

RAINBOW LAKE ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JULY9, 2022

President Cathy Unruh welcomed everyone. There were 48 people present and 5 on zoom representing 37 camps. There was a moment of silence for those who passed this last year. After, we all introduced ourselves.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Northup and seconded by Dick Fitchett. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Peter Geertz reported that we have 146 members so far. There is \$17,528.85 in the general fund and \$87,830.23 in the reserve fund. He noted that we received the \$4,850 grant from the Franklin County Economic Development Corp Grant.

Aquatic Watershed Institute (AWI) – Peter Geertz reported that the AWI water quality testing contract was renewed at the cost of \$4,000 a year for 3 years. Water quality testing is done 3 times per season on Rainbow Lake, Clear Pond, and Kushaqua.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Professional Survey – Cathy Unruh reported that we are in year 2 of our 3 year contract. If you see anything suspicious growing in the lake you can contact AWI or the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP). These agencies are very responsive to inquiries concerning possible invasive aquatics.

AIS Volunteer Survey – Mike Brickman encouraged us all to get familiar with aquatic invasive species on the RLA website, rainbowlakeassn.org or through the APIPP at adkinvasives.com, or adkwatershed.org. Mike will be contacting current volunteers and encouraged others to join in the survey.

AIS Volunteer Lake Stewards – Nora Teter said prevention is most important in preventing invasive aquatics. NYS has a new law that all motorized boats need a certificate that their boat has been washed and drained prior to launching. You can also get a self-certified permit on line. Nora is looking for a renewal of volunteers for Friday and Saturday from 4 – 6pm. You can contact Nora at norateter@gmail.com to sign up to become a volunteer lake steward and Nora is happy to train anyone who is interested. The RLA funds 5 days a week through a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program from Memorial weekend through Labor Day Weekend. The town of Brighton and AWI each donate a day for professional lake stewards.

Rainbow Lake Water Protection District Board of Commissioners – Roger Gorham reported that the Dam is in excellent shape. Steven Smith inspects the Dam twice a year based on a check list provided from the engineer. The flash boards are raised or lowered based on weather conditions. Steve Smith also monitors this. Roger gave a brief history of the formation of the Water Protection District. This can also be accessed on the RLA website along with the Minutes of their meetings.

Water Quality Report – Joe Deignan informed us that this is the 25th consecutive year of testing with Paul Smiths AWI along with a brief history of this program. The current and past water quality summaries can be accessed on the RLA website.

Loon Friendly Lake Update – Linda Gorham, gave an update on the different programs initiated by the Loon Conservancy. Love Your Lake Clean Ups will be 7/20 and 9/17. Suzanne Samuels, Marilyn Leitch, and Pam Timbie will be helping with this. On those dates or whenever you are out on the lake, please pick up any trash, fishing line and lead tackle. Linda has brochures for those with rental properties. Fishing line recycle containers are at Buck Pond and the Railroad Bridge. People can turn in lead lures to Blue Line or Water & Woods in exchange for vouchers to purchase tackle.

Fishing Report – We are looking for a volunteer to report on fishing around the lake. This year 8,000 walleye fingerlings were put in the lake.

Map Project – Stephanie Ratcliffe is looking for two volunteers to work with her in making decisions on what would be best for an RLA map suitable for framing. Stephanie will get back to us on this project including the cost for anyone interested in purchasing it.

Nominations – Jon Allen, via Zoom, presented the Slate of Officers the 2023-2024 term.

Slate presented to the membership;

President – Susan Whitehurst

Vice President – David Haury

Secretary – Ilene Geertz

Treasurer – Peter Geertz

Board Members – Jim Harper, Todd Kahn, Stephanie Ratcliffe

Each nominee gave a brief summary of their qualifications.

Cathy Unruh asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Jim Northrop made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Alyse Holstein seconded. The membership approved. This will be voted on at the August membership meeting.

RLA Picnic – Sue Fallone informed us that this year's picnic will be held on August 13th from 1-4pm at the Tebbutt's. Most of last year's committee is still on board to help. If you would like to be part of the Picnic Committee please contact Sue at sfallone254@gmail.com.

Old Business – Boater Safety

There is a mandatory boater safety course on line for \$39.95. If you were born on or after January 1, 1988 you will need a boating safety certificate when operating a motorized vessel in 2022.

Please inform your guests and renters of the state laws in regard to the 5 mile an hour wake zone within 100 feet of shore, a bog or island, dock, raft, float, or anchored craft. Check the RLA website for further safety regulations.

New Business – Steve Amstutz inquired about getting outhouses for campers on state land campsites. He will look into it further. Peter Geertz suggested including bacterial testing at those sites next year.

Jim Northrop made a motion to adjourn with Todd Kahn seconding the motion. All Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ilene Geertz RLA Secretary