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The President's Letter

by Albina Grignon

Summer is here once again and the community has lost its winter blues. As everyone knows Mother Nature has not been favorable to the lake. Although we had a mild winter, the lack of snow and ice coverage enabled the sun to heat up the plants in the lake causing an unusual early rise of weeds. Mark Migliore from the Department of Environmental

Conservation visited the lake and confirmed that the heavy bloom of the weeds is due to an unusually mild winter. However, the harvesting program, under the direction of Ron Remillard, has been working tirelessly to cut and remove the weeds as quickly as possible. Residents also have the option of contracting with Lycott Environmental to participate in a hydro-raking service. We will continue to review alternatives to combat the invasive species that plague our eutrophic lake.

The Association started its summer social activities with a very successful spaghetti dinner in June. We will also begin the Friday night dinners on July 6 through Labor Day. Please see the social events calendar for additional details on all the social events.

We encourage people who have concerns about the lake and the lake activities to share their ideas and their resources with members of the board or contact me at albina.grignon@gmail.com.



Great CossayunaLake.calm items for sale at all CLIA events. Be sure to check them out!

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Harvesting News

by Marie Rokjer

This is the last article that I will be writing for the newsletter. At this time, I would like to introduce Ron Remillard as the new Harvesting Chair. Dan Rokjer has resigned from the BOD but will continue to mentor Ron for the remainder of the season. Frank Gabianelli will assist Ron with the harvesting program.

As we stated in the Spring newsletter, the growth of the invasive weeds has been accelerated by the unusual weather pattern that was experienced in the Northeast. In addition to not having the snow and ice cover

on the lake to block out the sun's rays, our annual winter drawdown wasn't able to accomplish the shoreline weed kill that we normally experience due to the warm weather.

The presence of zebra mussels in Cossayuna Lake has caused the clarity of the water to improve; thus, allowing more sunlight to penetrate the water to help speed the growth of the weeds.

You can reach Ron @ 570-807-0534 or email him remillard1822@roadrunner.com with any questions you may have on harvesting.



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Membership Report by Nancy Hieber

I would like to thank all of this year's members for taking responsibility of our lake by joining the CLIA. Reminders have been sent out and applications are still coming in. To date, we have 230 members and that represents 200 households.

The benefits of CLIA membership are:

- Voting privileges at the June General and August Election meetings
- Opportunity to serve on the CLIA Board of Directors and committees
- Access to harvesting services
- Access to the CLIA dock and beach area
- Opportunity to rent the Pavilion
- Satisfaction of being a Cossayuna Lake caretaker

Your membership dues and donations provide financial support for maintenance of the CLIA pavilion and grounds. They also enable us to put on events like the Friday Night Socials, Spaghetti Dinner, Chicken BBQ, Dances, Ice Cream Socials, and the Boaters Safety Course.

We need your continued membership support to help maintain this beautiful lake. Eligibility for membership includes the area from the shore of the lake up to and including any point within one mile from the road that encircles the Lake.

Your membership contribution and donations to the CLIA are tax deductible to the extent of the law. We will gladly accept your application at any time. Feel free to contact me at 692-9206 or whiebersr@aol.com in regards to your membership.

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Rokjer, Dan & Marie	Stack, Eileen	

2012 Calendar of Events

July 6, 2012	Friday Night Dinners begin ~ \$6.00 adult / \$4.00 child
July 28, 2012	Jerry Simon, Jr. Memorial Fishing Tournament 6 – 11 AM Chicken BBQ ~ Noon – 3:00 PM ~ \$10.00 adult / \$5.00 child
August 3, 2012	Friday Night Dinner featuring a Fish Fry
August 18, 2012	Open Mic Nite ~ 7:00 pm ~ Free Admittance
August 25, 2012	Bake Sale 9:30 C.L.I.A. Election Meeting – 10:00 am
August 31, 2012	Last Friday Night Dinner
September 29, 2012	Fall Clean-up and building close-down – 9:00 am

Election of Officers & Directors

by Marie Rokjer

The Election of Officers and Directors will be held at the Election Meeting on August 25, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the CLIA building. Voting members who wish to vote absentee in the August election must request a ballot from the nominating committee prior to August 15, 2012 and an official ballot will be sent to them. Ballots must be returned to the CLIA, PO Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823 by August 24, 2012. You may contact Peter Moore, Nominating Chair @ 692-8104 or 845-353-2326 and request an absentee ballot. The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of Officers and Directors:

