

LTPA Annual Meeting
July 10, 2021
Titus Mountain Ski Center Lower Lodge
Malone, NY

President Rick Van Deusen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. All Board members were present: Maggie Cardinal, Vickie Lambertsen, Dani Rapier, Stephen Todd, Meg McGovern, Regina Darling and Louise Murtagh.

Total shoreline members in good standing: 66

Total shoreline members present: 32

Quorum established: 47% (minimum 20% of members paid for 2021)

Muster List and Moment of Silence:

Theresa Warner, Dorothy Child, Larry Spaulding, Ruby Smallman, Ann Stark, Margaret (Penny) Sansone, Jane Drake, Harmon Banning, Jim Hardy, Mike Casey, Jillian Jane (JJ) Hyde Pickett, and Phyllis Knowlton Hyde Howard.

Secretary Report - Vickie Lambertsen

A motion was made to waive the reading and approve the 2019 annual meeting minutes and the President's Report for 2020 as published in the Equinox (due to COVID restrictions, the 2020 Annual Meeting was cancelled and the agenda items needing ratification were handled by email). (Maggie Cardinal/Betsy Suatoni). Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Membership/Welcome: - Laura Van Deusen

Laura advised she has not welcomed any new owners yet this year. If anyone has a new neighbor, let her know and she will bring over a welcome packet. Her welcome packet includes the NYS boating regulations booklet, a copy of the LTPA By Laws, and the LTPA "green" book (just a few are left, it might be time to re-print). She added that all this information can be found on the LTPA website.

Communications/Equinox/Website - Phil Parker and Muffy Charlebois

Equinox – Phil mentioned that a map of the lake with current owners was published in this year's Equinox and will be updated and included in forthcoming editions. New additions to the website is the **Want Ad** section, which can be found on the home page; and the minutes of the LTPA Annual meetings dating back to 1908, thanks to Tom Lambertsen, who scanned them all

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in. Since the primary purpose of the Equinox is to keep people connected and informed, Phil and Muffy are always looking for member input - camp news, suggestions for articles, events, etc.

Historical - Muffy has received a request to research "Madame Catherine". Contact Muffy if you have any stories or information about "Madam Catherine" the fortune teller.

Dam Committee – Rick Van Deusen

Rick advised that the dam was inspected and everything is holding up well. Every year the gates are flushed out and traps cleaned and inspected. Rick watches the dam in the summer and Bobby Smallman tends it in the winter.

Lands and Trails - Dave Goodwin

In Dave's absence, Rick reported that Immortelle and Elephant's Head trails were done early this year, thanks to Dave Goodwin and other LTPA volunteers. The Breakfast Walk area was raked and mulch was put down from the docks to the beach area. Rick is working on the docks and there is now room for 5 pontoon boats. Members in pontoon boats using the beach area are asked to use the dock and walk over so more people can access the beach area.

Navigation - Betsy Suatoni/Maggie Cardinal

Betsy referred to the article in this year's Equinox entitled, "**Boats, Noise, Loons & People**" which outlined boating safety rules and etiquette on the lake. She highlighted some of those rules:

- 5 mph speed within 100' of shore line
- be aware of nesting loons and baby loons, don't get too close
- water skiing is permitted dawn to dusk; always have 2 people in the boat, a driver and a watcher
- PWC's can only be operated between dawn and dusk
- Be aware of what is happening on the lake, watch for swimmers (who should always be accompanied by boat) and paddlers
- be considerate of your neighbors while operating PWC, move around the lake not just in one area

Volunteers are needed for this Committee, please contact Betsy if interested.

Maggie has put together a laminated Navigation Information sheet and NYS Boater's Guide packet for every camp owner. They were handed out at the meeting and she also plans to distribute them to every camp. Contact Maggie if you would like to help distribute this important information.

On behalf of the Board, Rick thanked Maggie for her work on this important project.

Land and Forest - Malcolm Kilgour

In Malcolm's absence, Rick reported that we are still years away from logging.

