

The President's Letter

by Pat Smith

Greetings,

We hope that everyone had a great summer season at Cossayuna. Now that boats are stored for the winter and docks are raised, we can fully appreciate the beauty that the fall and winter seasons bring to our lake.

Our deep appreciation goes out to the numerous volunteers and participants in our social activities and events. The Friday Night Dinners, coordinated by Bob Montanye, were very successful throughout July and August. Joe Romano added his musical talents to many of the events. Our annual traditions of LaBoom and Open Mic Night drew many new residents and guests. It is our intention to continue this year's Clam Bake as an annual event as well. In addition

to Board members, numerous members of our lake community have donated endless hours attending task force meetings and researching issues relevant to lake management and lake funding.

The Lake Management Task Force, chaired by Board Member Lynn Wilbur, continues to develop both short and long-term strategies to address the environmental issues confronting our lake. The chemical treatment program implemented in May of this year yielded positive results. In conjunction with our ongoing harvesting program, chemical treatment demonstrated a marked improvement in lake clarity and the ability to navigate by boat or jetski. The committee is in the

process of again securing the program with Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. for the 2014 season. Further information on how you can participate will become available in the next few months. The Lake Funding Task Force, headed by Frank Smith, is investigating opportunities for funding sources and potential grants to support the lake management initiative. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please contact the chairpersons or email the C.L.I.A. at cossayuna_lake@yahoo.com.

We wish everyone a joyous holiday season with family and friends.

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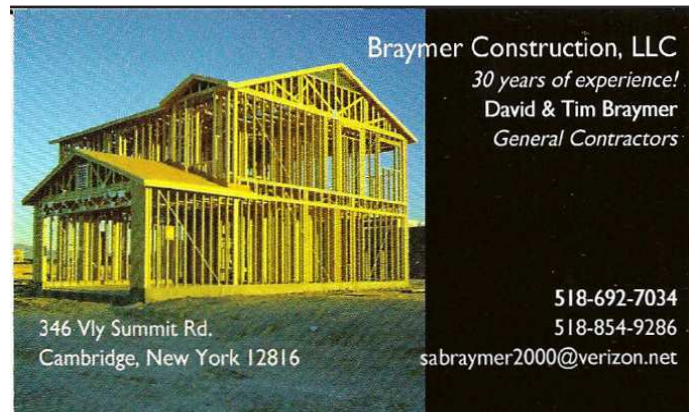
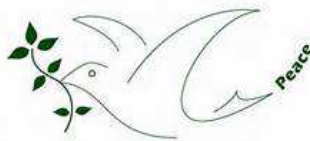
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Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program by Kate Luscombe

Last year's treatment program was a great success! The board received many positive comments about the reduction in milfoil and how great the lake looked. Because of the combined treatment and harvesting programs, the lake looked the best it has in years. The response to the treatment program was fantastic and we want to thank everyone who participated by having their waterfront treated, contributed either a targeted or unrestricted donation or who spoke to friends and neighbors

about the treatment plan. This year we need to expand the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program and are looking for more volunteers to get involved. We'll be talking to our neighbors about the lake treatment plan and encouraging people to get involved in caring for the lake. The harvesting and treatment plans can be even more successful if more members of the lake community contribute to the efforts. We will be doing more outreach beginning in early 2014. Let us know if you can help.



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Herbicide Applicator Investigation by Sheila Rappazzo

In order to provide assurance that the cost to treat the Lake with herbicide is competitive, we sought proposals from companies that have provided this service in other lakes in New York. In addition to Aquatic Controls Technology, which provided the treatment this past year, proposals were requested from Allied Biological and Lycott Environmental.

These two companies' names were provided to us by DEC in Warrensburg as large companies that have provided chemical treatment to lakes in this region. Lycott is the provider that was used


for chemical applications for Cossayuna in the past for numerous years. Allied Biological's proposal was considerably more than the other companies, and set out a range of cost for the treatment that would be dependent on whether the treatment areas were contiguous large blocks or smaller areas. But even at the lower end of the range, their proposal for 40 acres was several thousand dollars more, and for treatment of 120 acres, was more than \$10,000 greater than the other two companies. Lycott's proposal was relatively close to the costs for treatment by

Aquatic Controls.

Lycott's proposal excluded costs for pre and post treatment surveys, water sampling, and reporting. So for comparison purposes excluding those costs from the Aquatic Controls costs, results in, for treatment of 40 acres Lycott being about \$1000 less, and for treatment of 120 acres Lycott being a few thousand dollars more than Aquatic Control. Given the very successful treatment by Aquatic Controls Technology this past year and that there does not appear to be an economic advantage in changing providers, we

recommend continuing with Aquatic Controls for chemical treatment of the Lake for the 2014 season.

