

LTPA Annual Meeting: July 8, 2017

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

President Jim House called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.
Other Board members present: Kathy Goodwin, Maggie Cardinal, Malcolm Kilgour, Vickie Lambertsen, Dani Rapier and Wayne Rickert. Excused absence: Jeff Harding.

Total shoreline members present: 29
Total shoreline members paid: 69
Quorum established (minimum 20% of 2017 paid members)

Muster List and Moment of Silence:

Hazel Robare, Karen Mahoney, Jim Utley, Jack Hefti, William Benware, Lacy Rezek and Lynn Smith.

Secretary Report - Vickie Lambertsen

A motion was made to waive the reading, and to approve the 2016 annual meeting minutes, published in the *Equinox*. (Carl Sherwin/Liz Fessenden). Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – Jim House

A motion was made to waive the reading and to accept the report (Sherb House/Rick VanDeusen). Motion passed unanimously. The President's Message is in the *Equinox*.

Committee Reports:

• Membership/Welcome: - Laura Van Deusen

New members welcomed to the lake in Fall 2016 and this summer include: Franz Fredericks (land across from the outlet boathouses); Scott and Linda Reiss from Vermont (Camp Niagara); and Neil and Cindy Cosgrove from Malone (Wells Camp).

• Equinox/Website - Phil Parker, Muffy Charlebois

Phil encouraged members to contact them with ideas/news. Jim remarked that he heard a lot of good comments about the *Equinox* this year.

• Hiking and Trails

There were reports that the Elephant's Head Trail from the lake is difficult. It needs some clearing and refreshing of the markers. Next Saturday at 10 am, meet at South Beach dock to clean up breakfast walk beach area and Elephant's Head trail. All are invited to come and help. Phil will send an e-blast to members. Immortelle is not in too bad a shape.

• Navigation

Pet peeve: the wake inside of 100'. There should not be any wake inside of 100 feet. The legal boating speed on the lake is 5 mph within 100' of the shore, dock, etc. Down by the outlet, PWC's are buzzing up and down, this is a NO WAKE area. Boating etiquette and noise pollution, such as late night/early morning fireworks, and loud music was also discussed. Another area of concern is the lack of visibility of kayakers and paddle boarders. A number of members also reported having seen, at different times, an individual swimmer in mid-lake without any escort boat. Andy Pickett suggested capturing offenders on video. He and Carl Sherwin will work together to figure out how to bring these safety and

lake etiquette issues to shoreline owners. Reminder: there is a nesting loon, she is sitting on her egg down towards the outlet. Please be aware the baby loon cannot dive. Use caution when boating down there. The Navigational Committee could use additional members; anyone interested can contact Betsy Suatoni directly or via the LTPA website contact link: <http://ltpa.mylaketown.com/contact>.

• Lake Quality - Andy Pickett

Good news, we have a very healthy lake with good clarity and neutral acidity. There were no significant variations in our measurements last year, other than a slight elevation in chloride levels (road salt). Overall, there was no change in our historical average. 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. Remember, if you are raking milfoil and weeds in the lake, don't let them float away, pick them up. If not, you are just creating a bigger problem. We are part of the Adirondacks Lake Assessment Program through Paul Smiths College. If you would like the full report for last year, or several previous years, go to ADKWATERSHED.ORG

• Forestry and Land Management - Malcolm Kilgour

As a reminder, last logging was 17 years ago, we have probably 10 years to go before our lands will be ready for logging again. Fisher Act: Malcolm spoke with the DEC in Ray Brook and they said some were "thinking" of making changes to the Fisher Act, but there are no specific details. Since the Fisher Act was created to promote good forestry and conservation, Malcolm feels it is not likely it will be changed.

• Historical - Muffy Charlebois

Thanks to Jim and Anne Smallman for the ice out information and the history of ice harvesting on the lake. It's time to do another update to the "Our Lake Titus" Companion. Muffy will be contacting people soon who expressed an interest in updating their camp. The format has still not been determined. The Committee is always looking for suggestions for historical research topics.

• Breakfast Walk - Wayne Rickert

190 people were served at the 2016 Breakfast Walk, netting a profit of \$435. Thanks to Ralph Child's donation of 50 lbs. of potatoes. We are selling raffle tickets for beautiful handmade wooden bowls. Other prizes to be announced. As always, volunteers are needed - contact Wayne Rickert directly or through the website link. This year the Breakfast Walk will be on Saturday, August 5th from 8:30 to 11:00, the price is the same as last year. To be more eco-friendly and to cut down on the amount of trash that is left, **we ask everyone to bring their own table service (silverware, napkins, plates and cups).** Congratulations Ice out contest winners: Jack Charlebois and Wayne Rickert will be treated to a free breakfast served at a formal table with full table service.

