

WCLA ANNUAL MEETING Saturday July 14, 2018 at Nick Stoner Inn

Board members present: Don Hopper, Chris Cram, Nancy Zeiser, Sue Bradt, Ellen Wright, Don Shearer, Al Zeina, Jim Hogan, Jed Potocar, Anita Potocar, Dick Stahl, Debbie Drain

94 people attended the dinner

Chris Cram, standing in for President Don Hopper, called the meeting to order at 7:22. Chris introduced himself and the board members and welcomed all those present.

A motion was made by Jim Altizio to wave the reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Tim Granato. Motion was passed.

Sue gave treasurer's report. As of 7/ 14/ 2018 checking balance is \$3782.66 and Savings has \$4323.11 .

Motion was made by Debbie Drain to accept treasurer's report. It was seconded by Chris Hogan. Motion passed.

Chris stated that members are now able to pay dues online at wclainfo.com. There will be a \$.75 processing fee.

Dick Stahl reported on the Boat Parade. He said the boat count was between 27 and 32 and he thanked all participants for a wonderful job. He encouraged everyone to participate next year. Everyone gets a prize. (He said a rumor has it that maybe it will be a Star Wars theme next year.)

Chris introduced Rebecca Ward, the owner of Nick Stoner Inn. She thanked us for our patronage and in turn, was thanked by all the members present.

Debbie Drain spoke about the Town Wide Garage Sale July 28, and the WCLA tables that will be set up at Hogan's on the East Shore Road. She asked for extra tables and volunteers. Donations can be taken to the Hopper camp at 156 S. Shore Rd. or call for pickup or to volunteer at 518 835-4293.

Jed Potocar spoke about the fish stocking and the formation of the new Task Force of the Caroga Lakes. This is a joint venture of WCLA, ECLPA, and the Caroga Fish and Game Club. They have met 3 times and the initial goal is to combine resources and instead of all 3 groups stocking the lake along with NYS, they can do it as one group. The Fish and Game Club will handle the money transactions. The groups combined represent about 700 residents and increases the leverage when dealing with the Town Board on issues or requests. They plan in the future to be able to help with environmental issues around the lakes. Jed also spoke about the weed harvesting and the great job Gene Centi is doing with the program. Gene was able to get the Town Board to double his budget this year. He thought our nets were a great idea and was given 50 to pass out on East Caroga.

A REMINDER TO ALL BOATERS AND JET SKI USERS: When the harvester is on the lake, the diving flags are put out to protect the divers. Water craft are to stay 300 feet away from those flags to protect the divers under the surface!

Chris opened the floor to questions, concerns and information.

1. George Hunter spoke about the "Next Door Program", a computer closed community site, along the lines of facebook, that you can join and use for local information. You can find laborers, events and happenings among other things. To join, visit: nextdoor.com/join/YJHKGL
2. A question from the floor on what Milfoil looks like. She was advised to look up Eurasian Milfoil and check Post Office Information area for pamphlets and/or information on invasive weeds. Don Hopper pointed out our last newsletter had a picture of Milfoil.
3. Kyle Price thanked the diners for their support and welcoming of the musicians. He now hopes to be engaged more in the town
4. Joyce Barrett spoke of being concerned about Sherman's property and encouraged all to attend the Town Board Meetings to voice concerns. It was brought up that Canada Lake, Green Lake and Pine Lake has volunteers on Monday, who go to the property and paint, clean up, plant flowers, wash windows etc. In order to volunteer, you must sign a town waiver. Someone asked who owns Sherman's Beach. Jed answered that the town owns it. The concern was about swimmers using the beach illegally. It was explained that the town has no ordinance against swimming there. The sheriff cannot enforce "no swimming" without it. The advice was to go to the board meeting and ask for an ordinance that can be enforced by sheriff's department.

Nomination committee chair, Chris Cram presented the slate of officers and board members up for reelection. OFFICERS: Don Hopper, president; Chris Cram, Vice President; Nancy Zeiser, Secretary, Brian Drain, Treasurer; BOARD MEMBERS: Al Zeina, Jed Potocar, Jim Hogan, Sue Bradt. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Carol Wilson to accept the slate as presented. It was seconded by Chris Hogan. Motion passed.

Don Hopper thanked all those who helped organize the meeting. Sue Bradt has resigned as treasurer after 12 years, and he presented her with a bouquet of flowers and the thanks of the association. (Sue will continue as a board member).

50/50 raffle was \$146 won by Lisa Potocar which she donated to the fish fund. Drawings were done for WCLA hats. Reminders were made to donate to Fish Fund bucket and Server's donation bucket.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Altizio. Seconded by George Hunter. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zeiser

Secretary