The Board of Directors approved via an on-line vote and we will soon be entering into contract with Aquatic Control.



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Membership Report by Nancy Hieber

We would like to thank all of this year's members for taking responsibility for our lake by joining the CLIA. We concluded the membership drive with 246 members this year which represents 216 households. Just a reminder for when you move or if you sell your property here, please send us an email at whiebersr@aol.com or drop a postcard to CLIA, PO Box 81, Cossayuna, NY, 12823 with your old and new address so we can update our mailing list. It is important that we have your current and seasonal address so you don't miss

newsletters or important Lake Management mailings. Please share this information with new buyers if you sell your property. This is to ensure that we have them added to our mailing list. The CLIA supports lake management efforts, organizes social events, and promotes a family friendly atmosphere for all of the lake residents and neighbors to enjoy. We hope that next year you will encourage your neighbors to participate by joining too. Your membership contribution and donations to the CLIA are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Ice Fishing Tourney by Nancy Hieber

The weather has been cold enough to actually see ice on the South end of the lake now and then. People are already starting to talk about the Feb 1st 2014 Ice Fishing Tournament. Last year we had perfect conditions and we're hoping for the same this year. We had a great turnout with 219 entrants last year. Thanks to the Cossayuna Fire Department we will be able to use their meeting room for signups again this year. You will be able to call 692-9206 for a status of the largest fish recorded during the tournament. Participants will have assigned

numbers and if a legal size fish isn't caught for a particular category, there will be a drawing for that prize. Last year's 50/50 contest brought in \$747.50 which is fundraising for the CLIA. See the flyer for the details about this event and how you can get into this 50/50 contest by mail.

Lake Management News by Lynn Wilbur

Our diverse committee has met several times and sub-committees are already up and working. Along with the herbicide, harvesting, drawdown, neighbor-2-neighbor outreach and research, the committee agreed to focus on reducing nutrient loading this year. We will be working


with the towns and county to reduce nutrients from coming into the lake through streams, culverts, road run-off and septic systems. Part of this effort will be the development of grant applications which involves a lot of data collection.

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Cossayuna Lake
Cossayuna Lake Ice Fishing Tournament & 50/50 Raffle
February 1st - open to the public

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The 6th Annual CLIA Ice Fishing Tournament

Saturday, Feb 1st, 2014

Registration at Cossayuna Fire House - 5:30AM - 8:00AM

Measurements at Check-In Point - 7:00AM to 3:30PM

Cash prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries.

Strong Tournament Participation – Over 200 Participants Last Year

Entrance fee is \$10.00 per person

100% Return of entry fees as follows:

50% largest pike or tiger muskie (2013 winner was 37")

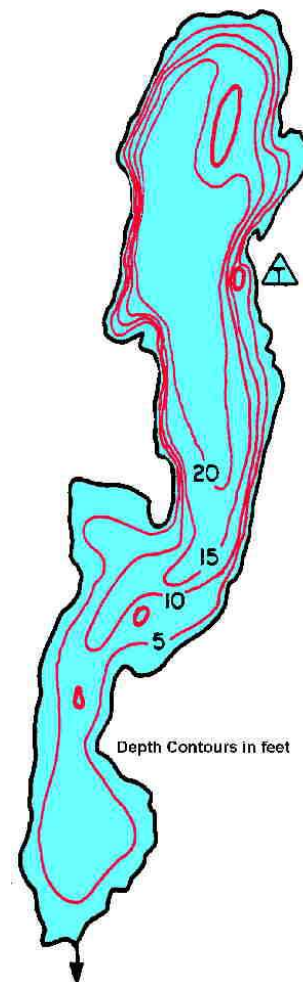
25% largest perch (2013 winner was 13 3/4")

25% largest crappie (2013 winner was 14 3/4")

- All fish must be alive
- All fish must be legal size to qualify for prizes
- Entry ticket must accompany all fish being measured
- Winners will be determined by length only
- Ties will be broken by time of entry to check-in station
- No entrants after 8:00AM : No fish will be measured after 3:30PM
- All fish will be measured on lake near Pratt's Point- Orange flag
- Check-in location accessible on the lake at 195 East Lake Rd.
- All questions call Nancy Hieber 692-9206 or Tom Schultz 531-4146

