

LTPA ANNUAL MEETING

July 8, 2023 St. Helen's Church Chasm Falls, NY

President Stephen Todd called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Board members present: Dick Chalifoux, Deb Venuti, Franz Fredericks, Terri Livingston and Vickie Lambertsen. Excused absence: Dani Rapier and Allison Howard.

Welcome New Members

Laura VanDeusen welcomed new shoreline owners Kathy Lashomb and Craig Pritchard; Jared Sharpe; and Matt and Tori Angelini. There are 4 lots for sale (2 have sold) by Ernie Scott on the North end of the lake that have lake access through his boathouse. Since they'll have access to the lake, they'll be welcomed as well.

Muster List and Moment of Silence:

Diane Hardy, Virginia "Ginny" Goodwin, Daryl Sharpe, Donald Anderson, Bob Coughlin, Angie House, John Connors, Louis Murtagh, Don Hardy, Beverly Ann Santy, Sean Mahoney and Becky Palmer.

Establish Quorum

Total shoreline members in good standing: 72 Total shoreline members present: 42

Quorum established: 58% (minimum 20% of members paid for 2023)

Secretary Report - Vickie Lambertsen

A motion was made to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. The minutes are available on the LTPA website. (Maggie Cardinal/Rick Van Deusen). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to waive the reading and accept the President's 2022 Report, which was also available on the LTPA website and in the Equinox (Rick Van Deusen/Cheri Rickert)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications/Equinox/Website - Phil Parker and Muffy Charlebois

Equinox - if you have an idea or would like to see something in the Equinox, let Phil or Muffy know.

Website - Missing items: We have been very successful posting missing items on the website

Membership Emails - There are 3 levels of membership with LTPA: Shoreline owners, Associates (such as renters) and Friends (people who want to stay in touch with what's going on). Members are asked to encourage their adult children who want to stay informed to go to our Website and sign up as a "Friend" of the lake.

LTPA Facebook page - since this is not affiliated with LTPA, it was recommended that it should be so noted on the Facebook page.

Navigation - Betsy Suatoni/Maggie Cardinal

Betsy referred to a boating safety brochure that contained some very sobering statistics regarding boating accidents. The brochure warns of the dangers of driving under the influence, which impairs judgment and response time, and encourages boaters to wear life jackets.

Concerns to be particularly aware of :

- People boating at night coming very close to shore without any lights
- Speed, especially Personal Water Craft. Be considerate of kayakers and swimmers.
- Remember 5 mph speed limit within 100' of shore
- Swimmers across lake should be accompanied by a boat

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

Dam Committee - Rick Van Deusen

Rick advised that the dam was inspected and everything is holding up well. The maintenance that was done last year looks great and they will be doing the annual maintenance shortly. He noted they have collected quite a bit of debris down there. He urged boaters to be aware of floating debris, as a 4x4 was recently found submerged in the lake. If you do see debris floating in the lake, please pick it up.

Lands and Trails

Immortelle and Elephant Head are in good shape. Stephen mentioned hiking over to the lake from the Palisades Trail. They found this trail through the AllTrails app.

Lake Quality

Maggie Cardinal reported they have increased the testing from 3 to 5 times per season. They always test the same place, which is at the deepest point of the lake. There is an additional test that could be done at the area where Snake

Creek comes into the lake from Route 30, and they will be asking the Board to approve that expense. This test would be done in the Spring and would show the impact of salt runoff from Route 30. Maggie noted that looking back at the statistics for the past 5 years, our lake, overall, has been stable. However, shoreline owners are asked to keep vigilant with their septic systems and be aware of the runoff from washing machine and dishwashers, as the soap does not dissipate. Septic test kits are available to members who want to test their septic system.

Algae bloom-if someone is aware of an algae bloom, contact Andy Pickett or Maggie Cardinal as soon as possible so they can capture a sample and bring it to Paul Smith's for immediate testing. It was noted that a bloom was observed on the lake last year.

Invasive species - there has been a decrease in milfoil on the lake in the last few years.

Land and Forest - Dick Chalifoux

Dick reported that over 10 years ago, F&W Forestry, a forestry service in Tupper lake, performed a preliminary review of all of the LTPA property on the East and West side. At that time, nothing was ready to harvest. Last year, the Committee was reactivated to assess the current condition of the forest. F&W Forestry was contacted and they came out earlier this year to take a look. They discovered that several parcels on the west side (which is more accessible than the East) may be ready to be harvested and some properties could be harvested to maintain the health of the species in that area. Although there is nothing definitive at this point, the Committee has begun the process of evaluating the land and it looks like there are some possibilities. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee, contact Dick Chalifoux.

Fire Safety - Stephen Todd

There are 3 links regarding fire safety information on our website, and members are encouraged to take some time to read them. There are some good safety tips regarding campfire safety, burn barrels, having a water source (water pump/hose) and proper use of fire extinguishers. Last year, members from Malone Fire and EMS came down to the lake and updated their 9-1-1 map, and now every camp has been identified. Several recommendations were made to help fire and safety vehicles reach our camps, including proper road signage and displaying house numbers.

