

## **CLCA Annual Meeting – Saturday, July 13, 2019**

**The 2019 Annual Meeting of the CLCA was called to order by President Chris Rohrs at 7:05 p.m.. Chris introduced the officers, pointed out the fire exits as well as the Membership and Lake Luncheon tables located within the room. There was also the establishment of a quorum and the meeting continued.**

### **President's Remarks-Chris Rohrs**

Chris recognized the Officers, Vice Presidents, Directors, and volunteers and thanked them for their support during his tenure.

### **Secretary's Report-Deb Hoffman**

Deb hoped that everyone had received and reviewed the minutes as emailed. There was one minor change regarding the number of boats that were pulled and serviced by the Store. Deb had recorded 26 boats when in fact that number represented people that were in attendance that had their boats serviced by the Store not the total number of boats serviced. There were no other changes and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report-Paul Corr**

Paul provided copies of the 2018 Balance Sheet and pointed out that the Fireworks Fund was nearly depleted and yet with a plea for help the response was incredible- "the show will go on". Paul reviewed the Profit and Loss page from 2018 as well as the Balance Sheet which as of July 13<sup>th</sup> with no liabilities we have nearly \$56,000.00 in cash. Paul had placed \$20,000.00 into a money market fund where it would earn some interest.

Paul then went through the Profit and Loss statement through July 13<sup>th</sup>. Membership dues totaled \$8,070.00 (269 members) 11 more forms have been received and we expect to reach the 300 mark.

Paul moved on to discuss the budgets. He pointed out that the membership had already approved the 2019 budget and asked that members give approval for both his report and the tentative budget for 2020. He indicated that there maybe a few changes when the Directors meet in August but it should be close to the numbers presented. Motion to accept by James Long and seconded by Mary Jablonski and approved unanimously.

## **Nominating Committee-John Saunders**

John reported that there were three vacancies on the Board as well as the need to fill the Secretary's position. Officers are John Saunders-President, Lorraine Mott-Secretary, and Paul Corr-Treasurer. John continues to search for someone to fill the President-Elect position. Directors with terms ending in 2022: Mike Durkee, Ed Fake, Mary Jablonski, Dick Maider, Eric Manning, and Lois Miller. The three vacancies will be filled by Bob Baker and Lorraine Mott with terms ending in 2020 and Marcus Harazin, whose term would end in 2021. John offered the slate of Directors and Officers for approval. Motion was offered by James Long and seconded by Mike Durkee with acceptance to approve unanimous.

John then presented Chris with a gift to show the appreciation of the CLCA for Chris's dedication and leadership during the past two years.

## **Hemlock Woolly Adelgid-Dave Graves**

Dave gave a brief history and then reported HWA had currently been found in Scotia, NY and around Lake George. Marcus Harazin is well connected with DEC and the APIPP (Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program) and it was brought to his attention that this pest had been discovered in the Rockwood Forest Preserve just 10 miles from here. It was verified, treated but no other infestation was located except that one tree. The Environment/Ecology called a meeting looking for ways to inform our membership and a flyer was included in the Echo. We need to keep an eye out for this invasive because it is coming and has the ability to wipe out an entire hemlock stand. This could really change the ecology of our Lake. Be aware this is coming and takes between 4 to 10 years to kill a tree.

## **Stewart Landing Dam update-Chris Rohrs and Bill Fielding**

DEC completed the dam restoration in December and it went generally well however there are follow up fixes to be done this fall. Refurbishment needs to be done. The seals around the gaskets were not installed correctly and the upper gate is leaking to the extent of three inches. One temporary solution would be to sandbag the upper gate but this has not been done. If it doesn't rain we will be losing water at the rate of ¼ inch a day. Bill congratulated Chris for his diligence in working with DEC. He along with Bill and Henry created the best relationship with DEC in the last 50 years. Bill hopes we can keep this relationship going. The question was asked if the water level would be lowered again this year with the answer being yes in order to make the repairs. DEC has not given a date but it could be as early as October 14<sup>th</sup>. Chris indicated that he would be talking with people before getting back to Brian Huyck. This will be a significant draw down (3 ½ feet). As soon as the date has been determined notification will be sent to all members.

Chris expressed his positive opinion of this DEC team in Raybrook-they are extremely communicative and extremely responsive. A big part of this is the data and experience that Bill and Henry bring us so that we can go to the State and they

trust us. We share data with Brian Huyck every morning – the guy gets it!! We have a great relationship and we pray he doesn't get promoted. Chris reported that we have asked for five gate adjustments this year and each one has been done on the day requested.

### **Loon Survey-Karen Memmott**

The census will take place on the morning of July 20<sup>th</sup> between 8 and 9 a.m. They are looking for volunteers. It only takes an hour of your time and can be done from your dock or take your canoe or kayak out. If interested in participating give Jane Davis a call. Her number is in the Directory.

### **New Business**

#### **AIS-Mike Durkee**

Mike thanked the many volunteers who make this program work. Looking back a few years, it took the Town some time to get on board and help with the expenses for the program but they eventually began to share expenses and have taken over the paid steward program with the CLCA supplementing with volunteers. Traffic at the site continues to increase. Last year the WLBL inspected over 2,200 boats an increase of about 100%. To date, 1,200 boats have been inspected at the boat launch. In 2018 inspection began at the Caroga Lake Marina thanks to a grant received from DEC. AWI now provides a steward at the West Lake boat launch and an additional person at the State campground. We now have an expanded program (WLBL, the boat wash site, Caroga Lake Marina, and the State campground). Mike would like to see more involvement from the East and West Lake Associations

Mike let everyone know that his role in the program has changed. For the last five years he has been the coordinator for the Town. John Olm has agreed to take over this position while Mike will continue to co-chair the program at the West Lake Boat Launch only. Based on the fact that not any form of invasive species has been found in the Canada Lakes system, the program is working.