Lake Quality - Andy Pickett

Andy reported that the lake is in good shape overall ecologically. He thanked Maggie and Meg for doing all the testing last year. Our lake has improved dramatically since the 1980's. We don't have algae blooms and the milfoil is under control; the total phosphorous is down, which is a major contributor to algae bloom; and all other indicators show no trending at all, which means we are in good shape. Some of the other items discussed regarding lake quality were:

- Milfoil is under control but if you drive a motor boat, try not to drive through milfoil beds as the cuttings fall to the bottom and spread.
- It is important to rinse your boat off before coming on to the lake
- Sodium content is high, probably from salt runoff from Route 30 and the Snake River, but it is not trending. This is an issue being studied throughout the Adirondacks.
- Fertilizers contribute to higher phosphorous levels so please refrain from fertilizing lawns.
- The presence of loons also indicates the healthy state of our lake
- Thank you to members who maintain their septic systems and use 4 stroke motors.

Breakfast Walk - Regina Darling

Regina reported that the Breakfast Walk was cancelled last year due to COVID, but the year before was well attended. We are planning to have the Breakfast Walk on Saturday August 7th, barring any new health concerns. New this year will be a **Lost & Found** area, bring all the unclaimed items you find floating up and around your dock. Please remember to bring your own table service again this year. **NO DOGS** are allowed. Reminder to attendees: the boat parking crew work very hard parking your boat and are very appreciative of tips. Please remember to bring extra cash.

A volunteer signup sheet was passed around to members. If you would like to help at the Breakfast Walk, contact Regina (585-451-1120).

The Raffle will be held again this year, donations of artwork and interesting items encouraged. Contact Vickie Lambertsen (518-524-1089) or Kathy Goodwin (518-483-2152).

Treasurer's Report - Dani Rapier

The current Financial Report is available to all members on the LTPA Website. Dani explained that due to the cancellation of the 2020 Breakfast Walk, raffle and clothing sale, revenues were down, and we had a small loss for the year of \$92.

Audit: the audit has been performed by the Audit Committee and everything is in good standing.

Dues Membership: Last year 98 shoreline owners paid; we have 66 paid members to date

LTPA Apparel Sales: Over the last few years, LTPA had netted over \$4500 from Terri Livingston's generous contribution of the proceeds from the sale of her LTPA apparel. She will again be selling T-shirts, hats and other items at the Breakfast Walk. Next year, you will be able to purchase apparel at her dock on the 4th July weekend, the Annual Meeting and the Breakfast Walk.

Dani also reported that our Endowment Fund has been doing very well since the funds have been invested. In addition, we have received 2 amazing donations from: Charles Carpenter; and the estate of Phyllis Howard.

Old Business

- The adopted change to the By-Laws last year was published in the website
- Clean up of the South Beach has been done

New Business

Hicks Cup – Andy Pickett: the sailing regatta will be held on the afternoon of the Breakfast Walk, with an after party at the “Lake Titus Yacht Club” (aka Orange Boat house). There will be a signup sheet at the Breakfast Walk. Everyone is invited to participate in the regatta. If anyone would like to participate and needs a boat to sail, contact Terri Livingston.

Riley Golf Tournament : the tournament will be held the Sunday of the Breakfast Walk weekend. More information to come.

Election of Trustees

The nominating committee, represented by Sherb House, presented the slate of candidates for 2021 - 2022:

Rick Van Deusen

Regina Darling
Meg McGovern
Stephen Todd (vote in 2nd term)
Louise Murtagh (vote in 2nd term)
Deb Venuti (vote in 1st term)
Dani Rapier (vote in recurrent 1-year term)
Vickie Lambertsen (vote in recurrent 1-year term)

A motion was made to accept the recurrent 1-year positions:

Recurrent 1-year secretary: Vickie Lambertsen
Recurrent 1-year Treasurer: Dani Rapier

(Laura Van Deusen/Betsy Suatoni) Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to accept Deb Venuti for a first 2-year term vacant seat; and Stephen Todd and Louise Murtagh for their 2nd 2-year term. (Sherb House/Laura Van Deusen). Motion carried unanimously.

Outgoing Board member Maggie Cardinal was recognized, with a bouquet of flowers, for her hard work and contributions to the LTPA.

Ice Out Contest Winners – Muffy Charlebois

The ice out gifts, which were Ice Buckets commemorating the date - April 7, 2021 - were presented to the winners: Mary Jane and Don Darrow; Eleanor Todd; Stephen Todd and Mark Boles.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 am. (Laura Van Deusen/Andy Pickett). Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Lambertsen, Secretary