Breakfast Walk - Regina Darling

Last year's Breakfast Walk was very successful, with 194 people attending. However, due to the substantial increase in food prices, most of the profit came from the clothing sales and the raffle. Regina stressed that without volunteers, the Breakfast Walk could not take place. This event is not only a fund raiser, but a Community builder and everyone is encouraged to participate. Marci Spaulding mentioned there is a possibility she can arrange the purchase of bulk food items through Cisco.

A volunteer signup sheet was passed around to members. If you would like to help, contact Regina Darling.

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). It'll be August 5 this year. \$8 adults, \$5 children.

Loons - Laura VanDeusen

Laura is working with the Saranac Lake Loon Association and last year we received a nesting raft from a grant through the Association. So far, however, the loons have not accepted the nesting raft. Laura keeps a weekly log of their activity and noted that no loons are currently nesting. There was a question as to whether any of the loons have been tagged. If someone is able to get a picture of a loon with its leg extended, check to see if there is a tag.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Goodwin reported for Dani Rapier. We have 73 paid members as of today. You can pay your dues through the www.laketitus.org website. Kathy gave an overview of the finances, noting that our membership dues do not cover all of our expenses. Our annual expenses run between \$15,000 to \$16,000 and dues total around \$12,000. The balance is made up from the clothing sales (THANK YOU, Terri Livingston), the Breakfast Walk Raffle and other operating donations. The full Treasurer's Report is available on the LTPA Website.

NEW BUSINESS

LTPA Clothing Sale - Terri Livingston: Last year's t-shirts are on sale now and Terri will be presenting the new t-shirts at the Breakfast Walk. Youth-size sweatshirts - contact Terri with what sizes you want and she will put that in when she re-orders.

Hicks Cup - Andy Pickett: the sailing regatta will be held at 2:00 the afternoon of the Breakfast Walk (August 5), with an After Party at the "Lake Titus Yacht Club" (aka Orange Boathouse). There will be a signup sheet at the Breakfast Walk. Everyone is invited to participate.

Riley Golf Tournament: the tournament will be held the Sunday of the Breakfast Walk weekend (August 6). Scott Spillane and Christine Venery will be hosting the After Party. You can sign up for the tournament on the website.

Ice Out Contest - Muffy Charlebois: 5 winners chose the right date, April 14th. The winners of this year's contest are: Sue Spaulding, Ron Berry, Heather Racine, Kathy Smith-Hogan and Lynn Livernois.

Breakfast Walk Raffle - Vickie Lambertsen: thank you to everyone who contributed last year. The raffle and auction were a big success. Anyone who would like to donate this year, please contact Vickie or Kathy Goodwin.

Adirondack Invasive Plant Program (APIPP): information is available about this program, which offers training. If anyone is interested in participating, go to the LTPA website. There was a discussion regarding boats being put into the lake without being properly cleaned as well as non-members using the LTPA boat launch to access the lake.

A motion was made to re-institute the policy that guests using LTPA property on the lake, such as the boat launch, must be accompanied by the LTPA member host; further, the Board will look into installing a combination lock at the gate or at the boat launch, with the code given to members when they pay their dues (Laura VanDeusen/Sherb House). Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Trustees

The nominating committee, represented by Sherb House, presented the slate of candidates for 2023 - 24:

Bob Smallman	(vote in 1st term)
Allison Howard	(vote in 1st term)
Deb Venuti	(vote in 2nd term)
Dani Rapier	(vote in recurrent 1-year term Treasurer)
Vickie Lambertsen	(vote in recurrent 1-year term Secretary)

A motion was made to accept the slate of candidates as nominated (Betsy Suatoni/Maggie Cardinal). Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Safety Presentation

Members of Malone Fire Department, including Fire Chief Al Durant were in attendance. Chief Durant said they took a tour around the lake and have come up with some ideas to help improve fire/safety response. Since some camps are boat access only, there was a discussion regarding the use of camp owner's pontoon boats to bring the portable water pumps and firefighters, if need be, to the camps. It was recommended that we provide a list of volunteers with contact information to the County. Chief Durant stressed that in the event of a fire, the #1 priority should be personal safety; and then trying to prevent the fire from spreading to adjoining camps. He also discussed how we can provide better access and improve response time for fire/EMS vehicles:

-Proper signage is very important. Recommend putting up a sign listing all the residents with their house #'s at the top of your road.

-Provide signage/house #'s roadside AND lakeside for first responders

-Make sure roads are in good shape (repair washouts and keep culverts in good shape)

-Provide a clear area for cars to pull off to let fire trucks go by

-Trim low hanging branches - pole saw

-In the event of a fire or other emergency, have someone stop traffic at the head of road. Designate people to do that.

-CO2 detectors and smoke detectors - check expiration dates

-Purchase an AED. (If we do, there is paperwork to fill out to file with the County). It is recommended we practice using an AED. There are trainers available to practice.

-CPR training - put information on website

-In the event of an accident, they recommend stabilizing the individual then arrange to meet the EMS at the closest reasonable location so they can quickly attend to the individual

-Fire extinguishers: there are different kinds for different fires. Do not use a water extinguisher on a grease fire.

-Shut the main breaker in the event of an electrical fire

-You can now text 9-1-1 for help

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and meet in the parking lot for fire extinguisher demonstration (Rick VanDeusen/Maggie Cardinal). Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Lambertsen, Secretary