

## **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10:07am. 56 members were legally represented, 44 were required for a quorum. Previous meeting minutes, Treasurer's report and 2023 Lake Management Plan was provided via email prior to the meeting.

Board Members present: Lynn Jackson, Karen Ryan, Joanne Bonacker, Marie Dumas, Lynn LeCours, Lynn Wilbur, Rick Ryan, Sheila Rappazzo, Gene Henry, Nancy Hieber, Peggy Pahoulis

Proxies: Anne Marie Marrone Caliendo, Ed Costello

Absent: Mary Ferguson, Tim Hopkins

**Minutes:** Motion to accept July 9<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting Minutes was made by Linda Kahn, Seconded by Marie Dumas. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to accept was made by Tom LeCours, second by Joanne Bonacker, there were no questions, motion carried.

**Election:** Uncontested ballot was cast by Lynn LeCours, President, since the Secretary was not in attendance. Bob Reilly was introduced as our newest board member.

## **Report of Committees:**

**Harvesting:** Chair Tim Hopkins was not present. Lynn LeCours reported that things were going very well this year. They have a great team and Lynn L. has not heard of any complaints.

**Water Chestnuts:** Gene Henry reported that the north and upper west side of the lake were pretty clear of water chestnuts. The last couple of picks were in Pratt's Cove and in the Little Island Channel. The pickers have a good time doing it and it is a satisfying experience because progress is very noticeable.

**Herbicide:** Sheila went out with Glenn from SOLitude to survey the effectiveness and collect the data that DEC requires. The lake looks good. The treatment was very effective. They also assessed where treatment might be needed next year.

Sheila has made contact with two other Aquatic Weed Management Companies. She and Lynn W. will be meeting with them to see what they can offer us. Sheila was very encouraged that we might have options other than SOLitude. Sheila again offers her service of coming to your dock to identify the weeds on your shoreline.

**CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program):** Lynn Clauer reported that testing has been done every two weeks over the summer, samples prepared and sent to the NYS lab. She thanked the volunteers, Bill Zeppetelli, Nancy Hieber, Wendy Hord and Lynn Wilbur who drives the boat. Lynn Wilbur reported that the lake has made significant progress according to the CSLAP data. Yearly reports can be found on the [cossayunalake.com](http://cossayunalake.com) website.

**Spillway:** Gene reported that the spillway was closed in June and has remained closed. Lake is low because of the lack of rain. A question was asked about draw down. Gene explained that drawdown was done in the fall to prevent ice scouring but we have a limited ability to draw down because of natural barrier in our outlet channel.

**Lake Management:** Lynn Wilbur reported that lake water has been unbelievable clear this year. It's causing us to scratch our heads. Hopefully we are turning a corner to sustained lake health. She also reported that we received a Parks and Recreation grant through Carrie Woerner for \$25,000. At first, we were told that in couldn't be used for herbicides, only concrete things like a handicap bathroom and a dock or pier. But after speaking to the grants contact person, we found that we could use it for herbicides but... the money has to be spent by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, so we could not meet that deadline. The good news was that we could use the money for harvesting salaries, fuel costs and parts. So, we are in the process of updating our Gateway Information Vault to meet grant requirements and soon we will send in the paperwork to claim the money. Ultimately, we will have extra funds to put towards herbicides.

There were no questions about the 2023 Lake Management Plan. A motion to accept was made by Lynn Jackson, seconded by Karen Ryan, motion carried.

**Social:** Karen Ryan reported that social events have been very successful so far this year. Karen thanked all those who have volunteered to help at the events. There are still more events to come, a chili feast will be held on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and the Halloween Costume party is in early October. More info to come. Lynn Jackson reported that she is teaching a 4-week dance class, 7:00 on Tuesday nights. \$5 dollar charge for each class. Proceeds go to Lake Management. On 9/18/22 at 2:30-3:30 pm in Gifford Hall, Lynn Jackson will be presenting the 10 Warning Signs from the Alzheimer's Association free to anyone interested.

More info to follow. Karen reported that the Social Committee is a shared chair by herself, Joanne Bonacker, Lynn Jackson and Marie Dumas.

**Promotions:** Tom LeCours reported that the online store has done very well and a new store will be opening soon. Due to Tom's generosity the online store has been an extremely beneficial fundraiser for the CLIA.

**Building and Grounds:** Tom LeCours reported that the building is in good shape. Future repairs would be the removal of the storage shed which is falling down. The board is considering putting down a concrete floor under the pavilion and building a concrete firepit, along with making our lakefront safer and user friendly. Gene Henry, Tim Hopkins and Lynn Wilbur have volunteered to provide suggestions to the board.

**Membership:** Presently 295 voting members. Nancy Hieber was honored with a standing ovation for all her work over her many years of service to this Association. Nancy wore many hats, the greatest being the Keeper of the Association Data. Hard shoes to fill, so if you love data, we sure could use some help.

**There was no old or new business.**

Adjournment: Motion to adjoin was made at 10:49 by Sheila Rappazzo, seconded by Peggy Pahoulis, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Wilbur reluctant volunteer