Officers – 1 Year Term

President	Pat Smith
Vice President	Kelly Pauley
Secretary	Elisa Mussi
Treasurer	Richard Hutchinson

Directors: (2) one year terms; (1) two year term and (2) three year terms

Gene Henry	Bob Montanye
Joe Romano	Frank Smith
Lynn Wilbur	

An introduction of our candidates:

Lynn Wilbur

I am a 26 year resident on Cossayuna Lake. I have served the C.L.I.A. as a board member, secretary and president. I have also served on a Statewide Lake Watershed Committee and participated in getting some of the funding that has lead to the immense amount of research data that we have on Cossayuna Lake. My interest is in lake management, options for lakeshore owners and information sharing in regard to the surveys and research that has been done.

Joe Romano

Hello my name is Joe Romano and I live with my wife, Lisa, at 424 East Lake Rd. We were married on Lake Cossayuna last summer. Yes, on a boat on the lake! We have been visiting the lake for the past 4 summers and last year decided to buy some land and build a summer home. We are the new house up the hill across from Tall Pines Rd, at what we have affectionately named "Chipmunk Crossing"!!

I was born in Amsterdam and moved to Florida in 1970. I am retired from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue as a firefighter/paramedic of 30 years. On my days off I also was a flight medic for the trauma hawk helicopter and flew all over the world as a flight medic on fixed wing. I also had a construction business, a computer business and now retired having fun in the entertainment business.

I enjoy coming to the lake and will help out in any way I can; and, I would like to be your first singing board member!

Frank Smith

I am a retired NYS Guidance Counselor from Saratoga Springs, also a U.S. Air Force veteran. I have a B.A. from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, TN and a M.A. from The U. Of South Florida in Tampa, FL. My wife and I have two daughters. Upon retirement we sold our house in Saratoga & moved full time to the lake. We have lived here five years, and now winter in Georgia. My primary interest is lake management. In other words, what can be done to improve and control the ongoing issues of weeds, Zebra Mussels and whatever else shows up in the future. If it was an easy solution it would have been done long ago by the many people who devoted their time and efforts to find solutions. However, I feel strongly that it can be done. Lastly, I am Pat Smith's husband.

Gene Henry

I have been around the lake since the mid 1960's where I met my wife Rayna at Jepson's pavilion at The Oaks. We have two children, a son, a daughter and four grandchildren. I graduated from Glens Falls High School and joined the US Navy where I served during the Vietnam War. I retired from Finch Paper and now own and operate Gene Henry Trucking Company. I know I can be a helpful addition to the Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association.

Bob Montanye

I retired from the Albany Police Dept. in 1983. I then trained to become a jeweler and became a Master Jeweler. I've had business' in NY, Florida and St. Thomas USVI. We bought our place in Cossayuna in 1999 and I became a full time summer resident in 2004. I operated the harvester for a few years, now I'm fully retired.

Elisa Mussi

I have lived on Cossayuna Lake all of my life and continue to enjoy the lake everyday that I can! Being the third generation of my family here, my memories and stories of the lake are of all kinds and they continue to flourish. While being on the board, I will strive to do my best at providing new and interesting ideas and activities for our lake community and surrounding areas!

Richard Hutchinson

My wife Sheila and I reside in Halfmoon, NY while enjoying our lake house at 266 East Lake Rd. We enjoy very much the lake activities and the wonderful friends we've made. Sheila and I have two daughters, Carrie and Lindsey, their husbands Chris and Jason and two precious grandchildren Harrison and Lucy. We hope they will enjoy the lake and that you can watch them grow up with us. My background for the treasurer's position and insurance chair is a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, service in the United States Navy and over 30 years as an owner and the general manager of Islander Pools and Spas in Albany and Ballston Spa. I look forward to continuing working with my fellow board members as well as all association members.

Pat Smith

It would be a privilege to have the opportunity to serve with other residents of Cossayuna Lake on the Board of Directors. Four years ago, my husband Frank and I built our permanent home here as we retired from careers in public schools. Both of our grown daughters became teachers. Educationally, I have a Master's Degree in Social Work from The University at Albany, and Certification as a School Administrator from the The College of Saint Rose. Following years as a licensed School Social Worker, I spent several years as a School Administrator in the Guilderland School District.

