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CLCA Directors' Meeting
Saturday August 24, 2025
At 8:30 AM via Zoom and in person at the Caroga Town Hall

Attendees in person: Marcus Harazin, Rick Fink, Lorrie Mott, Stephen Egan, Jon Vesey, Janice Corr, Allen Farber, Mary Jablonski, Chris Rohrs, Bob Baker, Ed Fake, Archer Newell, Dick Maider, Tom Lyons, Ed Fake, Brian Franz, Mark Moritz

Absent: Merryn Byrnes, Henry Eifert

Zoom: Ken Luttman

Rick Fink, President, called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM. Quorum was established with 16 members in attendance. The meeting was recorded via recorder.

President's Remarks – Rick Fink
Thanked everyone for volunteering. Noted the successful event of 100 yr Kane Mtn celebration, which wouldn't have happened without the work of Marcus Harazin & Allen Farber. Different organizations helped but most came up short. 240 people visited that weekend.

Secretary's Report – Lorrie Mott - Minutes were distributed and a few spelling corrections were received and pending Chris's email received (Cassie & Dick Arthur, change to Chris's name). No changes received at this meeting. Chris made the motion to table report until corrected. Tabled July meeting as well.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Egan – We are at 326 members – more than last year. A very solid financial position. Chris has an adjustment for directory. Directory was $4975. Motion to accept made by Dick Maider, Janice seconded, all in favor. Passed

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

Fireworks – cost has gone up. Company will not do a show on 4th of July weekend due to 250th anniversary of country. We need to consider an alternative and Labor Day weekend seems to be the best consensus. This conflicts with the CAC. We will go back to the 4th of July weekend after this year. Janice asked if that was the best option due to some not being there. We sent an email to the membership and no concensus was reached. We were at $5300 this year and will be heading to $7500 in future. Ed asked if this year we suspended and banked the money. Rick explained that people were very adamant that we have fireworks since they had donated. Asked if this was the only company option. This company can shoot over water where most do not.

Calendar – Is there a problem with holding Directors meeting on Father's Day meeting on Sunday. Prefer to change it back to Saturday. Flare Lighting – need to change the asterisk (*) to Labor Day. Boat Parade – thinking about changing the date to later in July. Changing to the 4th this year and will think about it later. Kasson Drive will host Tube Fest on same day. Brian will reach out to Sue Kasson. Annual meeting, Picnic, Ice cream social, directors meeting, Labor Day are all same time as posted. Lunch will be at Sherman's. Need to find a volunteer for the Youth event. Calendar is posted on the website in February. Marcus made the motion to accept, Jon seconded. All in favor. Passed

Bylaws Change – Dick put the change together. First issue – establishing quorum has been difficult at the annual meeting, leading to possibility of not being able to conduct business. In order to clean this up, we need to remove the language that disallows directors from voting. "*Members who are not directors*" would be replaced by "*10% or more of households*" shall constitute a quorum. Each household is entitled to one vote. Janice is in favor of the wording change to household. The bylaws already establish eligibility. Addressing first issue is allowing directors to vote. Dick explained household is the camp. If it said property owner, only that particular individual would be allowed to vote - would require to check assessment to determine who is eligible. Household means people who live under the same roof/family unit and 18 years or older.
Dick made the motion – in Article 6 Section C subsection 1, delete "*Members who are not directors*" and substitute with "*households*". Marcus seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
If we couldn't use the zoom meeting we wouldn't have had a quorum Jon offered to provide a list of members vs households. He suggested we ask people to sign in at annual meeting with address of property. Merryn should be a part of this with her knowledge of membership. Marcus liked the idea of having a list of properties/members.
Second issue is what is a household. Some own multiple camps/households. Dick read the section – Article 4B membership (dues & voting). Adding to existing sentence: *Each household has an authorized representative. The rep may only cast one vote at association meetings.* Land baron could bring other members to vote for his properties (ex: owns 3 properties & sends 3 members). This change would eliminate this. The rationale for this rule is to prevent members who own multiple properties from exercising outsize role in association affairs. This would add some clarity.
Kate feels we need rules without enforcement. Proactive to any forthcoming issues. Are there any properties that are just lots with voting members?
Everyone gets a placard that is tied to their household, use to vote, turns in at end of meeting – this is what Stewarts Landing does. We should monitor sign in sheet.
Rick suggests we table the second change to provide the wording for the directors to think through. Brian made motion to table the second issue change, Janice seconded. One abstention. All others in favor – motion passed.
Other change – add to Article 6A1 (association meetings) – *members may participate via teleconferencing/videoconferencing when available*. Dick made motion to include, Jon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Kane Mtn recap – had 271 people visit and over 150 on Thursday and Friday. Maps on the tower and store are the historical maps used back prior to the '60s. Designation for Nigger Lake is still on the map. CLCA is associated with this by providing the maps. We can fix the store map but the one on the mtn is harder as it is sealed. Rick said if it needed to be fixed and recaulked this would be the time to change it. Marcus thanked all his volunteers and the Canada Lake Store that helped with parking and reiterated that people who came had never heard of this area or were not aware of the celebration.

