

07/26/2014 Indian Lake Association Annual Meeting and Picnic

President Bruce Catlin calls the **meeting to order** at 4:50 p.m., beginning by reading 2013's meeting minutes to the assembled 28 members and guests. Alison Coppock moves and Paul Coppock seconds they be approved. All ayes. Board members present are Bruce, Paul Coppock, Russ Evatt, Jeremy Gorss, Joe Hancock, and Pete Sinski. Not present are Eric Hanson, Rich Vincelette, and Don Woodmansee.

Paul reads the **treasurer's report**. ILA's current balance is \$2814.34. Expenses between July 2013 and July 6, 2014 total \$842.21. Revenue of \$2050 over the past year includes a number of the new, enhanced membership opportunities now offered. The basic dues are now \$15/yr and \$35/ 3 years. We now have 113 current memberships.

Rich has said the **web site**, www.ila-ny.org should be up by the end of July, but it was discovered the original host was no longer free. David Adler interjects that he is taking over for Rich and says the site is in a state of transition, being re-hosted to what will be no charge to ILA. (Rich says the domain address should not change.)

Ninety **newsletters** were mailed out in spring of 2014 and extras are available to take and pass around to potential new members. 500 **boater's guides** were printed and placed at the state launch, the marina, the Lake Store and Pine's. John Rathbun, county sheriff's representative on the lake, is present and will be answering questions.

The **Indian Lake Association/ Dick Merrill Scholarship** was again awarded to Matt Moore of Sabael. Matt was also awarded in 2013 as an ILCS graduating senior. He continues to do well in college, first in his immediate family to attend. Bruce reads his thank you note to the association.

Jeremy talks about **aquatic and other invasives**. No invasives were observed in the lake in 2013's survey performed by Ellie Menz, Paul Coppock and Jeremy. Jeremy reads about the new NY law, passed by state legislation in June, 2014, to be signed by the governor that will address both the transport and sale of all invasives (including terrestrial and animal) statewide. Details/regulations of administration and enforcement of the law will be determined.

Joe presents the **water quality report** and says the lake is in good shape with coliform runoff, calcium (road salt) amounts negligible. The flush rate of the lake is a big plus, being able to refill itself twice a year. The quality has remained consistent over the years. This is the 12th year ILA has tested water quality through the auspices of Paul Smith's College. Water is collected twice during the season, frozen and sent to P.S. for analysis. Joe says the report is available to all members.

Bruce acknowledges the **lake level** is about a foot higher than usual and asked Michael Clark of the HRBRRD who didn't know a particular reason for this.

Jim Erceg commented on the hamlet of IL applying for grant money to aid in the renovation of downtown buildings. ILA's Bruce Catlin sent a letter of support.

A committee of Paul, Carmen Adler, Pete and Paul Kietzman has been formed to re-create ILA into a **not for profit** organization. Becoming this entity will greatly benefit ILA going forward into the future.

John Rathbun gives a presentation about **boating safety** requirements for Indian Lake and all of NY waterways. This is his 34th year being a "navigation deputy" on IL and elsewhere. He hands out the NYS booklet on the topic, saying there are some new regulations within, describes classes of PFD's, watercraft, and their requirements. New is a requirement for all born on or after May 1, 1996 that they pass a boater safety course before operating on NY waters. He has numerous anecdotes about boater activity/violators on the lake and how the department stresses safety first, giving out warnings before tickets, not wanting to chase out people but make sure they are safe and conforming to the laws. He is on the lake 3 to 4 days a week. If you need him, call him. 648-5306.

Bruce informs the gathering that three **board members**, himself, Russ, and Jeremy have completed their 9 year tenure and are retiring from the front lines. He mentions Paul will be next year's president and newly elected Carmen Adler will be secretary. With that, Paul stands and nominates Pete and Don to second 3 year terms and introduces Carmen, nominates her and Jon Voorhees (not present) to their first year terms. Bruce seconds, and the vote is all ayes. The new board starts one member shy, 8 rather than the full 9.

Tom Moore speaks about an aggressive bear in the Griffin Road area.

Alison moves, Paul seconds and the meeting is adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The picnic commences with Joe grilling. Burgers and dogs provided by Timberlock, and pot luck dishes from the attending members. Good food!

So submitted, 08/03/2014 by Jeremy Gorss, prior Secretary to ILA.