Lake Safety committee?

Fire Tower-Tim Mitchell. Tim reported to Mary that the area is in good shape. According to last year's meeting the mesh around the stairs needed to be replaced or at least repaired. It has not been done yet. Question was asked if there was any monitoring of the solar equipment going on? Mary stated that Tim might know more about that. Dave mentioned that the roof is in dire need of repair. It's believed

there is a new roof in storage somewhere but Dave is going to remind our DEC contact that this roof needs to be replaced as well as repairing or replacing the mesh. Dave believes the solar equipment is a communication system for rangers that are out in the field. Allen mentioned that we are coming up on the centennial of our fire tower. Other organizations have been planning events. Is this something we should look into? This is a very popular and well-visited tower in the region. Allen will check with other lake organization and see what they have been doing regarding these celebrations.

Island-Rick Fink. Rick reported he took a ride around the Island and it looks about the same. Dave agreed to invite the forester back when he sends the fire tower pictures. There were some good ideas given. We will see if additional suggestions are given by the forester after he takes a look at the Island this year. The dock is not in yet. Rick agreed to take care of it as it is needed for the fireworks.

Lake Organization-VP Allen Farber

Allen asked if having the committee reports sent in to the website ahead of time was a good idea. The response was "YES!"

Adirondack Committee-Jim Hays. Nothing to report.

By Laws-Dick Maider. No immediate issues.

Directory-Chris Rohrs. Chris reported that Dick Arthur will continue to be a member of this committee but Chris has agreed to chair. They are about to launch the committee. The best news is that Cassie Lyons will again design. Chris will run ad sales again. Allen is involved and Chris will call the first meeting over the weekend of the fourth. They are always looking for people with new ideas. Lois interjected that she still has some 2005 and 2010 Directories if anyone is interested. She agreed to bring them to the Annual meeting. The \$3,000.00 that is in reserve in our budget is sufficient according to Chris.

Fire Department-Alan Peck. Nothing from Alan.

Echo-Mark Moritz. Mark reported that he has gone back to his original printer because of cost savings.

Legal-Dick Maider. No issues.

Membership-Merryn Byrnes. Current membership is at 271. That is about 30 shy of last year, but Merryn believes she will get close to that number throughout the coming month. Merryn has given Lois the names of those members who have joined in the past but have not yet joined this year. Lois will track them down. There were two new families that joined and two that represented extended family members. Merryn thanked those who helped stuff the Echoes (Dave and Cat Graves, Allen Farber, and Deb Hoffman). Merryn has also received offers to help out with the Membership committee.

Nominating Committee-John Saunders. Covered earlier in the minutes.

Website-Allen Farber. Allen reported that he has a parallel database to Merryn's so they will talk about what to do with that. A question was asked if the membership dues could be set up through a "PayPal" account. Allen is looking for someone with knowledge of this system. Merryn expressed her concern that members would not update their information. They would click to pay the dues and not fill out the rest of the form listing current email address, etc. If we don't have current information the new Directory is useless. Allen is hoping to get a group together to hash this out regarding payment, current information, etc. Lorrie Mott does have this experience.

Welcoming Committee-Lois Miller. Covered under Membership Committee.

Winter Emergency- Looking for a chair. Tony indicated there was nothing to report.

Lake Activities-VP Lois Miller

Boat Parade-Brian and Kristen Franz. The boat parade will take place over the 4th of July weekend. Details posted in our newsletter.

Flare Lighting-Ed Fake. We will be able to light the flares on the Island this year since we are using the new LED flares.

Fireworks-Mike Manning. The event will take place on Saturday, July 6th.

Water Activity Clinic-Diana Leaf. This report is posted on the website. All agree that she has done a wonderful job organizing this activity.

Ice Cream Extravaganza-The event will be held at the Alexander camp located on Green Lake and will take place the first weekend in August. Watch the website for more information.

Lake Luncheon-Kathy Rohrs. The luncheon will take place on Wednesday, July 17th at the Pine Lake Lodge. It was mentioned at the planning meeting that having the President's wife chair this event maybe outdated. Perhaps we should offer it to the President's wife and if declined look for someone willing to continue the tradition of the Lake Luncheon.

CLCA Annual Picnic-This year's event will again be hosted by Mike and Mary Cannon. The date is July 20th.

Youth Activities-Ward Halverson. Ward has assured Lois that this popular event will take place though a definite date has not been established. Traditionally it has been held several hours before the Ice Cream Extravaganza. Check our website for details.

Chris asked that if at all possible let's have a good showing of Directors at the Annual meeting. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th beginning at 7 o'clock at the Caroga Town Hall.

Lois asked if John had found anything in the Bylaws indicating that all Directors must chair a committee. John reported that nothing indicating this policy was found in the Bylaws.

On that note a motion to adjourn was made by Lois and seconded by Ed. There was no opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Hoffman-CLCA Secretary