***July Membership Meeting***

***July 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.***

The Boathouse Restaurant, 1 Boathouse Lane, DeRuyter, New York 13052



1. **Call to Order** – Robert Dwyer, President
   1. **Motion** to accept the August 2024 Meeting Minutes into the records.
      1. Motion of August 2024 Meeting Minutes were tabled and to be approved at the August 2025 meeting.
   2. Members passed since Labor Day: Joan Beeler (7th Ave), Barry Ellis (West Cottage Lane), Pat Kennedy (formerly of Snug Harbor), Tom Pitt (Shady Lane), Jeanne Zurbruegg (Lilac Lane), James Steves (East Lake Road).
2. **Secretary’s Report** – Gillian McEvoy
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Tom Chartrand
   1. Looking good, moved up $3,000 to $4,000
   2. Fund $39,731 balance as of July 1, 2025
   3. Motion accepted by Kathy Sherlock second by Joan Kolb
4. **Financial Secretary’s Report** – Sue Orzell
   1. Membership last year was 80% with 263 members and 32 associate members
   2. 2025 - 97 members, and 13 associate members as of July 4th, 2025
   3. Last year total donations - $945 from 12 people.
   4. Volunteers -
      1. Retired Area Captains to thank:
         1. Tessa Careaqa from Sunset Cove - Narsasian, since 2016, duties assumed by Sandie Chauder.
         2. Barbara Drake - N. end - W. Cottage Lane, since 2018, area is now served by Lori Dieroff.
   5. Motion to accept by Kathy Sherlock and second by Dave King
5. **President’s Report** – Robert Dwyer
   1. Weed Harvesting: 2025 harvesting has been paused, Joan Kolb, TLPF Pres. will be updating us today. In preparation for weed harvesting, we should have funds approved for this work, typically we approve $5,000.
      1. Motion to spend $5,000 accepted by Mike Palmer and second by Keith Ward.
      2. Vote on expenditures passed
   2. Burning of the Lake: Sunday, August 31st at 8:30 p.m., The McEvoy area will light the dam and the Boathouse will light flares to que lighting around the lake. Fireworks organized and funded as usual by a separate group, not TLA, donations can be made at the General Store and Boat Launch to Jerry Rice.
   3. Radar Speed Signs – We replaced the damaged radar speed sign; it’s installed and operational.
      1. All radar signs are back working.
   4. The website will be getting updated as we get up to speed with new officers.
      1. Needs to be updated, asked for people to help.
   5. If you aren’t receiving membership memos and are a member, send me a note and I’ll revise our contact list.
   6. The island's gabion cage maintenance day has been added to the events schedule – Sue Orzell will coordinate and give information on the event.
      1. 200 tons of stone moved, needed to keep up and stop soil from eroding on the inside of the island.
   7. NYS is now requiring a New York Boaters Safety Course for all boaters, a separate memo with links will be sent out soon.
6. **Tioughnioga Lake Preservation Foundation Update –** Joan Kolb
   1. Received a grant
   2. Monday July 7th at The Boathouse there will be an open house to learn more about septic systems, invasive weed control, and reviewing the work that has been done for the stream input.
7. **Invasive Species and Water Testing/CSLAP Report**– Kathy Sherlock
   1. CSLAP - every 2 weeks a water sample is taken.
   2. DeRuyter lake is above and the data we have helps us get grants.
   3. 3 test sites
      1. By the dam (deep and shallow samples taken)
      2. By the Boathouse
      3. By Gleason's old place at the creek. (input #32)
   4. Weed report
      1. Kerra is not taking on more jobs
      2. Cazenovia harvester was set to come until the day before; we needed a permit and at the time we didn’t have one.
   5. 2025 Harvest was approved by Onondaga County
   6. Permit will last for 4 years, and it will cover the spring and fall
8. **Dam/Lake Level Report** – Jim Adsitt
   1. Dam guardrail issue - Madison County Highway is going to fix it but needs permission from the Canal Corp. Should be fixed shortly.
   2. Crest as of July 4th was an inch and a half down, water level is fine.
   3. October 7th starts and closes the gate December 27th 2024 dropdown.
   4. New York State controls the flow of the water.
   5. Every 3-5 years, the water drops down an extra foot, and will need to vote on it. It always drops at least 3 feet.
9. **Final Notes and Reminders** 
   1. Written letter to Robert Dwyer from Bob Alter requesting to drop the water 5 feet every 3 years.
      1. Tabled until August meeting
      2. Put in a policy maybe on dropping an extra foot. People requested there should be a separate meeting regarding this so everyone can be made aware of this change and topic of conversation.

Motion to accept by Kathy Sherlock and second by Frank O’Donnell

Adjourn