

CLCA Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 11, 2020, at 7 pm
Via Zoom

Acting President Allen Farber called meeting to order at 7:03 pm and set ground rules: he will try and take a break between agenda items; comments are open and he encouraged people to use; please identify yourself when speaking; multiple members in a household are allowed one vote. A poll was launched to establish a quorum. Those on by phone will count for the quorum (minimum of 10% of the membership excluding directors. With about 290 members, we needed 30 attendees from different families). Thirty (30) members have logged in, establishing the necessary quorum.

Acting President's Remarks – Allen Farber:

Noted success with fireworks and boat parade - thank you to Mike Manning and Franz family. Website - Allen's ambition is to update it. Echo printed and distributed – thank you to Chris & Mark Moritz, and Chris Rohrs for proofreading. Mark made a special trip to get it mailed out. Thanks to Erin Beaudet and Mary Peck for helping in the mailing. New directory going out. Chris has done a fabulous job of ads and Cassandra Lyons was phenomenal with the design. Allen showed cover. Thanks to Erin Beaudet for coordinating. The store has been incredible with the challenge of COVID and how they have faced and made changes. They have done a tremendous job for the Town of Caroga and Canada Lake itself.

Secretary's Report - Lorrie Mott:

The minutes from last year's meeting were presented. No changes were suggested. Paul Corr made motion to accept, Lois Miller seconded. A poll was taken and 100% approved.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Corr:

Financial report includes the past (2019), the present (7/11/2020), and future (the proposed budget). As of 12/31/2019, CLCA had \$55,223 in cash of which \$52,690 was in a money market account. There are significant dollars in restricted funds targeted for specific purposes. Donations to the general fund and to restricted funds total \$12,102, which is very impressive in terms of supporting the lake. Support from members for fireworks is remarkable. For 2019, cash receipts exceeded cash expenditures by \$5,855.

As of today, July 11, 2020, total cash is \$69,155 of which \$67,812 is in the money market account. So far in 2020 \$31,000 has been moved to the money market for about \$20/mo. in interest. Year-to-date CLCA has collected \$8,730 in memberships (291 members). Additionally, we have received donations to the general fund of \$6,825, some due to significant donations in memory of deceased members on the lake, and donations to restricted funds which together total \$14,930. Other association support has been increased to help others in these challenging times. The directors voted to send \$1,500 to the North Bush food pantry and \$600 to the Caroga fire department. For the year-to-date, revenues of \$25,407 exceed expenditures of \$11,475 by \$13,932. CLCA is financially sound. As members, we should be proud of what we have accomplished.

The budget for 2021 is straightforward, but may be off in Interest Income because rates are extremely low. Based on history and information provided, the numbers are what we will be close to spending. We have covered expenditures and adjusted well to the pandemic. Donations are scaled back a bit assuming fewer donations on behalf of deceased members.

Motion to accept budget for 2021 made by Bob Baker, Chris Rohrs seconded. Unanimous approval.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- **By-Law Amendment- Dick Maider**: The proposed amended language to Bylaw Article 5 Section D: "To the extent there is no President-Elect to assume the position of President, the Board shall, at a special meeting, appoint an Acting President to serve until a new President is duly elected and assumes the position". Presented with situation where we didn't have a president elect. The bylaws did not address this. Bylaws were amended. Asking membership to approve. This was followed without this amendment last year. Jamie Long made motion to accept, Mike Durkee seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

- **Directory update- Chris Rohrs** – Directory should be in everyone's mailbox by end of July. Mailing due to COVID. Cassandra Lyons in the producer and designer – Chris gave kudos and is confident that membership will like it. Merryn put together the membership data. Allen provided a lot of great content and was hands-on to review. Hardest working guy in CLCA. Paul Corr said Chris raised over \$4K for advertising. Chris asked everyone to support those who advertise with us. Jeannie Im – is there an option to opt out of the print copy and get a PDF copy? Would be convenient going forward. Allen can't give final answer since it can't be posted on website as you must be a member to receive. Good proposal and will talk with Chris and Merryn. Merryn has emailed PDF copy of contact information. Allen thanked Chris for all his efforts

- **Calendar update** – this is the last event that is officially on calendar – no further updates.

