

Annual Election Meeting Aug 26, 2023

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am by President, Lynn LeCours

Officers and Directors present: President Lynn LeCours, Tom LeCours, Karen Ryan, Marie Dumas, Cheryl Stanford-Smith, Lynn Jackson, Sheila Rapazzo, Joanne Bonacker, Tim Hopkins, Gene Henry, Lynn Wilbur, Bob Reilly, Star Schmalder acting as secretary for this meeting.

Officers and Directors present by proxy: Vice President Peggy Pahoulis, Treasurer Rick Ryan

Guests: John Felicetti for Newsletter, data management and the website.

Minutes: The minutes for the 2022 General Membership meeting held July 28, 2023. A motion to accept was made by Marie Dumas and seconded by Joanne Bonacker. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept was made by Cheryl Stanford-Smith seconded by Karen Ryan. Motion passed.

Election

Uncontested ballot was cast by **Nominations Chair** Joanne Bonacker since the Secretary was not in attendance.

JoAnne then introduced and welcomed new board members, Wendy McPherson, Star Schmalder and Lisa Zibella

Lynn LeCours thanked Rick Ryan, Lynn Wilbur and Ed Costello for their service.

Lynn Wilbur was presented with a flower arrangement from the BOD for her many years of service to our Lake.

Report of Officers

President Lynn LeCours reported that the CLIA has received the \$5000 from Greenwich for harvesting.

Report of Committees

Membership: Bob Reilly reported an increase in members, spread the word and get more members. John Felicetti reported we have 401 registered members, 225 households.

Spillway: Gene Henry reports the lake is back to level after the deluge. Gene said he is willing to show anyone who is interested, how the spillway works.

Newsletter:

John Felicetti reported that we initiated a direct mailing (email and USPS) of the DEC Letter of Notification, which allowed us to make greater use of electronic delivery for the newsletter. Last year the average number printed and physically mailed issues were 390; this year the number is 175. Net savings approximately \$1000

Building and Grounds:

Jeff Jackson and Tom LeCours have volunteered to co-chair building and grounds.

Insurance:

Tom LeCours reported that he is obtaining new quotes for best pricing.

Promotions:

Tom LeCours reported that the last online sales event earned \$600 for lake management. The online store has added coasters and glasses and toddler sized clothing. Current online store orders will be ready for pick up at the Chili cook off.

Website:

John Felicetti reported that the top pages accessed during the season (5/1-8/24) are:

Event Calendar

Online Sign-Up

Admin

Lake Reports

Forms and Applications

Current Lake Management Plan

Contact Us

Newsletter Archive

Lake Management

Page activity (visitors, length of time spent) across the board is slightly up from the same period last year.

Data Base:

Nothing new to report.

Social:

See attached *

Karen Ryan and Marie Dumas reported that the Chicken barbecue and raffle were a huge success. The Chilli cook off is on 9/9/23 if you don't like chili there's lots of other food to enjoy, bring a dish for pot luck!

Many helpers for cleanup after the Chicken Barbecue-thank you so much!

Education:

Lynn Jackson announced that there is a 10 minute training video for operating the AED after the meeting. Anyone interested may stay and watch.

There is a free Invasive Species Expo at Saratoga State Park 9/24-9/26 pre registration is required. It will include information on water, birds and plants.

Harvesting:

Gene Henry reports that the Harvester has moved 283 loads of weeds to date. Weeds are being brought to Campbell's Maple House on Bunker Hill Rd. at no cost to CLIA, please consider supporting them during Maple sugaring season.

Make sure your "weed property harvesting" sign is visible to the harvester, if you need a new one let him know.

Pay early to not miss the first round of weed harvesting.

Thanks to all the people harvesting water chestnuts, they are a nasty, invasive plant, if you need help identifying there is an example at the clubhouse.

Herbicide:

Sheila Rapazzo reported that we are happy with the smooth application and the effective treatment of Milfoil and curly leaf pondweed.

We plan to proceed with treatments next year.

CSLAP and Lake Management:

Lynn Wilbur reported on the health of the lake and offered some suggestions for maintaining your waterfront.

Rake your waterfront after the harvester comes through.

Aqua Thrusters are great for keeping weeds out of your waterfront area and they provide oxygen to the water which is beneficial to the lake.

You can purchase an aqua thruster through Weedersdigest.com website.

Lynn Wilbur discussed a program through Paul Smith College for one of their students to analyze data collected, something to consider for future lake management.

Lynn Wilbur thanked Lynn Clauer for her volunteer help.

Sheila Rappazzo will be taking over as Lake Management chair.

2024 Lake Management Plan; motion to approve by Sheila Rapazzo and seconded by Tom LeCours. Motion passed.* See website for copy

Water Chestnuts:

See Harvesting

Email Blasts:

Thanks Karen Ryan

Other Business:

Shore beautification: Mark Masseo has offered to help, volunteers will be needed date TBD.

Ginny Marino? Introduced the idea of a welcome committee to new homeowner, Lynn LeCours suggested that she work with Bob Reilly.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Roach seconded by Tom LeCours.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am