Chris expressed great gratitude to Mike and Marcus and the army of volunteers that have continued to work diligently in a program started many years ago by Jim Hays.

#### **Green Lake/Kane Mt. parking area**

Rick Fink reported that the State promised to spread gravel in the parking area at the trailhead to Kane Mt. on the Green Lake road. There is also a possibility of providing an outhouse.

## **Stop the Bleed Program-Nancy Fink Myers**

Nancy introduced a national program called “Stop the Bleed” which would be very helpful to folks around the Lake if an injury occurs and immediate attention is needed to control a bleed until medical assistance arrives. Nancy has spoken to J.D. at the Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Department and was told that two classes are being offered and although already full he is willing to set up a third class if there is interest. It is a 90-minute course that instructs how to control bleeding until emergency help can arrive. Classes are taught by nurses from Littauer hospital in partnership with our fire department and will be held at the firehouse. Nancy shared a brochure and a sign-up sheet for those interested. Nancy agreed to put something together and Allen Farber will put it on our website.

## **Committee Reports-**

### **Lake Management-Mary Jablonski, VP**

#### **Ecology-Dave Graves**

Covered earlier in the minutes.

#### **Water Level-Bill Fielding/Henry Eifert**

Covered earlier in the minutes.

#### **Fire Safety-Rick Fink**

Rick informed the group that there are two new pumps on Dolgeville Pt. and West Lake. Rick is hoping to establish two more sites around the Lake.

#### **Water Purity-Merryn Byrnes**

Information is posted on our website.

#### **Lake Safety-Eric Manning**

Nothing new to report

#### **Fishing-Doug Smith**

Stocking information is on the website with additional stocking reports listed as well.

## **Stewardships-**

### **Adopt-a-Highway-Bob Baker**

Check our website for pick-up dates. Contact Bob if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Adopt-a-Shoreline-Deb Hoffman**

Nothing new from Echo report but areas will be monitored as the water levels go down.

### **Campsites-Betsy Cannon**

Both the site in Lily Lake and West Lake were checked and are in good shape.

### **Fire Tower-Tim Mitchell**

The fire tower looks good, new mesh will be added around the stairs and railing by DEC.

### **Island-Rick Fink**

Rick and Dave Graves will have a forester take a look at several trees. The young saplings that were planted over the last three or four years are doing well.

## **Lake Organization-Allen Farber,VP**

### **Adirondack Committee-Jim Hays**

Information is posted on the website

### **Bylaws-Dick Maider**

Nothing to report

### **Directory-Chris Rohrs**

Chris has taken over for Dick Arthur. Cassie Lyons has agreed to assist again this year. They are looking for content and ad sales.

### **Fire Department-Howard Dutcher**

Nothing to report

### **Legal-Dick Maider**

Nothing to report

## **Membership-Merryn Byrnes**

We currently have 280 members and Lois will contact those prior members who have not yet joined this year. With the Directory coming out in 2020 please make sure your personal information is accurate on your membership form. These forms will be sent out in March 2020 along with the President's Letter.

## **Nominating Committee-John Saunders**

Previously covered in the minutes

## **Website-Allen Farber**

Information is available on our website

## **Welcoming Committee-Lois Miller**

There are four new families on the Lake this year. Lois has contacted three and will contact the fourth family.

## **Winter Emergency Committee-Tony Sturchio**

Nothing reported

## **Lake Activities-Lois Miller, VP**

All Lake activities that have taken place thus far are on the website complete with reports.

## **Lake Luncheon-Kathy Rohrs**

This event is coming up on Wednesday and will be held at the Pine Lake Lodge. Pre-registration is needed. Kathy and Karen are selling tickets after the meeting if you need one.

## **Ski/Wakeboard Clinic-DeeDee Leaf**

This year's event will be held at the Davis camp on Dolgeville Pt. Sign up is at 9:45 with the clinic beginning at 10 a.m. Waivers need to be signed and handed in that day. An adult must sign for anyone who wishes to participate that is under 18 years of age. Waivers are available on the porch of the Canada Lake Store as well as on our website.

## **CLCA Picnic-Mike and Mary Cannon**

This annual event will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cannon Camp on Fulton Road. Hours are from 1 – 4p.m. Please bring a dish to share as well as a chair if you wish to sit during the event.

## **Youth Activities-Ward Halverson**

This event will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Halverson camp on Dolgeville Pt. Events begin at 11 a.m. this includes lunch. The activities will last until 2 p.m.

## **Ice Cream Extravaganza-Alexander family**

Held again this year at the Alexander camp on Green Lake. Everyone is invited to join in and have a root beer float or ice cream sundae. The event begins at two and continues until four o'clock.

Chris thanked the Cannon's for hosting the picnic again this year and the Alexander's for hosting the Ice Cream Extravaganza. These are great events that are enjoyed by many.

Merryn drew names for the door prizes. The winners were: James King-scented pillow, Sue Mitchell-Purse, Tom and Pam Lyons-an LED plaque, and a large camp pillow-Lois Miller.

With no other questions or comments, Chris asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Lois Miller, seconded by James Long and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Hoffman

Secretary (retired)

