

Minutes

Dunhams Bay Association Annual Meeting

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July 21, 2018

- **Board Members Present:** Cheryl Baldwin, Phill Mitchell, Kathy Ervolina, Mary Lou Lempert, Joanne Maddocks and Len Simms.
- **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 11 am by Association President, Cheryl Baldwin who welcomed members to the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Dunhams Bay Association (DBA).
- **Acceptance of the 2017 Minutes:** Cheryl Baldwin asked for a motion approving the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting. The motion was presented and seconded and the 2017 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- **Financial Report:** The report was given by Treasurer, Len Simms (see attached).
 1. The accounts have been reconciled to TD Bank statements and show a positive cash balance (excluding donations designated for the DBA Water Quality Committee) of \$174 with income of \$1,932 and expenses of \$1,097 (including in-kind and cash donations of \$503). There was an anonymous donation to the DBA's Water Quality Committee (\$180); a donation to the DBA general fund from the Cadena family (\$80) and anonymous underwriting of the Association website and copying costs (\$243). \$800 of the cash on hand is the unspent balance of funds donated to the Association's Water Quality Committee. Copying and mailing costs continued to be significantly reduced due to the 2013 by-law changes allowing the use of electronic mail for Association business.
 2. Bud Maddocks asked the DBA to consider picking up the cost of coffee provided for both the District #1 and the DBA annual meetings. After much discussion, a motion to henceforth have the DBA cover the cost of coffee (approximately \$125) for both annual meetings was presented, seconded and unanimously approved. (Background: In the past the leadership of the District #1 Board felt coffee should be provided but District #1 Board members did not feel it appropriate to use tax levy funds to pay for coffee. Because the DBA makes the meeting arrangements, the DBA treasurer was forced to pay the coffee bill but didn't feel comfortable doing so without DBA approval. DBA member Rich Gordon and another anonymous member graciously covered the cost of coffee this year.)
 3. In light of comments made during the "cost of coffee" discussion, the Treasurer pointed out that, for the past several years, the Dunhams Bay Resort has hosted the District #1 and DBA annual meetings and Guest Speakers, at no cost, providing the use of, and setting up their meeting space to our liking. (NOTE: The Dunhams Bay Resort is also a longstanding member of the DBA, part of District #1 (with a representative on the Board), and has recently made significant upgrades to their septic systems. DBA members are encouraged to express their thanks to the Resort for hosting our annual events.)
 4. Mary Lou Lempert raised the issue of the apparent DBA reliance on donations in addition to dues income to make "ends meet". She suggested perhaps the DBA should consider raising the membership fee. The Treasurer felt that that wasn't necessary at this point. Alternatively, Mary Lou encouraged DBA members to consider making additional donations to the DBA as some members have been doing over the years. The Treasurer indicated that as things are, the DBA is living within its means, with the occasional help of ad hoc donations. BUT, he encouraged members to talk to their non-member neighbors; if we could attract additional members, it would help the cause and address Mary Lou's concern. Too that point...
 5. Last year, there were 41 member "cottages" (representing many more "families") that joined the DBA. This year's goal; at least 42! We are currently at 36. Please encourage your neighbors to "Join Us". (NOTE: Members will be sent a copy of the material presented by guest speaker Chris Navitsky demonstrating that your DBA has truly "done a lot with a little".
- **Donations to Other Organizations:** It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the 2018 donations to other organizations be as follows:

\$200	Fund for Lake George
\$100	Mountainside Free Library
\$100	Lake George Land Conservancy
\$100	Lake George Association
\$100	North Queensbury Rescue Squad
- **Committee Report - Dunhams Bay Association Water Quality Committee (DBAWQC):** Committee Chair, Barbara Simms thanked committee members, Joanne Maddocks, Kathy Ervolina, Lisa Cadena and Mary Lou Lempert. The committee identified four possible uses for the donated funding.
 1. **North Queensbury Dive Team clean-up of the bay.** Chief Peter Carr indicated that the team was interested in conducting a dive to collect debris from the lake bed. We are just waiting for a date to be set.
 2. **Plants for run-off control.** The committee would research the best plants for our terrain and purchase a quantity to be given to bay residents.
 3. **A second algae monitoring device** like the one The FUND has already placed in the bay. Chris Navitsky is looking into the cost of a second device which could be placed in a different part of the bay for comparison purposes.

4. **Plaques recognizing homeowners** who have updated their septic systems. We will investigate a design and cost before we proceed.

Members are welcome (and encouraged) to participate in the DBAWQAC activities and/or offer other ideas for the use of the committee funds; they can do so by contacting Barbara Simms at dbwqac@gmail.com.

(Note: **North Queensbury Waste Water Disposal District #1** accomplishments and activity information can always be found on the Town of Queensbury website: <http://www.queensbury.net/government/nqwdd1/>.)