50 / 50 Raffle Ticket Drawing

- Open to the public, you do not need to enter the fishing tournament
- Tickets are available at Check-in point from 8:00AM – 3:30PM
- You do not need to be present to win
- Drawing at 3:35 PM on Feb 1st
- Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 3 for \$10.00, 6 for \$15.00, 10 for \$20.00



Obtain 50/50 Tickets and Submit Tournament Registration

Contact Nancy Hieber 692-9206 for Registration and/or 50/50 Ticket information

Please mail application for registration or tickets by Jan 23 to:

CLIA – PO BOX 81 – Cossayuna, NY, 12823

These flyers are also available on www.cossayunalake.com

Register in person and pick up entry tickets 5:30AM – 8:00AM on Feb 1st. at Cossayuna Fire House on Corner of Bunker Hill Rd & East Lake Rd

**50/50 Tickets will be available at registration location from 5:30 – 8:00AM
and from 8:00AM - 3:30PM at check-in location.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Registration \$_____ 50/50 Tickets \$_____

Ice Fishing Registration is \$10.00 per person

50/50 Tickets are 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00, 6 for \$15.00, 10 for \$20.00

Harvesting Program by Ron Remillard

It's that time of year again when we should start to think of 2014 harvesting. I know it's hard to think about harvesting with the snow, ice and cold, but this is when we start our planning. The program will begin at the end of May, 2014 – maybe even before some summer residents have begun to make their trek back to the Lake.

The Harvesting Program on Cossayuna Lake proved itself very well in 2013. The South end was opened up allowing motorists and fishermen alike to use these waters. Shorelines and open waters were clearer than ever before. We believe the lake was in the best of shape due to the combined efforts of the Chemical Program and

the Harvesting Program. However, harvesting is still a necessary and important method of weed removal.

Frank Gabianelli did an excellent job of keeping the machine going despite several repairs. He also did a great job keeping parts on hand for when there was an emergency.

Throughout the spring and summer our full time

workers removed more than 350 loads of weeds.

Please be reminded that participation in the Chemical program does not automatically put you in the Harvesting program. Therefore, to continue keeping the lake looking good, we would hope to see the same combined participation for 2014. Applications will be forthcoming.

Blue Green Algae Alert From DEC by Pat Smith

In September, samples of blue green algae from Cossayuna Lake were submitted to DEC for testing. The DEC has cautioned lake users to avoid direct exposure to this algae due to its potential for toxins, and to seek medical assistance as needed. There is public

information describing the algae available on the DEC website at www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/77118.html. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

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Memorial Donations to the C.L.I.A. by Pat Smith

The C.L.I.A. was highly honored to be chosen as the recipient for donations in memory of two respected individuals who spent decades of their lives as an important part in the community of Cossayuna Lake.

Ed Chartier spent 80 years of his life deeply

connected to Cossayuna Lake. Donations in his memory will be designated to support the chemical treatment program.

After raising ten children with his wife Jeanette, James (Bucky) Milne retired to Cossayuna Lake. He was a long-time member

of the Association and supported the harvesting and chemical programs.

On behalf of the C.L.I.A. we extend our sincere sympathy and gratitude to their families.

Cash Flow Statement 2013

by Dick Hutchinson

Cash Flow Through 10/31/13

		Income	Expenses
Cash Flow			
General Account	\$82,214.44	\$74,055.08	\$8,159.36
Harvesting Account	33,968.41	33,605.98	362.43

Account Balances as of 10/31/13

General Account	\$59,503.39
Harvesting Account	19,858.58

Regards, Hutch=

C.L.I.A. Building Rentals

The C.L.I.A. building is available to members for rental from May through September for parties and special events. For further information, please contact Pat Smith at 531-4140, or by email at cossayuna_lake@yahoo.com for fee information and available dates.



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**Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association, Inc
Minutes of the Election Meeting
24 August 2013**

Present: R. Hutchinson, R. Remillard, F. Gabianelli, P. Smith, L. Varney, E. Mussi, N. Hieber, L. Wilbur, J. Romano, G. Henry, F. Smith, and L. Lant Membership quorum met.

Call to order: President Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM and established a quorum. She thanked everyone for their support of the CLIA throughout the year.

Minutes: The minutes of the General Meeting held on June 9, 2013 were handed out. Motion to accept made by J. Romano second by L. Wilbur. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: R. Hutchinson presented the Treasurer's Report dated 8/15/13 and stated that there is a Harvesting account balance of \$62,145.80 and a General Account balance of \$58,883.96 for total accumulated funds of \$121,029.76. He stated that we have one liability of \$36,000.00 in the mortgage on the harvesting equipment. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as written made by A. Grignon; second by B. Grignon. The motion carried.

