

LTPA Annual Meeting: 7/11/15

St. Helen's Parish Hall, Chasm Falls, NY

President Andy Pickett called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Board members present: Malcolm Kilgour, Vickie Lambertsen, Craig Livernois, Jim House and Phil Parker.

Board members excused: Wayne Rickert and Beth Fellion (resigned)

Total shoreline members present: 61

Total shoreline members paid: 77

Quorum established (minimum 20% of members paid for 2014)

Muster List and Moment of Silence:

Sara Hefti, John Lynne, Irv Caplan, Bam LaFarge, Frances Dampier, Louella "Brownie" Stout, Madonna Towle, MaryClaire Sherwin, Marjorie Boynton Upham, Bruce Santy and Lyndon Wells.

Secretary Report - Vickie Lambertsen

A motion was made to waive the reading and to accept the 2014 annual meeting minutes (Sherb House/Betsy Suatoni). Motion carried.

President's Report – Andy Pickett

A motion was made to waive the reading and to accept the report (Gordon Warner/Jerry Nevada). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome: Laura VanDeusen welcomed 3 new members to the lake.

Equinox: Phil Parker asked for interesting stories and suggestions for the next issue, especially stories related to the prison escape.

Hiking and Trails: Shawn McLain reported that all trails are hike-able

Navigation: Betsy Suatoni advised she received a new shipment of the NY State Boater's guide. She noted changes to the law regarding life jackets, and a boating safety certificate requirement for everyone over 10 years old operating a motor boat, if born on or after May 1, 1996. Betsy talked about boating speeds on the

lake: 5 mph or less within 100' of the shore, dock, etc., reminding owners to always operate their vessels in a way that does not endanger others. She also added that there is a whole section in the book on personal water craft. It is recommended that the booklets be made available to renters as well.

Lake Quality: Andy Pickett reviewed the Lake Quality report, with copies available at the meeting and on the website, noting that all levels are stable. He asked for volunteers for the committee, people who would be willing to be trained to do the testing. He now needs to get samples to Paul Smith within 1 week of testing. It was noted that the tablets to check the septic systems will be available in August. Or you can order them online.

Treasurer: Andy Pickett reported for Wayne Rickert and Dani Rapier. Handouts with the current financial information were available to members at the meeting. The report is also published in the Equinox. He noted that we bring in enough money to cover our operating expenses. Motion to accept the report was approved (Carl Sherwin/Dan Riley).

Land and Forest: Malcolm Kilgour advised that the forestry report is available on the LTPA website. The report covers what's been done and what we want to do in the future. Logging has been a source of revenue in the past but it's still a few years away before we can do any more. He has put together a map of LTPA property and asked members to let him know about springs, drinking water, eagle's nest, etc. and anything else that may be impacted by logging.

Historical: Muffy Charlebois said that they are always looking for suggestions for topics, such as Jim Smallman's story of the "redneck barge", which everyone enjoyed. There are still a few 'Our Lake Titus' books available, as well as the coloring book, 'Color Me Lake Titus'.

Breakfast Walk: Rick VanDeusen reported for Wayne Rickert. Last year, 170 people were served and we netted a profit of \$780. A signup sheet was passed around, noting that last year we ran out of home fries. This year, the Breakfast Walk will be on Saturday, August 1st. The rain date is the following day.

OLD BUSINESS

South Beach dock repair: Bobby Smallman reported that the older portion of the dock has been completely replaced. Andy Pickett added his thanks to all of the volunteers.

Dam Remediation Project: a power point summary of the project chronicling the process up to this date was presented by Andy Pickett and Phil Parker. After the presentation, Andy opened the floor for comments. Mark Fitzsimmons and Liz Fessenden commented on engineering aspects of the project and answered question as well.

A motion was made to move forward with the dam remediation work as designed, engineered and permitted. (Bruce Barker/Scott Smith). Motion carried with 39 for; 16 against.

A motion was made that the Board not consider looking to any outside authority or governmental entity with regard to funding the dam remediation. (Joel Santy/Bruce Barker). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to raise the funds for the dam remediation work by a capital campaign, with a committee to be formed to work out the details of raising the funds. (Sherb House/Sue Black). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made that if the dam capital campaign raises a minimum of \$210,000 within 60 days, LTPA is authorized to add up to \$90,000 of its funds in order to begin the contracting process with the lowest bidder; in the event the target is not reached in 60 days, the capital campaign committee will continue to raise the funds needed to finish the project.

(Rick VanDeusen/Carl Sherwin). Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chicken walk: Craig Livernois said they did not get enough participation this year. The idea to have it following the annual meeting is good, but they need at least 75 people to make it go. He hopes that next year it will have the support. It was suggested that the profits go to the dam remediation fund.

Hicks Cup: Andy Pickett advised that the regatta will be at 2 pm Saturday, August 1st, following the Breakfast Walk, weather permitting. Last year was a rain out. There are 2 classes of boats, sunfish and laser (bigger).

Moonlight Paddle: the remaining dates for this year: Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 29th.

Riley Golf Tournament: Dan Riley reported that 48 people participated last year, with a great post tournament party at the Warners. He thanked everyone for the gift presented to him last year.

Nominations: The nominating committee, represented by Rick VanDeusen, announced the slate of nominees: Jeff Harding, Dani Rapier, and Kathy Goodwin. A motion was made to accept the slate as presented (Sherb House/Scott Smith). Motion passed unanimously.

The VanDeusens announced that they will be celebrating Miramonte Lodge's 100th year. All are invited to celebrate with them on Saturday, August 1st, (the same day as the breakfast walk and regatta), from 6pm to 9pm for dessert and cocktails.

4th of July ringing of the bells: Phil Parker said he hopes to continue the tradition.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am. (Betsy Suatoni/Gail Havens). Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Lambertsen, Secretary