

## LTPA Annual Meeting: July 7, 2018: St. Helen's Parish Hall, Chasm Falls, NY

President Jim House called the meeting to order at 9:20 am. Other Board members present: Kathy Goodwin, Maggie Cardinal, Vickie Lambertsen, Dani Rapier and Wayne Rickert. Excused absence: Malcolm Kilgour.

Total shoreline members in good standing: 72

Total shoreline members present: 42

Quorum established: 58% (minimum 20% of members paid for 2018)

### Muster List and Moment of Silence:

Patrick Murtagh, June Hefti, Laurette (Laurie) Hunter, Carolyn Alice Childs, Denis Hayden and Sally House.

### Secretary Report - Vickie Lambertsen

A motion was made to waive the reading and approve the 2017 annual meeting minutes as published in the Equinox. (Rick VanDeusen/Carl Sherwin). Motion passed unanimously.

### President's Report – Jim House

A motion was made to waive the reading and acceptance of the report as published in the Equinox (Laura VanDeusen/Sherb House). Motion passed unanimously.

### Committee Reports:

#### Membership/Welcome: - Laura VanDeusen

New members welcomed to the lake in Summer of 2017 and this summer include: Cindy and Neil Cosgrove (Wells Camp); Scott & Lynda Reiss (Klettke Camp); Gary & LeeAnn Tvrdik (C. Marshal Camp); Ed Zysik III (Hardy Camp "Lake View"); Deb Venuti (Clubhouse); and Edward & Melissa Fellion (Walker Camp).

#### Equinox/Website - Phil Parker, Muffy Charlebois

Phil reported that the committee is always looking for ideas/news. This year the topic was communication, and next year the topic will be music on the lake. Phil made a quick power point presentation about the LTPA website, <http://ltpa.mylaketown.com>, explaining that members can read the Equinox, Committee reports and annual minutes, pay their dues and much more on this website. He explained that it is easy to log-in, you can use your email as your user name and if you forgot your password, a new one will be emailed to you.

#### Dam Committee – Rick VanDeusen

The dam project improvements are complete. Rick reported that the Committee performed an annual inspection and required maintenance, and everything is working the way it should. Bob Smallman worked with the new system of adjusting the water level over the winter and is now familiar with it. The correct water level should be right at the top of the 4x6 center board.

Another marker for the water level is the anchor carved on the big rock by the Zysik camp.

### Hiking and Trails

Rick VanDeusen reported for the Committee. The work day last Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> was very productive. Members focused on the South Beach and trail to Elephant's Head. The South Beach was cleaned up and 2 big trees were cleared on the Elephant's Head trail. Thanks to all the participants. Rick added additional work is needed: refresh the signs on the trees on the Elephant's Head trail and light chainsaw work in a couple of spots on Immortelle. He suggested hikers take a pair of loppers when you go up the trail to top off the trees.

### Navigation - Betsy Suatoni

Betsy reported that she and the rest of the Committee, comprised of Carl Sherwin, Liz Fessenden, Howard Banning, Andy Pickett, met to discuss boating safety and etiquette. She reminded members of the NY State Law boating laws, emphasizing PWC operation (dawn to dusk); appropriate lights on boats operating after dark; and the 5 mph wake zone when boating within 100' of shoreline. She urged members to pick up a copy of the Boaters Guide, post the rules in your camp and make it available to renters as well. She reminded that we are a self-regulating lake but we need to be vigilant. It is up to us to keep the lake safe and to be courteous of our neighbors, particularly with noise/music on boats. It was noted that we have 2 new baby loons on the lake. Please be aware that the baby loons cannot dive yet, so use caution when boating. The Navigational Committee will be preparing a set of boating safety and courtesy rules, which will be presented to the Board in a follow-up meeting. The Committee could use a few more members; anyone interested can contact Betsy Suatoni directly or via the LTPA website contact link: <http://ltpa.mylaketown.com/contact>.

