

08/08/2015 Indian Lake Association Annual Meeting and Picnic

President Paul Coppock called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m., with greetings and by reading July 26, 2014's meeting minutes to the assembled 44 members and guests. Paul Coppock moved and Alison Coppock seconded the minutes be approved. All ayes. Board members present are Paul Coppock, Carmen Adler, Joe Hancock, Eric Hanson, Rich Vincelette, Jon Voorhees, and Pete Sinski. Not present Don Woodmansee.

Election of Directors: In accordance with the by-laws, we may have 9 members on the board of directors. Eric Hansen is leaving the board. That leaves two openings to fill. Rich Vincelette and Paul Coppock both have completed their second term. We open the nominations for two new board members: Autumn Blanchard a DEC facility supervisor and in nomination, Maggie Evatt a graduate of business school and who has a long term connection with Indian Lake. She is the daughter of Russ and Peggy Evatt. Placed in nomination is Rich Vincelette and Paul Coppock for the third and final term, Autumn Blanchard for first term and Maggie Evatt for first term. The slate of nominations will be consolidated and cast as one vote for the entire slate. David Adler made a motion to approve nominations and Kevin Herlihy seconded; all voted in favor.

Financial Report: Paul read the treasurer's report:

- Total Revenue (Memberships and Picnic Guests): \$1,940.00
- Total Expenses (2014 Ann. Mtg., Adirondack Lake Alliance, Water Testing, Newsletters, Boaters Guides, Scholarship): \$1,128.19
- Ending Balance (as of 8/8/2015 prior to the Annual Meeting): \$3,626.15

There were 41 renewals with 3 new members for a total of 108 members. Paul asked for any questions from the assembly. No questions were asked.

Newsletter: Paul thanked Bruce Catlin his continued support of the Newsletter. David Adler and Rich Vincelette developed mailing labels for the Newsletter with membership expiration dates. He also thanks Joe Hancock and Russ Evatt for the water quality report and Eric Hanson was thanked for the colored map of the water shed. Five hundred copies of the Boating Guide were printed and David Adler distributed them to Pine's, the Lake Store, state boat launch, and marina. Paul asked for questions. No questions were asked.

The Indian Lake Association/ Dick Merrill Scholarship was awarded to Victoria Moore. She will be studying hospitality in college.

Water Quality Report: Joe Hancock presented the water quality report and says the lake showed consistent good water quality since the samples were taken starting in 2006 by Joe and Russ. Water samples are taken three times a year and the samples are tested at Paul Smith's College. The flush rate of the lake is a big plus, being able to refill itself twice a year. Dr. Dorothy Goren asked about sodium level. Joe said there was some change but within normal readings. David Adler asked where the samples were taken. Joe said samples were taken at a depth of 2 meters at the deepest part of the lake. The full report is available at the website.

Paul asked us to move to the guest speaker due to time restraints.

Our guest speaker is Bryan Rudes director of Adirondack Lakes Alliance and president of the Piseco Lake Association. The ALA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that works with lake associations in the Park. The ILA joined ALA in December. The effort to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species is a major concern for all lakes. At the urging of the ALA, the ILA signed a letter along with many other signatories, requesting funds to support lake stewards and boat washing stations. On March 10, Governor Cuomo announced an agreement to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in the Adirondacks and funded that effort with a \$1,000,000 proposal in his budget for infrastructure and staff needed to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species. Paul Smiths has all of the funds to distribute, DEC has

the machinery to implement plan, APA, county, towns and lake associations all are working together to halt the spread of invasive aquatic species. In our area, there are 2 boat washing stations, located on Route 30 in Speculator and on Route 8 near Piseco. Indian Lake has a boat steward at the state boat launch. Paul introduced Jaime Parslow, who is in charge of all boat decontamination stations in our region. She addressed the question Jon Voorhees has regarding signage for the boat decontamination stations. Signs will be available soon. DOT signs are made by prisoners and there has been a delay due to the recent temporary suspension of production at the prisons. Temporary signage is being used pending delivery of the official signs. The boat wash is free. More education is needed to get the word out regarding this program. Some people are concerned that an inspection can result in a fine. That is not the case. Why were Lake Piseco and Lake Pleasant chosen for the boat washing stations? Jaime said heavy traffic on those lakes was the deciding factor. Suggested lobbying for additional boat decontamination stations. She mentioned large sporting game clubs want inspections. DEC staff is not obligated to do the inspections. She is seeing more inspection tags. The tag shows where boat has been. The boat is cleaned, drained, and dried by hand.

Paul thanked our speakers for joining us today. He reminded us that we need more volunteers to check for invasive aquatic species. Free training sessions are offered in June. Contact the board of directors for more information.

Lake Levels: Lake levels are a long standing problem. We have had an informal understanding with Hudson River/Black River Regulating District for over two decades, which provides target levels that the HRBRRD strives to achieve. Levels can vary from targets due to weather and other downstream priorities. Ideal levels are subjective. We would like to have an earlier lowering of lake level and a slow down of draining to Columbus Day. Bruce Catlin, Jon Voorhees and Paul Coppock prepared a draft letter to propose a revision of this 20 year understanding. We would like to see the lake levels regulated to the following: June 1: 32ft; July 1: 31 ft; Aug 1: 30 ft; Sept 1: 29 ft; Oct 1: 28.5 ft and there- after 28 ft. Paul read the draft letter and asked for any questions or comments. Eric Hanson says great! Suggested we attach a graph with the numbers. Dotty asked if the suggested levels will have an environmental impact. None were mentioned. Paul asked for a motion to approve sending the letter with the lake level requests. Eric Hanson made the motion and Russ Evatt seconded. All voted in favor. We will put a link to the HRBRRD website on our website.

A motion made by Jon Voorhees to adjourn the meeting. David Adler seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:08. 32 people remained for the picnic. Burgers and dogs provided by Timberlock, and pot luck dishes from the attending members. Many thanks to Joe, Russ and Pete for manning the grill – great food!

Submitted by Carmen Adler, Secretary to ILA.