

LTPA ANNUAL MEETING
July 9, 2022
St. Helen's Parish Hall, Chasm Falls

President Rick Van Deusen called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Board members present: Deb Venuti, Stephen Todd, Vickie Lambertsen, Regina Darling and Dani Rapier. Excused absent: Meg Connors and Louise Murtagh. Rick welcomed new camp owners and newcomers to the meeting.

Muster List and Moment of Silence:

Jim Hardy; Cy Paumier; John Lynn; Margaret Coughlin; Helen Arnold; Glenn Black; David Anderson; John Connors; Diane Hardy; Bob Coughlin; Darryl Stark, Angie House and Ginny Goodwin.

Establish Quorum (Dani Rapier)

- Total shoreline members in good standing 69 Total shoreline member present: 38
- Quorum established: 55% (minimum 20% of members paid for 2022)

Secretary Report

A motion was made to waive the reading and approve the 2021 minutes (Maggie Cardinal/Kathy Goodwin). Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report 2021

Thanks to Deb Venuti, there is a new " LOW WAKE/ UNDERWATER HAZARD" sign that has been placed on Nancy Hanna's boathouse.

The old fire pit has been taken apart and will be rebuilt next Saturday. Rick is asking for volunteers. Volunteers are also needed for the Breakfast Walk and a sign up sheet is being circulated. Phil will send out an email .

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome/Membership (Laura Van Deusen)

Laura welcomes new shoreline owners with a packet of information regarding Lake Titus. If anyone knows of a new owner, contact Laura and she will welcome them.

Breakfast Walk (Regina Darling)

To reduce the amount of trash, Regina is again asking members to bring their own plates and silverware to the Breakfast Walk. She asked that dogs be left at home. They are in need of volunteers, particularly with the cleanup.

Communications/Equinox/Website (Phil Parker)

The website is still operational and communication is working well.

Trails (Dave Goodwin)

Rick reported for Dave Goodwin. The Immortelle dock is now in good shape after repairs. The Elephant Head trail from the parking lot has been walked and found to be in good shape as well.

Navigation (Betsy Suatoni)

Maggie Cardinal has agreed to co-chair the Committee, but they are still in need of a few more members. Contact Betsy or Maggie if you are interested in serving on the Committee. Betsy discussed items of concern, based on feedback from members:

- Water skiing: for the safety of swimmers and kayakers, when leaving your dock on a boat or pwc, please go straight out from the dock instead of paralleling the shoreline
- Please do not chase the loons - they are vulnerable, especially the chicks
- Excessive speeding has been observed. If possible, please talk to the person/people involved or let Betsy know
- Some boaters are not observing the 5 mph speed within 100' of shoreline boating safety rule. Again, when possible, advise the boater
- There has been a lack of consideration and courtesy for paddleboard and kayakers

It was suggested that Phil do an email blast regarding lake etiquette. Those members who rent their camps, please advise renters of the rules.

Lake Quality & Control (Andy Pickett/Meg McGovern)

Andy Pickett thanked Maggie Cardinal and Meg McGovern for taking the 3 testing samples last year. He noted that LTPA has been participating in the Paul Smith's Adirondack Lake Assessment Program for many years. Members can look up the reports on their website, "Adirondack Lake Assessment Program".

The report for last year indicates that we have no negative trends, which is good; the phosphorus is declining and the lake clarity is good. There has been a slight increase in salt, but not critical. We DO NOT have zebra mussel problems because of our good natural buffering. We have some millefeuille but not like it was in late 80s and 90s. Andy and Maggie just did the first testing and overall the lake quality looks great.

Rick recommended that Maggie seek approval from the Board to purchase more septic testing kits. She mentioned there are tablets now, instead of powder, and they are more effective.

Land & Forest (Malcolm Kilgour)

Rick reported for Malcolm Kilgour. At this time, there is nothing new to report since we are still years away from logging.

Historical (Muffy Charlebois)

Muffy encouraged camp owners to obtain as much history of their camp as they can and write it down. As time goes by, it is more difficult to trace the history. "Our Lake Titus" Books can be re-printed and Muffy will obtain the cost of re- printing a single copy as well as a larger number (25).

