

RAINBOW LAKE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JULY 8, 2017

President Sue Fallone opened the meeting with a moment of silence to honor our friends and family on the lake who passed away this year.

Sue informed us that at the direction of friends and family the Adirondack Foundation made a donation of \$1,800 to the RLA in memory of Phil Holstein.

We then went around the room for introductions. There were 49 people attending, representing 33 camps.

The secretary read the minutes. Anne Joyce made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Peter Shrope seconded and the membership approved.

Treasurer, Peter Geertz, reported that as of June 30, 2017 we had 127 paid members. There is \$6,802.14 in the general fund and \$49,209.16 in the reserve fund. Peter reminded the membership that \$20 of the yearly dues goes towards general operating expenses and \$30 goes in the reserve fund. Joe Deignan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Lionel Schuman seconded and membership approved.

Faith Lundgren, Chairperson of the Nominations committee, presented the nominations for 3 open board positions each a 3 year term. Those nominated and approved by the Board of Directors are Anne Joyce, Mike Brickman, and Tom Flanagan. There were no nominations from the floor. The election will take place at the August 12th membership meeting.

Holly Huber, our volunteer watershed schedule coordinator explained how to sign up on line for covering a shift at Buck Pond Boat Launch. She also had written out directions for anyone who would like them. She then passed around a sign-up sheet for those who wanted to sign up now. Jim Hauber then explained the responsibilities of being a volunteer lake steward with the reminder that we are greeters, not police.

Jake Kuryla, Regional Supervisor of Paul Smith's Lake Stewards, gave an informative presentation "All about Invasives". Through a slide presentation he explained the difference between native and invasive plants and animals, the importance of a balanced ecosystem, and the importance of taking immediate action if we find any invasive species on the lake. There was a question and answer period. Jake was available at the end of the meeting if anyone had any more questions. Thank you Jake!

Mike Brickman coordinates the Invasive Species Survey for the RLA. He explained what was involved in doing the survey. There are still areas of the lake that need surveyors. He invited people to email him at m.brickman@me.com if you have any questions or would like to sign up to help survey the lake.

John McKeon reported that fishing is pretty good. People are catching bass and walleye.

Anne Joyce presented 2 minor "housekeeping issues" in the By-Laws to be voted on at the August 12th meeting. They are:

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

"Any Director may be removed without cause being assigned at any meeting (add OF THE BOARD) by the concurring vote of a majority of all the Directors."

ARTICLE XIV - QUORUM

"A majority of members (strike members and replace with DIRECTORS) shall constitute a quorum of the Board."

The Committee will continue to go through the by-Laws to make certain that they represent all the current changes made by NYS for not-for-profit organizations.

Joe Deignan gave a brief Water Quality report. Our lake has been in a stable state for the past 8 years. The ph. of the lake is 6.5-7.1, dissolved oxygen levels have been the same for the past 20 years and our phosphorus levels are down.

Chuck Gibbs reported on behalf of the Rainbow Lake Water Protection District Board of Commissioners. Chuck reported that the Dam is in good shape. Due to the heavy rains people were concerned about the integrity of the dam and flooding. Chuck explained that raising the dam can control only 8 inches of water and there is a 3 day delay in lowering the water level. Chuck reported that Steve Smith did raise the gates before he went out of town. The concern was raised that there should be a backup plan in case of a similar situation. The comment was made that we all need to be mindful of weather situations and be prepared in making sure items are up on shelves rather than boat dock floors. Chuck informed us this is his last year as a Water Commissioner. Thank you Chuck for your 26 years of service!

Tom Sansone informed us that replacement of the bridge to Clear Pond will begin on October 15th, 2017. The bridge is 107 years old and is not sustainable. The work should take 2 weeks to complete. The design and size of the bridge is the same as the present one. The homeowners on Clear Pond are paying for the bridge.

Faith Lundgren and Linnae Hamilton completed the "Welcome Kit" for Rainbow Lake. Faith explained that this a continuous work in progress and would appreciate further input from the membership. The "Welcome Kit will be posted on the RLA website after today's meeting.

Boating Safety Course -

New York State passed a law in 2014 stating that anyone born on or after May 1st, 1996 is required to take the New York State Boater Safety course to operate a motorboat of any size. It is also required to take this course, regardless of age, if you will be operating a PWC (Jet skis).

New York State offers an on-line boat safety course for \$29.00 (www.boat-ed.com/newyork)

You must be at least 10 years old to take this online course.

You do not have to be a resident of New York to take this online course.

The Upper Saranac Lake Association sponsors 2 boating safety courses each summer. They are open to the public. The dates are:

Dates: July 10, 11 & 12 August 7, 8 & 9.

9am - 12 noon each day

Place: Santa Clara Community Room, Rt. 30 Saranac Lake, NY (located just north of Saranac Inn on Rt. 30)

The course is for anyone at least 10 years old by the first day of the course. Adults 18 years and older are also able to take the course. Adults will be required to send \$10 to NY State at the end of the course in order to receive a certificate. Passing grade is 75,

Registration: contact Lynne Perry to provide name, contact information, age of child 518-359-2630 lgper2@optonline.net

Lake Steward Training Classes – Sue Fallone informed us that there will be 2 Lake Steward Training Classes held at Paul Smiths College. They will be held Friday, July 14th and Saturday July 29th from 10 – 12pm. Please contact Sue Fallone if you are interested in taking the class.

Picnic – We still need someone to host the annual picnic on August 12th. Please contact Sue Fallone if you are able to host the picnic. There is a Picnic Committee that will be in charge of purchasing food, setting up and clean up. Members of this committee are Faith Lundgren, Stephanie Ratcliffe, Susan Whitehurst, and Dick Fitchett. If you are able to help please contact Faith Lundgren.

There were multiple motions to adjourn the meeting and multiple seconds.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Geertz

Secretary