

Indian Lake Association ADK, Inc.
Annual Meeting and Picnic
August 27, 2022

President Glenn Van Norstrand called the meeting to order at 4:27p.m. at the Byron Park Pavilion, Indian Lake, NY. Glenn welcomed all to this meeting. The secretary verified that a quorum existed.

Glenn announced that the former treasurer, Gail O'Brien was stepping down as a Board of Directors member. Glenn thanked her for her service to this organization. He then introduced the new interim treasurer, Jennifer Copen. Glenn made the motion to add Jennifer as a new member of the Board of Directors. Dan Way seconded the motion and no further discussion was presented. A vote to admit Jennifer to the Indian Lake Association ADK, Inc. was requested from the membership. All voted yes. We welcome Jennifer onto the Board of Directors. Carmen Adler will finish the last year of her third term in 2023. This organization will need to select another secretary at the Board of Directors meeting following the Annual Meeting and Picnic in 2023. Please consider serving as a member of the Board of Directors. Please contact Glenn if you are interested.

Financial Report:

Jennifer presented the Treasurer's Report and a copy of this report was given to the secretary for the archives. The report dated August 27, 2022 showed a total revenue of \$10,656.52. Expenses were noted totaling \$1,493.76. That leaves a Current Bank Balance of \$9,162.756. A motion was made to accept this report and all agreed. Thank you, Jennifer, for this report.

Membership Report: Jennifer presented the membership report and a written report was given to the secretary. Active membership as of August 27, is 94, renewals were 22, and new membership was 5. Membership is up from last year. Jennifer also added that we received a thank you note from last year's Dick Merrill Scholarship recipient. Thank you, Jennifer.

Lake Levels:

This report was given by Paul Coppock and his report was kindly given to the secretary for inclusion in this meeting's minutes.

After last summer's monsoons, this summer season may have been too dry, but the lake level changes have been far more manageable. The Regulating District has been sparing in its water releases from the dam this summer, offsetting the reduced inflows. Release rates have remained below 150 cfs throughout, which is about as low as it can go without causing problems downstream.

The typical spring upsurge occurred in early April as the lake refilled. The lake crested above the top of the dam and the by the end of April was receding below the spillway. I'm not aware of any major problems from that spike.

June 1 the lake was 5 in. above target and dropping, but then rose a foot in the last 10 days of June, Reaching 1 foot above target on July 1. The lake fell steadily through July reaching 6 in. above target August 1. It continued a steady decline in August, dropped below target level mid-August. As of today, the lake is 6 in. below target.

The good news is, this summer we didn't have any of the sudden water level events that play havoc with our docks and boats.

May 1 -6"
June 1 +5"
July 1 +12"
August 1 +6"
August 27 -6"

Dam Maintenance Project:

The Regulating District's project for maintenance and upgrades on our dam is moving along with the request for bids to be issued in a few months, and a target date to commence work next year, probably in the fall. The work will strengthen the earthen embankments, upgrade the spillway capacity, restore grouting and sealing of the dam joints, and provide maintenance on the gates.

The request for bids will have a requirement that the work not interfere with the normal regulation of water release and lake levels. So the winning contractor will have to perform the contract using either a coffer dam or underwater divers for work below the waterline.

When complete, the work will bring the dam up to date with current regulatory standards.

If you want to attend a Regulating District board meeting, be on the lookout for an announcement of a meeting scheduled to be held in Indian Lake in the near future. Meetings typically include a session for comments and questions from the public.

Invasive Species:

Each summer the Assn. surveys shoreline for aquatic invasives. Only one aquatic invader has been found over the years, spiny waterflea. The Lake is always under threat from problem species that are transported from other lakes on boats, trailers, fishing gear. Invaders such as Eurasian milfoil, variable leaf milfoil, water chestnut, curly leaf pondweed and Asian clams can spread quickly and once established and will degrade our waters if not caught early.

We benefit from the presence of State funded boat stewards at the DEC launch who check boats and trailers before launching.

There is also a boat wash station in the parking lot at the DEC boat launch. When you pull your boat out at the DEC launch, take advantage of the free boat wash station in the parking lot. It is a 140 degree pressure spray wash done by the boat steward staff. About 10-15 minutes. Get a certificate for your next motorboat launch.

This year, Russ Evatt and Paul Coppock will be surveying most vulnerable parts of the shoreline for aquatic invasives. It's a long shoreline, and we can use help from anyone who would like to take one of the half day training sessions (live or online) and join us. If you are interested, please contact me or any Board member.

I'm pleased to announce that our guest speaker, Catlin Stewart, has just put Indian Lake on the calendar next summer for an aquatic invasive species survey by her team from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District.

They will bring more manpower and tools to our lake for a more complete survey. In her discussion with us today, Catlin will be focusing on land based invasives.

Comments/questions?

This concludes the report submitted by Paul Coppock. We thank Paul for his presentation.

Newsletter and Boater's Guide: The boater's guide has again been printed and it has been well received. The Newsletter is out and the colored photos by Dan Way are exceptional. The Indian Lake Association has a new Facebook page. We thank Jennifer for creating another avenue for getting information to the public and to interest them in the activities of our organization. Jennifer says your input is welcomed!

Indian Lake Association/ Dick Merrill Scholarship: Our scholarship was named for Dick Merrill, a long-time board member, educator, and lake advocate. It is awarded to graduates of Indian Lake Central School. This year's \$500 was awarded to ILCS 2022 graduate Marilla Liddle. Martha Bilsback and Jon Voorhees for serving on the scholarship committee.

Approve Minutes of Annual Meeting held on August 28, 2021: The minutes from the last Annual Meeting and Picnic were available for review prior to this meeting. Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Gail seconded the motion. No further discussion was mentioned. All voted to approve the minutes.

Guest Speaker:

Glenn introduced our guest speaker, Catlin Stewart from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District. Her presentation on Invasive Species was extremely well received and presented in an engaging and informative way. We thank Catlin for her work with invasive species and for her skillful presentation that she delivered to our group.

Gail made the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38

Respectfully submitted by Carmen Adler, Secretary to ILA.