- **Charitable Contributions**- originally donated \$3,000 North Bush Food Bank. Subsequently we have adjusted the contribution to \$1,500. Fire Department received \$500. We are looking for other worthy charitable institutions. \$1500 in reserve. Mary Jablonski, Paul Corr & Allen are looking for ideas for charitable institutions that are local and serve the Caroga community.

- **Water Level- Allen Farber** - – The discussion focused on the low water conditions during the spring and early summer. June was exceptionally dry with only 1 ¼" of rain in a month which normally averages about 4". The USGS report for the dug well in Wheelerville showed the level was 2' below normal. On Canada Lake, the water level had been 5" below the accepted summer level of 1543.1 for a number of days. This causes problems for residents especially those along the channel. It was observed that the tainter gate was still leaking. The question was raised that although the sluice gate had been closed to ¼" why hadn't it been closed all the way. The Stewart's Landing residents were looking for the support of the CLCA in convincing the DEC to close the dam all the way. The dams on neighboring lakes including Peck's and Caroga Lakes were closed tight. Although those dams are privately owned, they are still required to maintain a downstream flow according to State regulations. At Stewart's Landing, the DEC manages the sluice gate to insure the downstream flow on Sprite Creek. There was a question whether the tainter gate leak provided an adequate flow. It was agreed that Doris Leverett, the President of the Stewart's Landing Association and Allen Farber of the CLCA would set up a Zoom meeting with Brian Huyck of the DEC to discuss these issues.

- **Invasive Species Update- Marcus Harazin and Mike Durkee**. There is a concern that boats from off the lake that have not been washed or inspected are putting in along the beach on Kasson Drive. They should be encouraged to go through the correct protocols of being washed

and then inspected at the West Lake Boat Launch. Mike pointed out that the West Lake site has been very busy. Paul Smith's gave numbers as of yesterday - over 2,000 boats had been inspected. In all of last year 2,090. 2015 – 1100 boats inspected. Stewards have been highly active – intercepted 7 species – 5 Eurasian milfoil and 2 curly pondweed. Volunteers are needed more than ever because the work is ongoing.

Marcus thanked Arielle and Aiden Gray of Peck Lake who waterski on Canada Lake and help Marcus to find weeds. They had a lemonade stand and donated \$35 to our invasive species committee. Need to get kids involved in order to pass on the baton. Marcus will be sending out inspector survey forms to all volunteers. iMap is too complicated for separate entry. Training is being done virtually this year. Other lake associations have also been involved. Next training is July 23 for aquatic, and July 16 for highway terrestrial species. Scott Horton will get his group to watch. Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) offers an online certificate for 6 units of information with quizzes. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid film is on public TV. Marcus has contacted them to have a public screening of this. Now is a good time to look for weeds – he is nervous due to all the invasives at other neighboring lakes. Thank you to all volunteers who are participating.

Allen mentioned that people are putting boats in at Kasson Drive – encourage people to go through boatwash and boat launch.

Marcus has drafted a letter to address road salt. Allen encouraged members to send a letter as well. He shared letter. Letters have been sent to members of the legislature urging the passage of legislation to establish the Adirondack road salt reduction task force. CLCA members wanting to send letters supporting the legislation can use the attached draft along with the addresses of the relevant legislators

(http://www.canadalakesconservation.com/wpcontent/uploads/2020/06/road_salt_letter.pdf). Thanks to Marcus Harazin for drafting the letter.

- **Status of Fish Stocking- Tom Lyons** Stocking postponement in spring due to contamination of hatchery in Rome. Have contacted hatchery to see if problem has been solved so we can stock in fall. Fish that we have been getting did not come out of that hatchery. DEC has been stocking Canada Lake.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Directors voted to approve the renewal of the Volunteer Steward Agreement (VSA). Current agreement expires in January, 2021: (http://www.canadalakesconservation.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/StewardshipAgreement_2.pdf). The agreement covers the volunteer work at the boat launch, the island, and the fire tower. This expires in 2026.
- Conversation with Jon DeSantis of the DEC about the Island and Mountain. Rick Fink has noticed a dying tree on the Island. Jon DeSantis plans to inspect the tree this summer. Members are reminded that camping on the island is not allowed. A pitched tent was observed over the weekend of the 4th. In February we were contacted by Laurie Rankin, Director for the NYS Chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association, about doing repairs on the Fire Tower and the Ranger Cabin in collaboration with the DEC. Due to Covid, this work is on hold. Her organization also has a VSA connected to the Fire Tower and Cabin.
- **Adopt a Highway- Bob Baker:** There is a cleanup scheduled for 9 am on Tuesday, July 14. Volunteers should meet at the Canada Lake Store. All volunteers are asked for their safety to

