

Indian Lake Association ADK, Inc.
Annual Meeting via Zoom
September 10, 2020

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's Annual Meeting and Picnic was changed to a Zoom meeting on September 10, 2020.

President Maggie Crowley calls the Zoom meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Welcome to our 42th annual meeting. Our first meeting via Zoom. Board members present on Zoom: Maggie Crowley, Carmen Adler, Martha Bilsbeck, Gail O'Brien, Pete Sinski, Jon Voorhees, and Dan Way. Marsha King Purdue and Autumn Blanchard was not available. On Zoom we also had Paul Coppock, David Adler, Fred Werner, Joe Hancock, Bob and Sharon Davis, Bud and Irene Werner, Peggy and Russ Evatt, Eleanor and John Menz, and several others plus 14 absentee ballots. We have a quorum. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will not have a guest speaker this year.

Maggie continues following the agenda.

Approve Minutes of Annual Meeting, August 3, 2019

Minutes have been available on the ILA web site. 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 Maggie made a motion to accept minutes as written seconded by David Adler. All voted in favor.

Election of Directors:

Maggie thanked Pete Sinski for his service to this organization. He has served the full three terms and is not eligible for re-election at this time. We look forward to working with him again in the future. Marsha King Purdue, Vice President of this board, has moved and is resigning from the board. We also thank her for her service to this organization. Dan Way, has agreed to serve as Vice-President. Carmen Adler has finished her second term on the board and is eligible for re-election for her third term. Maggie asked for a motion to re-elect Carmen. Gail made the motion to vote to re-elect Carmen for her third and final term on the board. Paul seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. We are looking for more members to serve on the board. Anyone interested in serving on the board may contact a board member for more information.

Financial Report: Gail O'Brien presented the report, and a copy was given to the secretary for the records. Beginning bank balance as of August 3, 2019 was \$8,023.80. Revenue consisting of Membership dues and Picnic Attendance was \$2,280. This makes a total revenue of \$10,303.80. The listed expenses were \$1,745.58 This makes the current balance in our account as of August 31, 2020 \$8,558.22. A motion was made to accept this report, and all agreed. Thank you Gail for this report.

Membership Report: Gail gave the presented the membership report and a written report was given to the secretary. Active membership as of August 31, is 84. This is down from 113 last year.

Newsletter: This year we printed 175 copies of the newsletter. The newsletter was mailed to current Indian Lake Association members as well as past members with memberships that expired within the

last few years. Extra copies are available. You can also find the newsletter on our website. She asked for any comments or suggestions? None were mentioned. Again, many thanks for all who contribute to making our newsletter possible.

Boater's Guide: We had 500 copies of the boater's guide made for distribution this spring. Thanks to Russ Evatt for distributing the guide within our community. This year we have new information on boat licensing regulations. Maggie asked for any questions or feedback and asked us to reach out to her if we 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. This year's recipient is Shelby Benton who is actively involved with lake maintenance. She will be attending Hudson Valley Community College, studying psychology and criminal justice. This year's graduation was held outdoors on June 27 with limited capacity. The school presented the award for us. The scholarship amount is \$500.

Water Quality Report: During this summer season Russ Evatt and Joe Hancock drew samples of Indian Lake water 3 times, one time each in June, July, and August, from the "deep hole" area that is near Pirate's Cove. They draw the sample from this area to minimize potential shoreline influences in shallower water and also to take a sample from a consistent source per the direction from the Adirondack Watershed Institute. After they draw the sample, they then take a secchi disc reading, they freeze the sample and take it to a collection hub location where it will be delivered to the AWI laboratory at Paul Smiths College. During the winter, the samples will be analyzed, results tabulated, and a report will be generated that Joe will summarize in the spring newsletter.

This summer's sampling was very similar to previous years, their secchi disc readings were a bit lower than in previous years, but that seems to follow a trend in many of the reporting lakes. To clarify, the secchi disc is a round aluminum plate, about 8 inches in diameter, that has alternating black and white triangles. They lower it into the water until it is no longer visible. Typically, they get readings of about 4 meters. Our sample results will probably show our lake will continue to be in the mesotrophic range which indicates medium range transparency, with a fairly low algae concentration. Our PH level has remained fairly constant in a slightly higher than neutral reading that means it is not acidic and has a healthy balance that helps to support a good ecosystem. Based on the number of fish they saw jumping in the early morning hours and the presence of many loons it would appear that our lake's water quality is doing well. Fortunately, road salt contamination does not appear to be a factor for us currently.

Lake Level:

Paul Coppock outlined the role played by the Hudson River Black River Regulating District in managing the Indian Lake dam and the water release rates. The regulating district has a statutory responsibility to regulate water flow in the upper Hudson River for purposes of safety, flow augmentation and recreation. The Lake Association and regulating district have jointly developed target Lake levels for Indian Lake designed to provide a more stable draw-down during the prime boating season, and to avoid damaging spikes in water level to the extent possible while meeting downstream

requirements. So far this year, the lake levels have been close to the target levels through mid-August despite usually dry weather this summer. Inflows to Indian Lake this August were 44% of average.

Actual lake levels this summer compared to target were:

June 1 -1”

July 1 +2”

August 1 +1”

Sept. 1 -8”

Sept. 10 -8”

By comparison, Great Sacandaga Lake was 3.7 feet below target in September.

Indian Lake release rates have been held to low levels this summer compared to historical rates. The release rate since July 1 has been constant at about 148 cfs, compared to a historical median of 295.

For more information on lake levels and release rate statistics please check the HRBRRD website: <http://www.hrbrrd.com>

We have not received any updates recently regarding the ongoing engineering study of the Indian Lake dam, but we have been advised that the dam is in structurally sound condition, and that some maintenance and enhancement work may commence in 2022.

Invasive Species:

Paul Coppock reported that the veteran team of Ellie Menz, Russ Evatt, Pete and Ellen Sinski, and Paul Coppock conducted the annual survey of Indian Lake, inspecting for any aquatic invasive plant species. No invasive plants were found. To date, the only invasive that has been discovered in the lake is the spiny water-flea. Boat stewards under the auspices of the Adirondack Water Institute were staffing the DEC boat launch on Indian Lake this summer through Labor Day, checking for invasive hitch hikers on boats and trailers. We have not yet received the report on the number of boats inspected or invasive species found. That information will be published later. Anyone interested in getting involved in our lake survey should contact Paul Coppock or any board member. The Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program provides free training sessions each spring and now has an online training program available for the convenience of volunteers. See www.adkinvasives.com

Other Business:

Marina: The property is available for sale as a residential property.

Reaching out: Could the Indian lake Association reach out to the Town of Indian Lake to provide incentives for some sort of operator to provide fuel for boaters. Could we encourage someone to provide this important service for boaters? It is a good question.

Boating Licenses: Under a new law known as Brianna's Law, all motor boat operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1993 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2020.

Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2022.

Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2023.

Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1978 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2024. All motor boat operators regardless of age will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2025. Martha said that visitors licensed with out of state boater's license should know that they are in compliance with NY boater's law when using the state of NY water ways.

Maggie asked about any other business and when none was offered asked for a motion to adjourn. Maggie made the motion to adjourn and Carmen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17.

Respectfully submitted by Carmen Adler, Secretary to ILA.