

Indian Lake Association ADK, Inc.  
Annual Meeting and Picnic  
August 3, 2019

President Maggie Crowley calls the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Welcome to our 41<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. She thanked Timberlock for again supplying the grills and burgers served tonight. Russ Evatt, Pete Sinski, and her husband were thanked for doing the grill work. Also many thanks all who brought food to share.

Board members present are Maggie Crowley, Pete Sinski, Carmen Adler, Gail O'Brien, Jon Voorhees, and Marsha King Purdue. Autumn Blanchard was not available due to work. We have 12 absentee ballots and 39 members attending, 1 guest, 2 speakers and 2 speaker's assistants. We have a quorum. Maggie continues following the agenda.

**Approve Minutes of Annual Meeting, August 11, 2018**

Minutes have been available on the ILA web site. Additional copies are available at this meeting in print. Maggie asked if there is no objection, we will dispense with the reading of the minutes. She asked the membership if they had any corrections or questions. None were noted and Gail made a motion to accept minutes as written seconded by Allison Coppock. All voted in favor.

**Election of Directors:**

We currently have 7 board members and two open seats. We are very fortunate to have two excellent candidates to fill those open positions.

**Dr. Daniel Way:** Dr. Way has agreed to accept our nomination for director. He moved to the Glen Falls area with his wife, Dr. Harriet Busch in 1980. They both practiced family medicine in the Adirondack park for 38 years with Hudson Headwaters Health Network. By working for decades in the health centers in Warrensburg, North Creek, and Indian Lake he became very familiar and developed a great appreciation for the people and places in the Adirondack Park. Dr. Way is also a photographer and a published author of three books that chronicle his Adirondack medical career. He and his wife are both now retired and split their time between their home in Glens Falls and their home in Birch Hill in Indian Lake.

**Martha Bisbeck:** Martha recently retired from a 30-year teaching career in the Rhinebeck, NY area. Martha and her husband Woody purchased a home in Sabael in 2006 and have now officially become full time residents this year. Martha is very passionate about the health of the lake and our community and is hoping to positively contribute to this by joining the Indian Lake Association board of directors.

Daniel and Martha both had prior commitments and are unable to be here tonight. Carmen nominated both Daniel and Martha for election to three-year terms on the board. If there is no objection, we can elect both in one motion. Maggie made the motion to elect and Allison seconded. All voted in favor of motion and on one opposed the nominations. Motion approved.

Current board member, Gail O'Brien 's first three-year term on the board is expiring, and we would like to nominate her to a second three year term. Gail currently serves as our treasurer. She has been working summers at the Timberlock family resort on Indian lake since 1998. During the winter she is substitute teacher in Newark, NY school district

and prior to this spent 20 years doing paralegal and accounting work. Maggie asked for a motion to reelect Gail. Carmen made the motion to reelect Gail. Marcia seconded. No other discussion was offered. All voted to reelect Gail for a second three year term. Maggie thanked Gail for taking over the Treasurer responsibilities this past year and being a great help to her in her new role as president. Anyone interested in serving on the board may contact a board member for more information.

Maggie then pointed out the other association officers: Marsha King Purdue as vice-president-elected with her term ending in 2021. Carmen Adler is secretary-elected with her term ending in 2020. The other Board Members at Large are: Pete Sinski, Jon Voorhees and Autumn Blanchard.

On a sad note, Maggie recognized the passing in May of Jeremy Gorss, who was a devoted friend and supporter of our association. Jeremy served three terms as a director for 2005-20014 and 5 of those years was the association secretary. He was a staunch advocate for defending Indian Lake against invasive species and initiated the association's participation in the Adirondack Park invasive aquatic plant program almost 20 years ago. Jeremy will be missed by all of us who knew him. We offered a moment of silence in his honor.

**Financial Report:** Gail O'Brien presented the report and a copy was given to the secretary for the records. Beginning bank balance as of 8/14/18: \$6,696.01. Revenue via membership \$2,170. Expenses \$974.21. Current bank Balance: \$7,893.80

**Membership Report:** Gail gave the presented the membership report and a written report was given to the secretary. Active membership is 113.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter contains the annual meeting review, local news, invasive species, water quality, and lake levels. Maggie mentioned that this is very much a team effort and she wanted to thank our contributors Jon Voorhees, Joe Hancock, Gail O'Brien, and Paul Coppock. She also gave thanks to Bruce Catlin for compiling, layout and the water level graph. This year we printed 175 copies. (Our printing expense of \$246 is the combined expense for both the newsletter and boater's guide). The newsletter was mailed in May to current Indian Lake Association Members we well as past members with memberships that expired within the last few years. Extra copies are available. She asked for any comments or suggestions? None were mentioned.