Communication at boat launch – looking at satellite systems. Found one that Sandy Sheedy demonstrated that worked at the launch. Board meeting said they are adding more cell service, but would it reach the site? AWI steward (Ken) has a 12-volt car battery with a booster for his reception, but it doesn't apply to the town stewards. Someone at the fire department may be helpful with walkie talkies/ham radio but need to have someone on the other end. Most cell phones have the capacity to align with a satellite, but it isn't quick. To extend phone service would be very expensive. T-Mobile has the best satellite services, but it still doesn't work well enough here. More research is still needed – very complex.

Donation Policy – members donate to our organization specifically to preserve & protect our lake. Should we take their money to go somewhere else. Invasive species or water level are the major issues that would need our funds. We've had two lawsuits pertaining to the water level and one is still outstanding. Rick feels we need to have a policy that donations pertain to this only. In general, it has to preserve and protect our watershed. Fire Department and Museum help our cause but say Red Cross really doesn't. Marcus mentioned we are part of the "neighborhood" here and other lake associations support community organizations. There aren't a lot of us here that can do this. If we aren't part of the community, they may not support us. Use a case-by-case basis. We have the ability to decide in the membership forms or possibly on our website where our monies go. (Fire Department Rescue boat for example). Chris doesn't think we should be specific to environmental – gave the CAC as an example – other lake associations buy ads in their booklet, we do not, yet they support us. We stand out. Further discussion is needed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES – posted online

Brian mentioned that at the annual meeting reading of updates was missed by some. We need to highlight this information. People do come to the meeting to hear that, but it also makes the meeting very long.

Lake Management - Mary Jablonski

Environment & Ecology – group came up with a way to enhance our environment. A Crossword puzzle was developed, and Mary came up with excellent answers. Canandaigua Lake engaged their owners to create a pledge for the environment. They have a lot of invasive species. Marcus feels pushing more information out – other lakes

were included to show the townsfolk that recreation is a big part of our town, environmental work is necessary, and to take the opportunity to get involved.
Other lake associations have come out with a two-fold flyer. We could create and put at the store. A plea to get people involved.

OLD BUSINESS

Thank you to Mark for his great job on the ECHO. Deadlines have been established and need to be adhered to. All information goes to Allen and get all rosters updated NOW. Send to Allen in January. Need committee reports.

Youth Activities – needs a chair. Many activities had to be cancelled. Kim needed to take the year off and attend to family business. Ken has sent out an email to confirm with her but hopes to be back next year. He anticipates reaching out to Merryn for families having kids under the age of 12 to get involved.

Nominating Committee – think if you want to stand for election again: Bob, Janice, Merryn, Henry, Rick, Ken, Lorrie. Would be nice to get new blood in. Rick will solicit in his March letter. Need people that can do specific tasks (like website, etc.)

Water Quality - Archer obtained a database from James Long with lots of ADK lake data. A Caroga Lakes Management plan was put together but is dated. Archer will be working to update and produce a format that can be easily understood.

Town Board meetings – during off season, they are not doing zoom meetings. Those not here year round should send letters to the town to request them to bring that back so that we are all aware of this. It is important. There is a CLCA member that attends. The person that conducted the meeting by zoom was no longer available.

Dick made a motion to adjourn at 10:12, Randy seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting June 20, 2026 at 8:30 am at Town Hall.