- **Nomination and Election of Officers/Directors:** A motion was presented, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the 2018 slate of officers/directors as submitted:

Cheryl Baldwin (President)
Phill Mitchell (Vice-President)
Lenton Simms (Secretary and Treasurer)
Directors:
Kathy Ervolina (Grey Ledges)
Mary Lou Lempert (Burnt Ridge)
Joanne Maddocks (Sign Post)
Kate Lapham (Sign Post)

- **Old Business:**

1. Cheryl Baldwin thanked Frank Parillo for letting the DBA erect the speed limit signs at his marina and Karen Howard for facilitating the process with Frank. Several members said they felt the signs had already had a positive effect.
2. Members felt that additional speed signs were desirable. It was suggested that Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) speed buoys placed just beyond the bridge might be the best approach. Len Simms indicated that when the DBA had the speed buoys moved further out in the bay, the LGPC indicated that any new markers would need to be paid for by the DBA. Although he didn't recall the exact cost, he did remember that the markers were very expensive. Don Abrams suggested that we find out how much the additional buoys would cost and that we inform bay residents of the cost and ask for voluntary donations to raise the necessary funds. Len Simms agreed to talk to the LGPC and determine what the costs would be and then proceed as Don suggested.
3. Once again, members were reminded of the importance of reporting speeders to the Lake George Marine Patrol by calling 518-743-2500 (press 1 for non-emergency). If you can provide the boat registration number, it will be helpful.

- **New business:**

1. Bud Maddocks indicated they were having run-off problems with recent heavy rainfall. Water was rushing downhill, under their camp and into the lake. Bud asked if there was a solution that would keep the water from rushing into the lake. Several members indicated they had similar problems and some offered solutions. Michael Serini talked about the importance of interrupting/slowing the water's flow so that it can be absorbed into the soil before entering the lake. Michael referred the group to the NYS DEC website (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/29066.html>). Sal Ervolina agreed with Michael's comments and gave an example of an approach they used; spreading coarse rock in their parking area at the bottom of the paved Grey Ledges Road to slow/stop the flow of water before it reaches the lake and Len Simms indicated they had used a similar approach in their parking area and were also working to terrace and replace a hard surfaced path to the lake with a mulched path that would allow the water to be absorbed (see "Managing Stormwater Runoff; Controlling Stormwater at Home" at <https://www.jeffcomo.org/uploads/Stormwater/Slide%20Shows/Controlling%20Stormwater%20Runoff%20at%20Home.pdf>). (NOTE: If you have other examples you'd like to share, please email them to dunhamsbayassociation@gmail.com and they will be shared with everyone).
2. Carol Butkiewicz asked for a list of good buffer plants and where they can be purchased. Native/buffer plants information is available on the following websites:
<http://fiddleheadcreek.com/our-plants/plant-list/>
<https://fundforlakegeorge.org/solutions/do-it-yourself-water-quality-guide/grow-native-species-stop-invasive-species>
<https://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/protect/lake-friendly-living/landscaping-with-native-plants/>
Local sources of native plants include:
<http://www.dawnswildthings.com/home.html>
<http://fiddleheadcreek.com>
3. Noting Rt. 9L pedestrians ignoring the safety precaution of walking facing traffic, Michael Rapaport recalled/commented on the former New York State roadside signs that reminded pedestrian to "walk facing traffic" and suggested we ask the NYS Department of Transportation to once again erected signs along Dunhams Bay/Rt. 9L. Len Simms agreed to draft a letter for Cheryl Baldwin's signature.
4. Noting John Salvador's rare absence from the annual meetings and acknowledging his recent medical problems, members present unanimously requested that the Secretary send John a note acknowledging his absence and telling him that we are thinking of him.
5. It was unanimously agreed that the 2019 annual meeting be held on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the Dunhams Bay Resort.

- **Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

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Treasurer's Report for the Period
July 7, 2017 to July 6, 2018

Opening Balance - July 7, 2017 (TD Bank Statement) \$639.61

Income

Dues	\$840.00
Luncheon	\$589.50
Donations to DBA*	\$178.88
Donation to DBAWQAC** (Anonymous)	\$180.00
Website Underwriting (Anonymous)	\$143.88
	<u>\$1,932.26</u>

Expenses

Contributions to Other Organizations

The FUND for Lake George	\$200.00
Lake George Land Conservancy	\$100.00
North Queensbury Rescue Squad	\$100.00
Lake George Association	\$100.00
Mountainside Library	\$100.00
	<u>\$600.00</u>
Subtotal	\$600.00

Other Expenses

2017 Luncheon	\$648.00
Supplies, Copying, Postage, Refund	\$206.03
DBA Website	\$143.88
	<u>\$997.91</u>
Subtotal	\$997.91
	<u>\$1,597.91</u>

Closing Balance - July 6, 2018 (TD Bank Statement) \$973.96

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** Dunhams Bay Association Water Quality Awareness Committee

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