wear comfortable light pants, light shirt, face mask, and gloves. Buckets, bags, and other tools will be supplied. Our early spring cleanup produced a full truckload of garbage. He spoke with Larry Voght of the Highway Dept, and he will station a dump truck at the lookout for our cleanup.

• **Nominating Committee- Lois Miller.** Thank you to Jim Hays for his years of service to the lake community especially his creation of the Invasive Species initiative. The following slate of Officers and Directors is presented for approval of the general membership:

Officers: • President: Allen Farber • President elect: Marcus Harazin • Secretary: Lorraine Mott
• Treasurer: Paul Corr

• Directors: Three year terms ending in 2023: Robert Baker & Erin Beaudet (New Director from Green Lake), Merryn Byrnes, Paul Corr, Henry Eifert, Rick Fink, Lorraine Mott. Two Year terms ending in 2022: Randy Fredlund (New Director from SL) & Jon Vesey (New Director from Kasson Dr). Had 11 people that were interested.

Chris Rohrs moved that we support the recommended slate of officers. Doris Leverett seconded. 100% approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Management- Mary Jablonski

- **Environment & Ecology – Dave Graves** (Switzerland) – unable to attend due to time difference no updates
- **Fire Safety – Rick Fink** make sure that members are familiar with fire pump locations – in Echo map and Directory. Any questions please contact him. One new pump for next year.
- **Island – Rick Fink** – Jon DeSantis will come and check out distressed trees. Island has been cleaned up 4 times this year. Thanks to all. Mary asked if a sign should be requested from state that no camping is allowed there. Rick feels we should keep an eye on this and if a problem get Jon involved
- **Water Purity – Merryn** – thanks to John Byrnes for taking over routine sampling of lake for the CSLAP program. He has been taking many samples. All going smoothly.
- **Invasive Species** – covered above – Mary thanked Mike & Marcus.
- **Lake Safety** – still need a chair. Mary will cover in interim. Responsibility: being liaison to Sheriff's dept and offering any safety programs helpful to members. Need to investigate language of how to describe job. Sheriff does plan to patrol our lakes, but they are down a few people. Need to notify him if patrolling is not happening. Emails received from Rosemary Lee about boats driving too fast through channel. Get registration number of boat and call Mary for number to report.
- **Winter Committee** – carrying on business during this season. Contacting sheriff and members if any damage to any properties.
- Mary thanked Tom for fish report and Bob for spring and upcoming cleanups. Rosemary Lee noticed several tires to the left of the Hopkins camp – nested in weeds. Dock portion on Sawdust creek heading to boat launch. Need help to get tires out of the muck. Bob Baker will look and see if they can get them out. Mary has a truck that will take tires.
- **Campsites** – looking good
- **Fire tower** – information in Echo and mentioned earlier.

(<http://www.canadalakesconservation.com/wpcontent/uploads/2020/06/Lake-Management.pdf>)

Lake Organization- Deb Hoffman

- **Adirondack Committee** – has not heard if Jim Hays will continue. Lois mentioned he will continue.
- **Bylaws** – covered above.
- **Directory** – covered above
- **Fire Safety** – did not hear from Howard Dutcher – they are preoccupied with new building
- **Echo** – Thank you to Mark for great job
- **Legal** – nothing new to report
- **Membership - Merryn** – Erin will be taking over the membership duties. Any memberships coming in after the Echo deadline will be handled by her. They will work together to send a PDF of membership listing to all with email on file. Erin gave numbers – 291 members and a few more came in that will be added.
- **Nominating** – covered above