Dam (Rick Van Deusen)

Mark Fitzsimmons inspected the dam this Spring and noticed an area behind the spillway that needs to be filled. The lake will be taken down 6" after Labor Day to make that repair.

Treasurer's Report (Dani Rapier)

Dani reported that we had a surplus of \$5,000(+-) in the Operating Fund last year, due to some generous donations and strong clothing sales (thank you, Terri Livingston!). The Endowment Fund is quite strong as well and, since there is no need for these funds in the near future, the Board adopted a longer term investment strategy and split the investments across an S&P 500 Investment Fund and a Fidelity Puritan Fund.

- 2021 Membership: 100 out of 110 shoreline owners were members.

All Financial Reports are on the LTPA website, and online donations can be made there as well. Dues can be paid by check or online. There is a small fee to process online payments, but it is more convenient.

OLD BUSINESS

Most items were covered in the President's Report. The full report is available on the LTPA website.

NEW BUSINESS

-Proposed Bylaw amendment

The proposed Bylaw amendment to Article II, MANAGEMENT, Section 7, Subsection 13 was read:

CURRENT VERSION:

"2. The President, with Board input and approval, shall appoint a Chair for the following committees:
Audit (to consist of two (2) Trustees other than the Treasurer)"

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

"2. The President, with Board input and approval, shall appoint a Chair for the following committees:
Audit (to consist of **two (2) members in good standing, at least one (1) of which will be a Trustee.**)"

A motion was made to approve the amendment (Wayne Rickert/Liz Fessenden). Motion carried unanimously.

Loons (Laura Van Deusen)

Laura advised that in conjunction with the Adirondack Loon Center, a nesting raft was built and anchored across from the boathouses on the North side of the lake. Laura does a loon count annually (2nd Saturday in August), and keeps an eye on the 2 nests (north and south) as well as a running journal. She urged members to visit the Loon Center on Main Street in Saranac Lake. Boaters and pwc operators are asked not to disturb the loons, especially with their chicks since they cannot dive. Those people who rent their camps, please advise your tenants to be careful around the loons.

Breakfast Walk Raffle (Vickie Lambertsen)

The Breakfast Walk Raffle was very successful last year. This year, a Silent Auction has been added. A beautiful stained glass piece by Sue Bryden will be auctioned off, as well as other items that will be available for viewing on our website. Anyone wishing to donate an item can contact Vickie Lambertsen (518-524-1089) or Kathy Goodwin (832-312-8623).

Ice Out Contest winners (Muffy Charlebois)

There was an unusual occurrence this Spring. Ice out was initially called on April 8, but after investigation, Ice Out was officially called on April 10th. Muffy presented Ice Out hats to both groups.

The winners of the April 8 guess were: Scott Spillane, Maggie Cardinal and Tom Amello. The winners of the official date, April 10th, were: Dave Goodwin, Adam Champagne and Watson Chodat.

Hicks Cup Sailing Regatta (Andy Pickett)

The Regatta will be held the afternoon of the Breakfast Walk with an after party at the "Lake Titus Yacht Club" formerly know as the "Orange Boathouse". All are welcome to participate, no experience necessary.

Lake Titus Riley Open Golf Tournament (Bob Riley)

Will be held Sunday after the Breakfast Walk. Details to follow.

Sale of Lake Titus apparel

Terri Livingston announced she will hold a sale on her dock on July 24th as well as at the Breakfast Walk.

A "white elephant" sale is currently going on outside this morning. All monies donated to LTPA operating fund.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES (Sherb House)

The Election Committee nominated the following candidates for **recurring** terms:

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

A motion was made to accept the nomination of Treasurer and Secretary as presented (Laura Van Deusen/Maggie Cardinal). Motion carried unanimously.

The Election Committee nominated the candidates for a **first 2-year term**, renewable for a 2nd term: Franz Fredericks, Terri Livingston and Dick Chalifoux

A motion was made to accept the nomination of the candidates as presented (Wayne Rickert/Kathy Goodwin). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (Andy Pickett/Kathy Goodwin). Motion carried and meeting ended at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Lambertsen, Secretary