### Lake Quality - Andy Pickett

Andy reported that the lake is in great shape overall ecologically. Andy contributes the good lake quality to a number of things; keeping the tree buffer along the shoreline, upgraded septic systems, and 4 stroke motors. We participate in ALAP (Adirondack Lakes Assessment Program) through Paul Smiths College, along other with 100 lakes. For more information about ALAP, go to the link on our web page. If you would like the full report for last year, or several previous years, go to [ADKWATERSHED.ORG](http://ADKWATERSHED.ORG). The natural buffers (trees) around the lake are also an important factor. He reminded members who rake the milfoils and weeds in the lake, to not let them float away. It's important to pick them up to

avoid creating a bigger problem. If you put your boat in elsewhere please clean your boat before putting it back in here. And, most importantly, healthy septic systems keep the lake healthy. Die test kits are available to test septic systems to make sure your septic is working well. When asked if the weevil is still present, Andy replied that it is. It is a natural predator of mille foil, and the mille foil growth in our lake is low.

#### **Forestry and Land Management**

In Malcolm's absence, his report was read. According to the DEC, we did not receive extensive damage here from the recent wind storm in May. The opportunity for logging is still a few years away. The last logging was done 18 years ago, with trees averaging 17" in diameter or more. Changes that are being considered to the Fisher Act, will most likely not affect LTPA land. A reminder to shore owners: Logging and cutting of trees is forbidden on LTPA land.

#### **Historical - Muffy Charlebois**

Muffy advised that there are still a few copies of Our Lake Titus available, and they will be reprinted if needed. There are also copies of the updates, Companion 1 and 2, available as well. The Committee is always looking for suggestions for historical research topics. "Please share your lake history with us."

#### **Breakfast Walk - Wayne Rickert**

He reported that the 2017 Breakfast Walk was a success, despite the weather. Rain caused a delay, but thanks to Phil Parker, members were kept apprised of the weather conditions via the website and notified that breakfast would be served at 9:30. To recap, 165 people were served, netting a profit of \$465.43. Thanks to Ralph Child's donation of 50 lbs. of prepared potatoes; Bubba Boyer for picking up and delivering the early morning perishable food order, and for providing bread for toast and mini donuts; and the many volunteers who helped set up, cook and clean up. New food items were added including western omelets. The biggest improvement was the reduction of trash. So, please remember to bring your own table service again next year. Also -- no dogs. Wayne asked for volunteers for this year's Breakfast Walk. To sign up, contact Wayne Rickert or Phil Parker through the website.

Wayne would like to step out of the chairman job and is looking for a replacement. Please contact Wayne if you would like to chair.

The Breakfast Walk raffle was a very productive fundraiser and some items are on display today. Tickets are available here or contact Kathy Goodwin or Vickie Lambertsen. Anyone who would like to donate or know

someone who might, please contact Kathy or Vickie.

#### **Treasurer - Dani Rapier**

Dani has list of shore owners on the table, please take a look and make sure we have updated information. We currently have 72 shoreline owners paid in good standing, with 42 represented today. In 2017, we had 100 out of 110 shoreline property owners paid. Our dues money supports the preservation of undeveloped land, dam maintenance, the docks in the common areas, the newsletter, property taxes and insurance. Our operating revenue each year is approximately \$15,000. The 2016 financial summary was available to members at the meeting and can also be found on the website. Recapping the finances, LTPA continues to be in sound financial condition, following the most significant activity in decades – the remediation of our dam. During 2017, a total of \$307,084 was expended to remediate and strengthen our dam. This was funded as follows:

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| Campaign donations:            | \$183,997        |
| Sale of operating investments: | \$ 75,027        |
| Sale of endowment investments: | \$ 48,060        |
| Total                          | <b>\$307,084</b> |

Our net operating assets as of 12/31/2017 were \$44,232. And due to a generous contribution by the estate of Lynn Smith along with other contributions made throughout the year the endowment fund is \$47,063 (last year it was \$48,060).

Dani did note we have less dividend income since we sold off some assets for the dam remediation. It was suggested by some members that we consider raising dues within the next year or two.

Sherb House mentioned that a group might be interested in maple harvesting on Maple Hill. They would pay per tap, and it was estimated they could tap 7,000 trees. The membership discussed the pros and cons, including the decreased value of trees that have been tapped. More information will be collected and the Board will address this at a later date.

It was suggested that donations to LTPA be specifically to the operating fund, as opposed to the endowment fund, where the money could go directly to LTPA operations. With regard to donations, Bill Slack is having a plaque made for Lynn Smith, with the wording approved by the Board. It will be installed on the rock by Honey Bear Landing. Bill plans to have plaque made and shipped up and Wayne Rickert will arrange installation.