It is my hope that the combination of my professional training and experience, and personal commitment to the continued enhancement of the Cossayuna community, will make me a valued member of the Board. Members of our community need to feel free to communicate their views to the Board, and to be shown respect for caring enough to share those ideas. Our goals are unified: to protect our personal commitment and investment in Cossayuna Lake, as well as collaborating on wise decisions benefiting the entire community and environment.

Kelly Pauley

Along with my husband Joe and two boys, we have enjoyed our property on the lake for ten years. We get a tremendous amount of pleasure spending our time boating, fishing and swimming at Cossayuna Lake. My goal is to improve the water quality and clarity while minimizing the invasive species. Involvement in the Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association allows us to collaborate, as a community, and seek out the best possible solutions for our lake.

2013 Cossayuna Lake Management Plan

Cossayuna Lake Management Plan for the upcoming 2013 season.

- The drawdown schedule for the spillway will remain the same
- The Harvesting Program will continue to be supported
- ❖ The board of directors will seek to implement an effective chemical program

The full Lake Management Plan is available on the CLIA website for review. Copies will be available at the Election Meeting and the 2013 Lake Management Plan will be voted on.

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**Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association, Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting - June 9, 2012**

Present: A. Grignon, K. Pauley, F. Gabianelli, R. Remillard, L. Lant, P. Smith, M. Rokjer, B. Grignon, R. Hutchinson, E. Mussi, N. Hieber, S. Harwood, N. Jepson, L. Varney and M. Mound

Call to order: President Grignon called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM and established a quorum. After introduction of the board, Albina acknowledged the new CLIA members present.

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2011 Election Meeting was made by S. Scianna; seconded by L. Ebinger. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: R. Hutchinson presented the treasurer's report and explained that we have 2 accounts; the General Account which has a balance of \$54,754.56 and the Harvesting Account which has a balance of \$59,518.17. He explained that we are at a high point in our income at this time and will be starting to deduct the operating expenses for the harvesting program, etc. Our liabilities include the mortgage on the harvesting equipment. We had a \$65,000 mortgage @ 5.5%. We currently are in the 8th yr of re-payment and, going into 2012, owe \$42,861.72. Frank Mussi asked if we would benefit from paying down the mortgage. Discussion followed regarding the CLIA's inability in the future to secure a commercial loan. Our current mortgage is held by a lake member. In the past, all the repair/maintenance on the machinery has been performed on a volunteer basis; however, Dan Rokjer is "retiring" from the program and it will now be necessary to hire out for repair work at an additional expense to the harvesting program. Monies will be needed in the fund to cover such anticipated expenses and to save for replacement equipment. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by B. Montanye; seconded by M. Lettus. The motion carried unanimously.

Buildings & Grounds: B. Grignon reported that approximately 30 people helped with the clean-up and opening of the CLIA building. He said that a few cosmetic improvements have been done to the building; ie: painting the floors and 2 new toilets in the ladies room. The CLIA also replaced the sign out by the road. Butch would like to work on the front deck of the building to replace the decking and railings.

Rentals: P. Smith reported that we have 6 rentals this year; 2 of the rentals are fundraising events and 4 are rentals by members.

By-Laws: K. Pauley reported that, after thorough review, there are no changes to the by-laws.

Education: A. Grignon reported that the Boaters' Safety Course will be held on June 16th and anyone wishing to sign up can contact her.

Harvesting: R. Remillard, as new harvesting chair, reported that there are 138 customers to date and that a total of \$20,555 has been collected, including donations. The harvester has been operating in open waters since mid-May and started doing customers on June 4th with 70 truckloads of weeds @ approximately 500,000 lbs. being removed. L. Ebinger asked how the lake is doing this year with weeds. A. Grignon reported that she spoke with a representative from NYSDEC who has toured all the area lakes and he stated that we're all experiencing an overgrowth of weeds due to the very mild winter, lack of snow cover on the ice and early "ice out" which allows the sun to penetrate and speed up the growth. S. Scianna asked if the BOD requested Lycott Environmental to develop a management plan for the lake. K. Pauley reported that the CEO of Lycott came to the lake in April and presented a hydro-raking plan of action. Lycott obtained a permit from DEC and has recruited 16 shoreline customers so far at a fee of \$175/hr. He explained that hydro-raking is not a long term remedy. L. Wilbur reported that in the past, hydro-raking has dug out a shoreline leaving a berm (narrow built up area) in front of properties and is a danger to boating. Lycott explained that he wouldn't do chemical "spot treatment" of shoreline customers unless he had 3-4 customers in a row participate in the program.

