

**EATONBROOK LAKE ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2018
ERIEVILLE FIRE HOUSE**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Andy Sapoznikov, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andy asked that anyone who has not been receiving his emails provide their email address so that it can be added to the Association's group email list.

Art and Rae Burmaster were thanked for hosting another terrific Lake Association picnic. The rain didn't deter the attendees, the food was wonderful, and all had a great time. Joanne Kinney won the 50/50 raffle and returned her portion of the winnings to the Lake Association. It was noted that Art and Rae will not be able to host the picnic next year, and Andy asked if anyone was willing to volunteer. Amy Coulter said they would possibly be able to host next year's picnic. If anyone else is interested, please contact Rosalyn Bandy.

The meeting minutes from the June 2, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Motion to Accept Minutes: Donna Isbell
Seconded: Connie Moon

As a follow-up to the meeting minutes, Andy stated that there has been an update on the septic inspection issue. The Town of Eaton has decided that septic systems related to property transfers must be inspected. However, this will pertain only to lake property and adjacent parcels rather than for the whole Town and will also be necessary for property transfers within the family. The vote is expected to occur in September.

The Treasurer's Report was read. The beginning balance as of the June 2, 2018 spring meeting was \$14,121.81. Deposits since the spring meeting were \$4,412.00; expenditures were \$1,092.11; and the balance as of the August 25, 2018 meeting was \$17,441.70. Of that amount, \$4,975.00 was designated specifically for the Walleye program.

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report: Ray Schumacher
Seconded: Pete Lilley

The Labor Day Raft-Off is scheduled for Sunday, September 2nd with a rain date of Monday, September 3rd. Those interested should plan to meet on the lake at 2:00 PM and should remember to bring boat bumpers, tie-off ropes and a goodie to pass.

Andy has contacted the fish hatchery to order this year's Walleye. The hatchery will advise when delivery is scheduled. It was noted that there seems to be fewer weeds this year in the northwest arm of the lake. However, Bob Curtis said weeds are heavier than normal along his waterfront and wondered if this was due to the lake drawdown. A question was asked as to why the fish can't be put into the south end area of the lake. It was explained that they would swim through the culvert into the pond located south of the causeway and not return to the lake proper. A cost of \$7,500 was proposed for this year's fish.

Motion to Spend \$7,500 for Walleye: Ray Schumacher
Seconded: Chuck Sniper

The level of the lake will be lowered again this fall. There were requests that it be lowered sooner and that it be drawn down a little bit further. It was noted that the water level always normalizes in the spring no matter how low the water is drawn down for the winter. There is a concern that the wells for year-round residents may be affected if the water level is drawn down too far.

The practice of placing the porta-potty at the boat launch and the trash cans at the three causeways from the beginning of May thru the end of September will be continued. It was mentioned that the trash can on the south causeway is located in tall grass on the other side of the guard rail and can barely be seen. As a result, small bags of trash are being left on the side of the road.

Jim Cunningham conducted a slide presentation showing various threats to lakes. These include “harmful algae blooms (HABS); zebra mussels, which help water quality but allow weeds to grow; lily pads, which are invasive and, with a permit, need to be pulled out; Eurasian milfoil; hydrilla; large leaf pond weed; water chestnut, which is a huge problem in NYS canals, including the Erie Canal; and Frog Bit, which floats on the surface and should be removed from the water as soon as it is seen. Jim will post photos of these plants on Facebook. If there is a question on whether a weed is invasive, it can be put in a jar of water for Jim’s inspection. Jim also mentioned that there are colleges with programs that monitor lakes and noted that the Oneonta biological field station has a Master’s Program in lake management as part of SUNY.

A question was raised regarding lowering the speed limit on Tuscarora Road. Andy said that a petition should be drawn up for signatures of residents and sent to the Towns of Eaton and Nelson as was done to lower the limit on Eatonbrook Road. Donna Isbell noted that a speed limit change is also needed for Sunrise Boulevard. Rosalyn Bandy will discuss this with the Supervisors of both Towns.

The slate of candidates for election or re-election of Lake Association Officers and Trustees was presented to the membership as follows:

- President Rosalyn Bandy
- Vice President..... Colleen McSweeney
- Secretary Paula Sievers
- Treasurer Amy Coulter
- Past President..... Andy Sapoznikov
- Trustees Ben Rogge, Donna Isbell, Mike Gleason, Sara Roy

Motion to Approve Roz Bandy as President: Donna Isbell
Seconded: Judith Bailey

Motion to Approve Overall Slate of Officers: Sandy Justice
Seconded: Pete Lilley et al

Winners of the two raffles were Jim McSweeney for a Colgate Inn gift certificate and Ben Rogge for a Lincklaen House gift certificate.

There are still a few ELA shirts left, mostly adult smalls and kid’s sizes. Contact Tami Cass if you are interested.

Andy thanked the Association members for their overwhelming support during his tenure as ELA President and for their part in making the ELA a truly remarkable group. He also thanked Judy Sutherland for her support and assistance to him as Treasurer and Secretary over the past several years.

Motion to Adjourn: Donna Isbell
Seconded: Ben Rogge

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sutherland