

Indian Lake Association ADK, Inc.  
Annual Meeting and Picnic  
August 5, 2017

President Paul Coppock calls the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m. This is our 39<sup>th</sup> meeting and our first as a New York not-for-profit corporation. He thanked Attorney Paul Kietzman for all his tenacious legal work in getting the various documents forwarded and approved by the state. You can find us on our web site under our new name as well as our old name. Every thing from the old organization has been forwarded to the new corporation. That includes the board of directors, bank account, membership, Thanks to all the members and friends for being here. He also thanked Timberlock for again supplying the grills and burgers and hot dogs served tonight. Joe Hancock and Pete Sinski were thanked for doing the grill work.

Board members present are Paul Coppock, Pete Sinski, Carmen Adler, Rich Vincelette, Gail O'Brien, and Autumn Blanchard. We have a quorum with 44 members attending and 20 Proxy votes. Paul continued the meeting following the agenda available at the meeting.

**Approve Minutes of Annual Meeting, August 13, 2016**

Minutes have been available on the ILA web site. Paul asked if anyone objected to his not reading the minutes and just continuing with a motion to approve minutes as written. **Motion made by Alison Coppock and seconded by Jacque Hancock. All ayes.**

**Election of Directors:**

Our by-laws allow us to have a maximum of 9 directors. Don Woodmansee and Jon Voorhees are no longer on the board. That gives us two vacancies to fill. Also, Pete Sinski has completed his second three-year term and Carmen Adler has finished her first three-year term. The board has nominated them for reelection to a new three-year term. Paul made the motion to reelect Pete and Carmen, Marsha King Purdue seconded and all voted in favor. Motion passed. We have another nomination: Attorney Marsha King Purdue. The nominee is a life-long resident of Indian Lake. She has her own law firm as well as serving as a part-time District Attorney of Hamilton County since 2012. Marsha was recognized by the group and Paul asked for a vote on her nomination. Peggy Evatt seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimously approved. **We are always looking for new board members.** Next year two more openings need to be filled as terms expire. Contact a board member if you are interested. Terms expire but issues don't.

**Financial Report:** Rich Vincelette presented the report. ILA's beginning bank balance as of 8/13/16 was \$4,319.32. Expenses totaled \$1,627.93. Revenue of \$3,220.00 the past year includes a number of the new, enhanced membership opportunities now offered. Current bank balance as of 8/05/17 is \$5,911.39. The basic dues are now \$15/yr. and \$35/ 3 years.

**Membership Report:** We now have 102 current memberships. Membership count declined from the previous years. We need your help in renewing memberships and getting new members. Speak with your neighbors please.

**Newsletter:** We had a printing glitch this year that some of you may have noticed. In April some members received an early draft of the newsletter that the printer had produced and sealed for mailing. The error was caught and we corrected the newsletter and sent the final version at no additional cost to the Association. Paul reports that we printed 175 newsletters (at a cost of \$196=\$166 + \$30 postage). Special thanks to contributors Jon Voorhees, Gail O'Brien, Joe Hancock, and also Bruce Catlin for doing the compiling, layout, the water level graph, and printing, David Adler for doing the labels and mailing. Reminder to look at address labels each year for membership expiration.

**Boater's Guide:** Paul reported that 500 (\$54) boater's guides were printed and distributed to:

- DEC boat launch office
- Indian Lake Marina
- Lake Store
- Pines
- Chamber of Commerce.

**Indian Lake Association/ Dick Merrill Scholarship:** Paul reported that our scholarship was named for Dick Merrill, a long time board member, educator, and lake advocate. It is awarded to graduates of Indian Lake High School who have exemplified good stewardship of the land and the environment. The 2017 award of \$200 was to Josiah Voorhees. Josiah plans to study at ACC (SUNY Adirondack) while learning the family business at Camp Driftwood.