G. Henry reported that he consulted a spokesman for Lake Luzerne to see how they managed their weeds. He was directed to J. Bennett from DEC who directed him to Aquatic Control Technology out of Massachusetts. Aquatic Control has offered to perform a "free" lake survey on Cossayuna Lake. He estimated cost of chemical treatment to run about \$325,000 for 100 acres with the chemical 2,4-D. K. Pauley reported that the last year we did chemical treatment we were in the red for the cost because of lack of member participation. Much discussion followed on the history of the CLIA's past efforts in lake study and weed control.

Motion made by P. Moore to obtain the free lake survey from Aquatic Control and for the report to be given to the BOD and membership; second by M. Lettus. The motion carried with 6 members opposed.

B. Baldwin reported that a plant survey was completed by Lycott Environmental several years ago and that they failed to include Curley Leafed Pondweed. M. Lettus suggested that the BOD put together a summary of all that has been done in the past to address Lake Management issues.

Insurance: R. Hutchinson reported that the CLIA has liability, Directors' and Officers' Ins. and a bond on the Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer and that the harvesting program has liability, disability, workers' comp and unemployment insurance for a total cost of all insurances in the \$8500 range with \$5000 being harvesting related. The cost of insurance hasn't gone up; in fact, Hutch has been able to secure more coverage for the same premium.

Membership: N. Hieber reported that 219 members have joined so far this year and that we had a total of 221 members in 2011.

Newsletter: K. Pauley reported that newsletter gets mailed four times a year to 420 residents within a one mile radius of the lake.

Promotional: L. Lant reported that the new line of promotional clothing and coolers was in and that they would be available for sale after today's meeting. She modeled a long sleeved T-shirt with our new logo: CossyunaLake.calm.

Spillway: L. Varney reported that on Feb. 25th the guillotine was closed in anticipation of not having any snowmelt to refill the lake after the winter drawdown. The spillway is monitored continuously to maintain the level at 6 inches above the spillway.

Social: N. Jepson reported that the Friday Nite dinners will begin on July 6th with burger, dogs and chicken being offered along with salad and baked fries at a cost of \$6.00.

A free concert will be performed on June 30th (donated by Friends of Cossayuna Lake) with donations being accepted for the benefit of Pennies for Peyton

Family Day will be held on July 7th and volunteers are needed to work the booths

A spaghetti dinner will be held tonight, June 9th

LaBoom will entertain us again with a Hawaiian theme on July 14th

Open Mic Nite will be on Aug. 18th

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Montanye, Nominating Chair, presented the slate of candidates, which include Pat Smith for President, Kelly Pauley for Vice President, Elisa Mussi for Secretary and Richard Hutchinson for Treasurer. Bob then asked for nominations from the floor to fill 5 director vacancies. The following people were nominated from the floor: Lynn Wilbur, Frank Smith, Joe Romano, Gene Henry and Bob Montanye. Because of the fact that Bob Montanye decided to be a candidate it was necessary to seek a new Nominating Chair. Peter Moore volunteered to be chair. Motion made by P. Moore to close the slate; seconded by S. Scianna. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Grignon announced that the BOD would like to thank Dan Rokjer for his 14 years of service on the board and harvesting program. They also thanked Marie Rokjer who will be leaving the board in August.

Because a member complained that they couldn't hear at the meeting, Joe Romano offered microphones for use at the Election Meeting.

Bob Baldwin asked if the CLIA could ask DEC to leave the dock at the boat launch in longer and not take it out until after Columbus Day. K. Pauley reported that she spoke with DEC last year and, that because of lack of state funds, that manpower is 50% seasonal workers. DEC offered to come with 1 man and supervise lake residents in the removal of the dock later in the season. Kelly will get a solid commitment of manpower before Labor Day and will call DEC again and will send an email blast out with a date for dock removal.

A. Grignon reminded everyone that there will be another photo contest this year and that the winning photos will be included in the calendar that is donated every year by Steve & Ora Frenchak.

L. Ebinger thanked the CLIA for the use of the building for their meeting, luncheon and teacup auction.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by B. Montanye; and seconded by L. Wilbur. The motion carried unanimously. Adjournment at 11:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Rokjer, Secretary

2012 Photo Contest

Thanks to everyone that participated and submitted their favorite photos of the lake. Stay tuned for the selected 2012 winners. The chosen photos will be featured in the 2013 calendar which will go on sale later this year.



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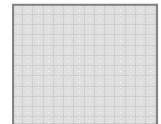
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