

Indian Lake Association ADK, Inc.
Annual Meeting and Breakfast
August 26, 2023

President Glenn Van Norstrand called the meeting to order at 10:01a.m. at the Byron Park Pavilion, Indian Lake, NY. Glenn welcomed all to this first breakfast meeting. He thanked the breakfast caterer, Lisa, for providing a beautifully presented, well organized hot breakfast that was served prior to the start of the meeting. Glenn provided our country's flag and led us in a pledge of allegiance. The secretary verified that a quorum existed.

An agenda was made available to the members. The agenda included an evaluation form to be filled out and submitted after the meeting. Glenn mentioned a 50/50 raffle that our organization was holding, and the presence of the Chamber of Commerce representative on site providing the opportunity to purchase an assortment of Indian Lake themed paraphernalia.

Minutes from the last Annual Meeting:

The minutes were posted on our web-site and a hard copy was available at today's meeting. Glenn asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. None were asked and he asked for a vote on the minutes and all voted yes to accept the minutes as written.

Financial Report:

Our treasurer Jennifer Copen was not available for today's meeting due to her participation in a wedding ceremony. Mary Prusko presented the Treasurer's Report and a copy of this report was attached to the agenda. The report dated August 26, 2023 showed a beginning bank balance of \$8,926.70 and revenue of \$1,720.00 for a total bank balance of \$10,646.70. Expenses were noted totaling \$1,378.45 That leaves a Current Bank Balance of \$9,268.25. Active membership as of August 20, is 80, renewals were 30, and new membership was 6. With new information available at today's meeting a new accounting of 141 in membership and 65 active members with some renewals pending. Glenn thanked Mary for presenting the report.

Membership Report:

Glenn announced that the corporation secretary, Carmen Adler, has completed her last and final term as secretary. He thanked her for her service. Glenn reported that we have three nominees to join the Board of Directors: Helen Glass, Esq, who has expressed an interest in taking the secretary position, Mary Prusko, and Scott Smith. He asked if anyone else was interested in joining the board of directors. John Travis asked to serve. Glenn requested from the membership a vote to admit all four nominees to the Indian Lake Association ADK, Inc. Board of Directors. All present voted yes.

Vote to Amend By-Laws:

The proposal is to change the names of the membership levels and cost for membership. The new membership levels are: Bronze -1 year for \$30; Silver -2 years for \$55, and Gold -3 years for \$80. Helen made the motion to Amend the By-Laws to amend the membership terms to one, two or three year terms; Catherine Chester seconded. Glenn asked if there were any questions. None were asked. Glenn asked for a vote. All voted yes.

Article 111, Section 2, Paragraph 2 of the By-Laws be and hereby is Amended to the following:

Membership in the Association shall be for periods of one, two or three years beginning July 1, depending on the payment of the related dues. Dues amount determined by the Board of Directors shall be due and payable on or before the time of the respective Annual Meeting of the Association.

Glenn asked if anyone would be interested in helping out with publicity regarding the corporation, to contact him.

Newsletter:

Glenn thanked Dan Way, Jon Voorhees, and all who contributed to the publication of our newsletter and boater's guide.

Indian Lake Association/ Dick Merrill Scholarship:

Charlotte Liddle received this year's scholarship. Glenn explained that she is recovering from an ATV accident and a full recovery is expected.

Web-Site:

Glenn thanked David Adler for his work on the web-site.

Invasive Species/Water Quality Report:

Glenn mentioned that to date, the spiny water flea has been found in Indian Lake. The lake levels are on schedule. No additional reports were submitted.

Glenn mentioned the Indian Lake boat wash position is available and offering \$20/hr. There are self-administered boat wash possibilities at Indian Lake, Overlook, and Abanakee.

Guest Speakers:

Catlin Stewart from Hamilton Co. Soil & Water: Catlin was not available for this meeting.

John Callaghan from Hudson River-Black River Regulating District:

John thanks us for the wonderful breakfast and thanked us for having him at our meeting in this beautiful area.

John spoke about the 1913 the Great Albany Flood and Typhoid Outbreak that prompted the concerns over water regulation. In 1986 Indian Lake became part of the Regulating District. The Indian Lake Dam was completed in 1898. In 2015 the DEC Dam Regulation Engineering Assessment classified the dam as High Hazard which means a loss of life and property if the dam should fail. Also the classification of unsound reflects a difference in construction methods today from when it was built. Seepage found in the earthen dam documented in 1920 showed no sediment and is probably a result of the normal freeze and thaw cycles. After 8 years of engineering designs, a overhaul of the 125 year old dam will be started this fall.

CD Perry of Troy, NY will do the overhaul by using both divers in a belt and suspender system as well as a coffer dam.

For the seepage, caulking and sealing will be done on the upside of the dam. They will raise and flatten the embankment. They will replace the spillway bridge, sluice and water gates, create a launch and a

portage around the dam for canoe and kayak users. They will borrow for the \$11.8 million project. The overhaul is expected to be finished in two summer seasons with a finish sometime in 2024. Questions were asked. There will be on disturbance in the expected water levels. The water release schedules will be the same. There is no noise pollution abatement plan. HRBRRD does not have the authority to grant hydro electrical generation permits. Hydro electrical generation companies must do the application.

We thank John for his informative presentation.

Indian Lake Hydro Project:

Dr. Dan Way presented his update on the hydro electric generation plan. He said that Jon Voorhees gave him a 500 page document that was the start of his serious joint quest for hydro generation on the Indian Lake Dam.

In 1898, when the dam was completed, hydro electric generation was a new concept. Two attempts were made to have hydro electric generation. In the 1980s, the issue for the Blue Line Forever Wild Forest Preserve article 14 became a barrier for hydro electric generation. After lawsuits, it was determined in 2006 that the dam itself was not part of the forest preserve. The question of land needed to put the generator on became the next issue to solve. In 2023 New York State enacted the CLCPA law that allows clean energy projects to be part of the ADK park. The emphasis is on wind and solar power generation. Hydro power is considered too costly; however, because the dam infrastructure is in place and accessibility to power lines makes the Indian Lake Hydro Power project a more realistic possibility. We must convince the State to go with hydro electric generation. We have the support of the DEC. Many thanks to Dan and Jon for for this update.

Glenn announced the winner of the 50/50 holding #634174. He reminded us to complete and submit the survey of today's meeting. Again he thanked Lisa for the very successful hot breakfast.

Glenn made the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08

Respectfully submitted by Carmen Adler, Secretary to ILA.