

UPPER SARANAC LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
Annual Meeting, August 11, 2018 (The Wild Center)

Minutes

President Susan Hearn called the meeting to order at The Wild Center at 9:32 am. There were approximately 61 people in attendance which constitutes a quorum.

The minutes of the July 7, 2018 Membership Meeting were moved, seconded and approved.

Invited speaker Dan Kelleher spoke about employment opportunities in the Adirondacks. Over 40% of those employed here are in low wage jobs and qualify for some form of public assistance despite working full time. Challenges to recruiting businesses to the area include distance from markets, energy costs, workforce training and infrastructure deficiencies. There are opportunities for teleworkers, scalable businesses, bioscience (anchored by Trudeau Institute, etc.) software development, and individual consulting services. A more diverse population would improve recruitment. Initiatives to improve economic development include broadband, regional economic development, economic planning services and the common ground alliance.

Curt Stiles introduced Tracy Ormsbee, the new editor of the Adirondack Explorer. This the 20th anniversary of the periodical. The stated goal is protection of the Adirondacks.

Ron Otten reported that the scholarship fund had awarded the 2018 scholarships to graduating seniors Ryan Savage of Tupper Lake and Jacob D. Shue of Saranac Lake. Both had expressed much gratitude for the support of their higher education endeavors.

Lynne Perry thanked those who assist with the various communications vehicles. Sara Sheldon reminded folks of some of the website features.

Sue reported on behalf of Sally Ward that the Cultural Affairs events have gone well.

Larry Koch and Chris Morris reported on the progress in the strategic planning process and that additional information would be available this fall.

Barbara Franklin thanked the Loon Rangers and reported 33 adult loons and 3 chicks were counted during the annual census. This represents an increase of 6 (20%) as compared to last year.

The Government Affairs committee reported on the comments submitted with regard to the proposed Unit Management Plan.

Dean Butts reported that there are currently 475 paid memberships, down from 507 at this time last year (minutes from 2017 cited 513). Dean suggested that non-members be invited to Zone meetings to encourage membership.

Michelle Brown Garcia reminded folks about camp numbers of both lake shore and land access, that this large majority of DEC citations are for safety equipment, repeated the information about the Kidde fire extinguisher recall and mentioned the existence of the on-line safe boating course for those unable to attend in person.

Lake Manager Guy Middleton spoke about an algae bloom in Burlington that has closed beaches and poses a hazard to public safety. Prevention measures include control of storm water run-off, lakeshore landscaping, and septic maintenance. The Fish Hatchery practices are preventing any significant level of harmful discharge.

Larry Koch, chair of the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers, committee chairs and zone chairs for the forthcoming two-year term (see attached for the complete list). There being no additional nominations from the floor, the slate was elected by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned by President Susan Hearn at 11:07 am

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Dickson
August 28, 2018

President	Susan	Hearn
Vice-President	Larry	Koch
Secretary	Chip	Harrison
Treasurer	Jay	Kapolka
Communications	Lynne	Perry
Cultural	Sally	Ward
Environmental	Lawrence	Nashett
Govt. Affairs	Cindy	Rosenwald
Membership	Dean	Butts
Nominating	Dean	Butts
Safety	Michelle	Brown Garcia
Member-at-Large	Tom	Swayne
Member-at-Large	Michael	Bonheim
Honorary Director	Bruce	Holran
Zone 1	Robert	Tate
Zone 2	Mary Ann	Randall
Zone 3	Larry	Koch
Zone 4	Cindy	Rosenwald
Zone 5	Dick	Gunthert
Zone 6	Cheryl	Joyce
Zone 7	Ellen	Bonheim
Zone 8	Nancy	Cohen
Zone 9	Ruth	Smith
Zone 10	Susan	O'Brien
Zone 11	Bill	Mansfield
Zone 12	Airlie	Lennon