Treasurer's Report - Dani Rapier

We are at an all time high in dues paying members. In 2016, 99 out of 110 shoreline property owners paid their dues. To date, 69 have paid for 2017, with more expected as the summer progresses. Money from the dues goes to support preservation of undeveloped land; dam maintenance; the docks in the common areas; the newsletter; property taxes and insurance. Operating revenue each year is somewhere around \$15,000. The 2016 financial summary was available to members at the meeting and is also on the website.

Old Business

- **Internet Access/Broadband:** Liz Fessenden advised the South Belmont Project of internet provider SLIC is moving forward toward providing lines on both sides of the lake. Service could be available as early as summer 2018. Residents will be contacted once it's available.

- **Dam Remediation Project Update:** Jim presented a power point summary of the history of events leading up to the present status of the project. A contract was executed in early February with our contractor, Kubricky Construction. Work started on the dam the week of June 5th. They are already finished with the east side and the east side gate. Once they started digging, they found the condition of the dam was worse than previously thought, which reinforced the need for this project to be done at this time. Fundraising is still ongoing! The last work done on dam was in 1979.

Funding: The base cost was \$276,530. Adding 10% contingency, site supervisor fee and legal expenses, brings the total cost to \$310,000. The fundraising goal was to raise \$210,000, with \$90,000 coming from operating fund and \$10,000 from the endowment fund. We are still about \$31,600 short of our original fundraising goal. The more money we raise, the less we have to take out of the endowment fund, or operating reserves. All shoreline members, associate members and friends are encouraged to contribute. The dam benefits everyone on the lake.

New Business

- **Bylaw amendment:**

A motion was made to amend the by-laws as follows:

Article II MANAGEMENT

Section 3 – The Trustees shall be elected for a term of two (2) years at the Annual Meeting. The Board is authorized to fill vacancies in offices and trusteeship. Such appointments will be for the unexpired term of the Trustee. The Board may also authorize a term less than two (2) years in order to preclude the possibility of more than half of the Board membership turning over in any one year.

Section 6 – No trustee shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms unless completing the term of an unexpired position. Exempted would be the Secretary and Treasurer whose terms may be extended, by vote of the Membership. Also exempted would be a Trustee elected to a

term of less than two (2) years as provided for in Section 3 of this article.

Motion passed unanimously (Andy Pickett/Rick VanDeusen).

- **Moonlight Paddle:** The remaining dates for the year: July 8 and August 7. Members meet in middle of the lake (near the Zysik camp) around 9:00 and paddle up and around towards Immortelle. Bring your own light.

- **Hicks Cup:** The sailing regatta will be held at 2:00 on the afternoon of the Breakfast Walk, starting at the Pickett (former orange) Boat House. Commodore Andy Pickett encouraged everyone to join in the regatta and the party afterwards at his boathouse.

- **Riley Golf Tournament:** The tournament will be held the Sunday after the Breakfast Walk. It's a scramble format, call Saturday afternoon for your tee time. The VanDeusens will host the after party: pot luck, bring a dish and your own drinks. The cost to play is \$5 plus green fees. This year, there will be a major change -- **the start time is 10:30.**

Election of Trustees: The nominating committee, represented by Rick Van Deusen, recommended election of the following candidates:

- 1st full term: Maggie Cardinal (Rick VanDeusen/ Wayne Rickert). Motion passed unanimously.

- 2nd 2-year term: Jeff Harding and Kathy Goodwin (Rick VanDeusen/Wayne Rickert). Motion passed unanimously.

- 2nd 2-year: Dani Rapier (Rick Van Deusen/Wayne Rickert). Motion passed unanimously.

The Nominating Committee will be looking for at least 3 new members next year. Please consider serving.

Safety & Navigation: Warning about people swimming alone without boat escort, could cause accident, boats cannot see them. This will be addressed by Andy and Carl as previously discussed in Navigation report.

Dock sale: A new addition to the Breakfast Walk weekend – a dock sale Friday afternoon August 5th from noon to 4 p.m. All are invited to participate, a great time to clean out all those camp “treasurers”.

Franklin County Occupancy Tax: As reported in the Equinox, there is a 5% occupancy tax due to the County on rental of any structure renting for less than 30 continuous days. Contact the County for further details.

Concert: The King's Brass is performing at the Presbyterian Church in Malone on July 20th. Local talent will be performing with the group. Tickets available from Sue Smallman.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 am. (Rick Van Deusen/Andy Pickett). Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Lambertsen, Secretary