

RAINBOW LAKE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2023

There were 29 members present representing 20 camps.

After Susan Whitehurst welcomed everyone, we went around the room introducing ourselves.

The minutes were emailed to all members. Jim Harper made a motion to accept them with a second from Mickey McIntire. All approved.

Treasurer's Report – Peter reported that as of July 31, 2023 there were 162 members with 4 more joining before the meeting. There is \$21,152.45 in the general fund and \$99,804.73 in the reserve fund. Alyse Holstein made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with a second by Cissy Isaac. All approved.

Nomination Committee - Jon Allen presented the Board of Directors slate to be voted on, Michael Brickman and Bruce Zetter. They each gave a brief introduction of who they are and their commitment to the RLA. The slate was approved at July's meeting so we were able to take a vote. All approved.

Please let Jon know if you would be interested in joining the nominating committee or if you have any recommendations for future board members, secretary or treasurer.

Buck Pond Stewards – Nora Teter thanked all the volunteers. She is looking for someone to volunteer at the boat launch on August 25th.

Volunteer Invasive Species Monitoring – Mike Brickman reported that the monitoring is 70% done. Please get back to him when you complete your survey.

Professional Invasive Species Monitoring – Peter Geertz informed us that no invasives were found in the lake. He also reported that for the Bacterial Testing anything under 126 units is acceptable. Our lake had readings of 1-15 ½ units. Our lake is safe for swimming.

Professional Water Quality – Joe Deignan informed us that our water quality is very good and the report is available on the RLA website. He was also pleased with how the report was presented.

Adirondack Lakes Alliance Symposium – Susan Whitehurst and Peter Geertz attended the symposium on Friday August 11th. Susan reported that there was a wealth of information shared. Speakers shared best practices to keep the Adirondack Lakes healthy. Many of the 1500 lakes in the Adirondacks have aquatic invasive species. Our lake is ahead of the game compared to others. We have 20 years of data, and a reserve fund to be able to quickly get help in fighting an infestation. The question was asked about the chemical that could be put in the water for treatment and mitigation but not for prevention. This will be discussed after the meeting when Tom Collins, Outreach Program Manager, from the Adirondack Watershed Institute, gives his presentation on Aquatic Invasive Species.

Rainbow Lake Logo Clothing – John Whitehurst shared that 23 caps, 40 T-shirts, 6 sweatshirts and 8 women's fleeces were purchased.

Picnic – Sue Fallone announced that the picnic will start at 1pm at the Tebbutt's camp. This year there is chicken, veggie burgers, regular burgers and bratwurst. She thanked Jim Harper and Tom Timbie for manning the grill. She also thanked the entire picnic committee that included Alyse Holstein, Cissy Isaac, Jim Harper, Pam & Tom Timbie and Dick & Rita Fitchett.

The question was raised concerning the efforts of the RLA to encourage new lakeshore owners to join. It was thought that they might have the perception that the RLA is a homeowner's association, which it is not. The RLA is a non-profit conservation organization with its goal to protect our pristine waters. The suggestion was made to put this on the first page of the website under the RLA name. Peter Shrope and Susan Whitehurst will get together on this on the wording along with Mark Lang and Steve & Cissy Isaac.

Joe Deignan made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mickey McIntire.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ilene Geertz

RLA Secretary