**Boater's Guide:** This guide provided information on New York State boating laws, local agency contact information (DEC, lake sheriff, Indian Lake campgrounds), invasive species reminder, as well as warnings specific to Indian lake regarding the varying water levels creating unmarked hazards.

Maggie thanked Bruce Catlin for formatting the guide and to Russ Evatt for helping to distribute the 500 boater's guide. The guides were distributed to: DEC boat launch office, Indian Lake Marina, Pines, and Chamber of Commerce. Extra copies of both the newsletter and boater's guide were made available at the meeting. Maggie asked for any questions or feedback and said to reach out to her if you have any other suggestions.

**Indian Lake Association/ Dick Merrill Scholarship:** Maggie 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 Central School. The 2019 scholarship of \$300 was to Benjamin King, an honor student and athlete who graduated in June. Ben is a Sabael resident, and an outdoor enthusiast, who appreciates the opportunities living here gives him to hike, boat, fish, and camp. He has been working summers and weekends at the Indian lake restaurant since the age of 14. Ben plans to attend North country Community college in the fall. He will be studying Sports Management and will be a member of the men's soccer team. .

**Water Quality Report:** Russ Evatt presented the water quality report. It is attached to these minutes. The full report is also available in our newsletter which can be found on our website [www.ilaadk.org](http://www.ilaadk.org)

**Lake Level:** Paul Coppock presented the report. Lake levels are controlled by the Hudson River Black River Regulating District (HRBRRD). They are mandated to operate reservoirs in Hudson and Black River watersheds to regulate the flow for public welfare: Priorities:

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

The speakers notes are attached to these minutes. For more information on lake levels and release rate statistics please check the HRBRRD website: <http://www.hrbrdd.com>

**Invasive Species:** Paul Coppock also presented the report on invasive species. The speaker's notes are attached to these minutes. Training is done by APIP in June and July. Gail O'Brien says check the website at <http://www.adkinvasives.com>. Please help.

**Guest Speaker:** Maggie introduced our guest speaker, John Callaghan, Executive Director of the Hudson River lack River Regulation District. John will give us an overview of the role of the regulating district and the impact on our lake levels.

John introduced his boss, Mark Finkle, chairman of HRBRRD. We are fortunate to have both representatives at our meeting today. We have developed a good working relationship with the HRBRRD and we appreciate their attendance today. John also mentioned that his two sons, James and Brendan, were also in attendance today. John was appointed as the executive director of the regulating district in April of this year. John is a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, and came to the Regulating District from a career at the New York State Canal corporation spanning two decades, where he served in various roles including tugboat captain, canal traffic agent, director of policy implementation and planning, acting director of the Canal Corporation and – most recently over the last eight years- as deputy director and acting executive deputy director.

The mission of the HRBRRD, which traces its roots to the formation of the Black River Regulating District 100 years ago this year, to protect public health and safety by regulating the flow of waters in the upper Hudson River and Black River. The Black River and Hudson River Regulating Districts were formed by the New York State Legislature in 1919 and 1922, respectively, to regulate the water flows within those river basins and reduce flooding. The two districts were combined in 1959. As part of its mission, the HRBRRD maintains the five reservoirs in upstate New York, including the Great Sacandaga Lake, New York's largest reservoir.

At the end of his talk, John took questions. One question was asked about work on the Indian Lake Dam.

John mentioned that the condition of the dam at Indian lake is being evaluated. Any work would not be done until 2021. He assured us that HRBRRD would work as closely as possible with share holders. Water draw-down would happen in the fall after the recreation season.

Jon Voorhees congratulated HRBRRD on its cooperation with our corporation and community.

A question was asked about the person who lives at the dam. Darren is a part-time employee living at the state property.

Maggie thanked the speaker, and she also thanked all who contributed to this evening's event especially the grillers.

Maggie asked about any other business and when none was offered asked for a motion to adjourn. Carmen made the motion to adjourn and Marcia seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47.

Respectfully submitted by Carmen Adler, Secretary to ILA.