***“Labor Day” Membership Meeting***

***August 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.***

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



1. **Call to Order** – Jeff Andrews, Vice President.
   1. Members passed since our last meeting: Vivian Randall, and Jim Vamvaketis.
2. **Secretary’s Report** – Gillian McEvoy
   1. Motion to suspend reading and accept into record the meeting minutes from August 2024 and July 2025 that were put on the lake association website, membership was sent directions to access them.
      1. August 2024 meeting minutes, motion accepted by Kathy Sherlock seconded by Ray Weier.
      2. July 2025 meeting minutes announced that the errors are fixed and corrected on the website.
         1. Accepted by Kathy Sherlock second by Dave King.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Tom Chartrand
   1. As of August 22, 2025
   2. Up above about $4,000 from where we were at the beginning of the year.
   3. Current budget: $33,220.00
   4. Expenses: $8,185.28
   5. Total $45,473.20
   6. Motion to accept by Mary Chartrand, second by Joan Kolb.
4. **Financial Secretary’s Report** – Sue Orzell
   1. Membership 202 members and 25 associates before the August 23, 2025, meeting.
   2. 227 total members as of August 22, 2025.
   3. More dues came in before and after the meeting.
   4. Donations:
      1. $440 cash
      2. An anonymous donor donated $65 to cover the storage unit rental through the next year.
   5. Non-cash donations:
      1. 20 tons of stone - Matt VanWagenen, Adam Henry and Adhan Piping.
      2. All food and drinks for island work - anonymous, Mike Swan and Joanne Ondrako.
      3. Boat and gas - Tim Coon and Gary Ward.
      4. Front loaders and fuel - Gary Ward.
      5. Discount tickets for The Boathouse - Anonymous.
   6. Motion accepted by Theresa Henry second by Kathy Sherlock.
5. **President’s Report** – Robert Dwyer
   1. Weed Harvesting: 2025 harvesting is scheduled for the week of Sept. 22nd, with the backup date being the following week of Sept. 29th. As discussed at the July membership meeting, new DEC required permitting canceled the spring weed harvest and it was decided in the best interest of the lake to not harvest during the hot summer in order to avoid a likely bloom.
   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. If you aren’t receiving membership memos and are a member, send Gillian a note and she will revise our contact list.
   4. Thank you to Sue Orzell for organizing the island's gabion cage maintenance day.
   5. Memorial Picnic continues to grow and was once again an enjoyable event with a great live musician.
6. **Tioughnioga Lake Preservation Foundation Update –** Joan Kolb
   1. They try to improve the lake and water quality, monitor weed control, while preserving the intrinsic value of DeRuyter Lake.
   2. 10-year Summary:
      1. $387,000 spent
      2. Research, development of 9e, monitoring weeds.
      3. Resources now: about $300,000
   3. Input 32 (Glisson’s Store):
      1. Total project: $194,000
      2. Our match: $39,000
      3. WQIP Grant: $155,000
   4. Future plans: other inputs, #1 (likely match: $100,000)
   5. Encourage everyone to support the TLPF, look for fundraisers this fall and next year!
7. **Invasive Species and Water Testing/CSLAP Report**– Kathy Sherlock
   1. “CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program) is a New York State volunteer monitoring program that collects water quality data to assess lake health, track trends, and identify problems.”
   2. Encouraging people to come to the information events that are put on by the Tioughnioga Lake Preservation Foundation, it is a great way to learn about all the great work they do for the lake!
   3. CSLAP - water is tested 8 times a summer, in different areas and sent in
   4. Foam in the morning is dead algae.
   5. Good for cold nights and steam coming off the lake in the morning, helps prevent the algae bloom.
   6. Great water overall!!
   7. The Lake Association can’t legally go into people's houses for dye testing.
   8. The health department is a friend; they are there to help with problems regarding septic problems.
   9. Benefits of harvesting late in the year:
      1. Milfoil is high right now, water level is decreasing, so milfoil is still growing, get a tighter cut.
      2. Removing plant material from the lake.
      3. Dead weeds mulch for the following year.
      4. Benefits us for spring as well.
   10. Spring is a curly-leaf pondweed issue.
   11. Curly-leaf pondweed is paid for by the Foundation.
   12. Lake Association pays $5,000 for Milfoil; the rest is paid for by the Foundation.
   13. We have our watershed jurisdiction for the spring.
   14. We will send out an email when the harvesting will be happening so people will be aware.
8. **Dam/Lake Level Report** – Jim Adsitt
   1. Canal Dept has indicated - “Jim, Good talking to you this morning. As mentioned, we would be open to some modified operations over the winter period; just need a formal request from the Lake Association that we can review and respond to.” (Email from Canal on 6/23/25)
   2. They are willing to change the dropdown of the lake level.
   3. Dam guardrail issue - Madison County Highway is going to fix it but needs permission from the Canal Corp. Should be fixed shortly.
   4. Standing resolution is only a request to start around 10/1 and drop to 3 feet below crest by Oct. 30th. Note never achieved in 30days Generally down 3ft by December due to flood issues downstream.
   5. Just one example/suggestion: the Canal Dept. would possibly consider, every 3-5 years, the water drops down an extra foot and the TLA membership will need to vote on it. It always drops at least 3 feet.
   6. New York State Canal Corporation controls the flow of water
9. **Events Awards**
   1. Tom Ferraro Memorial Golf Outing
      1. Singles – Woman – Kathy Sherlock, Men - Dan Sherlock
      2. Mixed Doubles – Paula Beeler / Brian Sherlock

b. Water Ski Comp.

i. Women’s Veterans Division - 2nd Nicole Averson, 1st Kathy Sherlock

ii. Men’s Senior Division - 2nd Nick Cinquanti, 1st Sean King

c. Sailboat Race

i. 2 Sail Class - 2nd Keith Ward, 1st Tom Chartrand

ii. 1 Sail Class - 3rd Dicky Alter, 2nd Ann Morford, 1st Jeff Spicer

d. Boat Parade

i. 3rd place – Ondrako’s – Rub-a-dub dub

ii. 2nd place – Kennedy’s – Monopoly DeRuyter Lake Edition

iii. 1st place – Spruce Lane – Rubber Ducky Bubble Bath

**X. Final Notes and Reminders**

* 1. Jeff Andrews moving on up motion and vote.
     1. A heartfelt thank you to Robert Dwyer for his hard work, dedication, and countless efforts during his term. Robert’s leadership and commitment to our community have made a lasting impact, and we are grateful for all you’ve done!
     2. All the officers were voted in, accepted by Brad Garrity second by Kathy Sherlock.
        1. President - Jeff Andrews
        2. Vice President - Kelly Beeler Iudice
        3. Secretary - Gillian McEvoy
        4. Treasurer - Tom Chartrand
        5. Financial Secretary - Sue Orzell
  2. Parking on the dam is an issue; the lake association will reach out to the county to see if we can get no parking signs.
  3. A big thank you to The Boathouse for letting us use the space!
  4. Motion to end the meeting accepted by Brad Garrity and second by Dave King

Adjourn