Membership: N. Hieber reported that we had 248 members for 2013 which represents 216 households.

Buildings & Grounds: Joe Romano reported that Alan Lant fixed the roof leak and did not want to be compensated because of all of the help with Pennies for Peyton.

By-Laws - In the absence of K. Pauley, chair, Pat reported that there are no changes to the by-laws.

Promotionals: L. Lant reported there are still some long sleeves shirts are available for purchase.

Social: Joe Romano has volunteered to take over as Social Chair. He reported that Bob Montayne's Clam Bake & BBQ went extremely well. Next year he will try to get more vendors involved since there was such a positive vibe at this past one. Friday Night dinners were successful. There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Night, potluck, all is invited. September 14th at 6 pm. Please let Pat know in advance if you plan on coming.

Election: P. Smith appointed two members as election tellers. Since the slate of officers was incomplete, two members volunteered to serve: Margo Mensing from North End of the lake and Larry Varney, who used to be on the board. Ballots were cast and collected for count. The following candidates were elected: Pat Smith - President; Kelly Pauley – Vice President; Richard Hutchinson – Treasurer and Elisa Mussi – Secretary. The directors will be Frank Gabianelli – 3 yr term; Mike Mound – 3 year term; Sheila Rappazzo – 3 year term; Jerry Simon – 2 year term; Larry Varney – 2 year term and Margo Mensing for a 1 year term.

Lake Management: Lynn Wilbur reported the positive changes in the lake. The Water is low (due to no rain). The dam will be opened right after the Columbus Day weekend. Jeff Madison discussed the excellent control over the milfoil and it's the best year of water clarity in years. Frank Musso commented about the decline in zebra mussels around. Plan for next year: another treatment, keep up with harvesting program and get more funds to keep it all going. See the Lake Management Plan on-line at cossayunalake.com.

Weed awareness: hydrilla. Very dangerous to lakes. Make sure all boats are clean when going from one body of water to next.

If any blooms are spotted (slimy green globules) please report to Lynn Wilbur so DEC can be told.

Bob Baldwin voiced concern about the increase in Water Chestnut sightings. In past he and another would pull by hand but now needs to be dealt with. (possibility of having Boy Scouts come and pull for merit badges)
Septic systems around the lake is another concern. Tests should be done but CLIA cannot enforce it. It's a town/county issue and health department.

Community needs to be educated about bank erosion, permitting bank stabilization and suitable septic systems.
Much discussion about water run off from farms, phosphorous and keeping lawns clean so they don't pollute the lake.

Kate reported that with the help of Nancy, Lynn and Wendy; the Neighbor to Neighbor Program really worked with getting funding and participation with the chemical funds.

Harvesting: R. Remillard reported that the new GPS has helped immensely by identifying heavy weed beds and where they left off after a load of weeds were dumped. With the help of the chemical application, there is a significant decrease in weed loads taken out. Frank G. reported that the 3rd cutting is almost done. Luckily the curly leaf pond weed was cut before it could go to seed and milfoil did shoot up in untreated areas because of the low water and hot temperatures.

A. Grignon thanked the Lake Management Team for their efforts making it a great swimming year!

NEW BUSINESS:

New lake management methods are being researched: aeration. There will be a presentation done by John Tucci from Lake Savers, on September 14th at 10am. Discussion went on about how it has worked in other lakes. Many members asked question. Our research teams (CLSAP team and Aeration team) will continue to find the pros and cons of this technology.

Frank Smith brought up the possibility of reintroducing walleye into the lake. Discussion took place since it is only in research mode and the lake is a long way from being able to take that on. J. Simon commented that this lake is a bass fishing lake and that he believes that there will not be an increase in traffic for fishing walleye. He said that just because the Sportsman Club has 4500 members that that does not mean that 4500 of them are fishermen. They do lots of other activities. He stated that, after observing for many years, the majority of the boat traffic on the lake is recreational; not fishermen. The tournaments are for the bass/pike/tiger musky.

Aeration questions about water being silt-y from B. Grignon. Questions about introducing more fish, will it make for more traffic? Discussion ceased.

Motion for Lake Management to keep researching new methods: Maryanne Lettuce 1st, Bob Baldwin 2nd. Motion carried.

FOLA conference will be attended by L. Wilbur and one more board member plus 2 CLIA members.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by L. Wilbur; second by B. Grignon. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa Mussi, Secretary



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