**Water Quality Report:** Joe Hancock reported water samples have been taken from the lake for 14 years and for the last 8 years our organization has taken the samples. He and Russ Evatt took water samples three times this year. The water is frozen and sent to Paul Smith's for water analysis. The water quality is consistent. Last summer reading from chlorophyll, phosphorus, sodium and chlorine were all in lower ranges. The pH average 7.1: marginally alkaline; 6.5-7.5 is safe for aquatic life. Little road salt was detected. The lake water quality benefits from a low population surrounding it as well as little agriculture near the lake. The Secchi disc readings are an average of 15ft. visibility. The use of fertilizer, pest control products, and maintenance of septic systems all impact water quality. A question was asked about consumption of the lake water. The water is drinkable but to be on the safe side, it should be filtered or boiled.

**Lake Level:** Lake levels are controlled by Hudson River Black River Regulating District (HRBRRD). They are mandated to support in order of priority

1. safety in form of flood control
2. flow augmentation for water treatment facilities and hydroelectric production.
3. recreation.

Our organization is in regular dialog with the Regulating District. A common misconception is that the water releases for white water rafting are important drivers of water levels. Releases for rafting are made from the Abanakee dam. These releases have little effect on Indian Lake water release rates. This is the second season that the Regulating District is using the revised target lake levels we proposed. The new targets provide a faster draw down in May and June. On July 1 we were 1 ft higher than old target level. We expect a slower drawn down in August and September. On September 1 we hope to have a water level 1 ft higher than the old target level. Last year drought created a problem for reaching target levels: August 1, 2016-14 inches below target, September 1, 2016-24 inches below target, October 1, 2016- 3.5 feet below target. This year we have had more rain. We are closer to targets this year: June 1 = 10 inches above target, July 1, = 3 inches above target, and August 1, = 3 inches below target. To reach our September and October target levels we must drop 3 inches in August from August 1 and drop 6 more inches in September.

**2017 Release rates:** June 1-21: 570-600 cu ft./sec  
June 21- July 5: approx. 240 cu ft./sec  
July 5-26: 430-480 cu ft./sec  
July 26 to present: 203 cu ft./sec (minimum required)

High water last winter caused extensive dock damage on Indian Lake. Flooding was also a problem on Abanakee Lake. The problem stemmed from the coffer dam on the Abanakee dam repair project which is unrelated to the Indian Lake dam and the Regulating District. A wet fall resulted in winter high water that threatened to wreck the coffer dam and that threatened the Abanakee dam. Indian Lake was forced to hold back water to protect against flooding and a catastrophic breach of the Abanakee coffer dam. For more information on lake levels and release rate statistics please check the HRBRRD website: <http://www.hrbrrd.com>

**Website:** Our site has a range of information: newsletters, by-laws, invasive species, water quality, and various links to local web sites of interest. The new web address is <http://www.ilaadk.org>. The old web address still works.

**Incorporation:** On December 7 New York State granted us non-profit corporation status making us officially: Indian Lake Association ADK, Inc. We still refer to the organization as the Indian Lake Association (ILA) informally.

**Invasive Species:** Gail O'Brien is leading our association's efforts to search for invasive species on Indian Lake. Unfortunately, last August, spiny water flea was discovered. Our annual survey team for invasives is: Gail O'Brien, Pete and Ellen Sinski, Ellie Menz, Timberlock staff, and Paul Coppock. We surveyed 38 miles of shoreline. We could use more help. Lewey Lake still is not fully surveyed.

**Guest Speaker:**

Erin Vennie-Volrath is an Aquatic Invasive Species Project Coordinator for Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program. Erin travels the park detecting and monitoring invasives, training staff and volunteers. She manages the lake survey programs including the one

we organize on Indian Lake. Erin was warmly welcomed and presented a power point program that was well received. We thank her for good work and for joining us this evening.

Find more information at <http://www.adkinvasives.com>

**Other Business:** Paul asked about other business concerns. None were offered. Motion to adjourn was made by Peggy Evatt. All voted to adjourn. Meeting is adjourned at 7:14. p.m.

Respectfully submitted, 08/05/2017 by Carmen Adler, Secretary to ILA.