**Old Business** Internet Access/Broadband: Liz Fessenden advised that the South Belmont Project has been delayed. Residents will be contacted once it's become available.

## **New Business**

Proposed Bylaw amendment: a motion was made to amend the amendment to the by-laws as follows:

### **Article II MANAGEMENT Section 7 Paragraph 13**

2. The President, with Board input and approval, shall appoint a Chair for the following committees:

- Audit (to consist of 2 (two) trustees other than the treasurer
- Breakfast Walk
- Lands and Trails
- Fire Safety
- Membership and Dues
- History;
- Navigation
- Investment
- Communications (7/2016)
- Lake Quality & Control
- Dam (7/2018)

Motion passed unanimously (Liz Fessenden/Kathy LaFarge).

## **Article IV MEETINGS**

**Section 1** The Annual Meeting of the Association will normally be held on the second Saturday of July at such time and place as shall be designated by the President. **With the approval of the Board of Trustees, the Annual Meeting may be scheduled for the first Saturday of July, if it appears that such scheduling will improve member attendance. (7/2018)**

Motion passed unanimously (Andy Pickett/Cheri Rickert).

## **Insurance**

In light of the dam improvements, our overall insurance coverage was reviewed. As a result, we changed our carrier over to Philadelphia Insurance Company. In doing so, we have increased our coverage and added a specific classification for the dam. This plan will cost an additional \$164 a year and Stephen Todd (our agent), helped defray the cost with a generous donation. Stephen Todd recommended making the navigational safety guidelines available to all members. He added that it is a good idea to have reflective or solar lights on docks and floating docks, if possible. And in 3<sup>rd</sup> party activities such as logging or maple sugaring, make sure LTPA is named as an insured on their policy

**Moonlight Paddle** – no organized activity planned for this year.

**'Ice Out' Guess Contest Winner** – Cheryl Hedgwood guessed the correct date, May 4<sup>th</sup>. She will receive an official "Ice Out" hat donated by Terry Livingston.

**Hicks Cup**: the sailing regatta will be held 2:30 on the afternoon of the Breakfast Walk. The starting point be the Pickett (formerly Orange) Boat House, and we will sail in a triangular clockwise pattern. Commodore Andy Pickett encouraged everyone to join in the regatta and

the 5:00 party afterwards at his boathouse. T-shirts donated by Terri and Bill Livingston will be awarded to each participant. You can register at the breakfast walk.

**Riley Golf Tournament**: Dan Riley announced some new developments this year. There will be 2 executive courses created within the East and the West courses, which he hopes will encourage more participation. Last year we had 48 participants, which is a new high. The tournament will be held the Sunday after the Breakfast Walk. Call Saturday afternoon for your tee time. The VanDeusens will host the post Tournament party, pot luck, bring a dish and your own drinks. The cost to play is \$10 plus green fees. It's in a scramble format, and they will try to do more to mix-up the teams so it's fair. Dan also announced that his son, Bob Riley will be taking over for him, and they will now be working together on the tournament. Keep your eyes on the website for further new developments.

**Dock Sale**: We'll try again, this time Saturday morning.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Clean-up South Beach**: a motion was made to initiate the cleanup of the South Beach area and expand the usable space to allow construction of 2 (two) or more Benches and a platform; the work to be performed over the next 2 (two) years; with the specific final plan (scope, amount of area and timing) to be submitted to the Board for final approval. (Bruce Barker/Wayne Rickert). Motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Hose**: Cheri and Wayne Rickert advised they are looking for 60' of old fashioned fire hose for the dock at South Beach.

**Winter Lake Water Level**: as previously discussed, this was the first winter with the new dam system. The dam tender is now familiar with the process.

## **Election of Trustees**

The nominating committee, represented by Sherb House, presented the following slate of candidates for election:

For 1<sup>st</sup> term:

Rick VanDeusen, Regina Darling, Meg Connors

Recurrent 1-year secretary: Vickie Lambertsen

A motion was made to accept the nominees as presented (S. House/A. Pickett). Motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am. (W. Rickert/L. VanDeusen). Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria Lambertsen, Secretary