

**Minutes**  
**Dunhams Bay Association Annual Meeting**  
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July 20, 2019

**Board Members Present:** Cheryl Baldwin, Phill Mitchell, 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 2019 Annual Meeting of the Dunhams Bay Association (DBA).

**Acceptance of the 2018 Minutes:** Cheryl Baldwin asked for a motion approving the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting. The motion was presented and seconded and the 2018 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Financial Report:** The report was given by Treasurer, Len Simms (see attached).

- The accounts have been reconciled to TD Bank statements and show a positive cash balance of \$1,237.77 with income of \$1,946 and expenses of \$1,683.
- The \$1,237.77 cash balance reflects uncommitted DBA funds (\$437) and the unspent balance of funds donated to the Association's Water Quality Committee (\$800).
- Income included membership dues (\$780) and additional cash and in-kind donations to the DBA general fund (\$624) from the Francis family (\$480) and the anonymous underwriting of the Association website and copying costs (\$144).
- Expenses included the purchase of signs, sign post and necessary hardware and materials for the "Dunhams Bay/No Wake Ahead/5 MPH" signs Frank Parillo allowed the Association to place by the launch at his Bay Road marina (\$187).
- Copying and mailing costs continue to be significantly reduced due to the 2013 by-law changes allowing the use of electronic mail for Association business.

**Donations to Other Organizations:** It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the 2019 DBA donations to other organizations are:

- \$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 indicated the Water Quality Committee (Joanne Maddocks, Kathy Ervolina, Lisa Cadena, Barbara Simms and Mary Lou Lempert) had decided to fund two projects with money received from anonymous donations:

- Clean up of the bay lake bottom by the North Queensbury Dive Team - A scheduled fall 2018 time did not work out and the committee is waiting to hear from the dive team regarding a possible date for this summer.
- Purchase of shoreline buffer plants - Emily DeBolt of the LGA suggested the purchase of “plugs” instead of gallon size plants, but Mead’s Nursery discouraged this type of purchase since “plugs” need to be watered almost daily until they’re established. The cost of purchasing established plants in gallon containers meant that, with the funds available, the impact would be negligible both in how many homeowners would be able to receive plants and the number of plants each homeowner would get. The committee decided to abandon that plan. After the dive team clean up, the committee will revisit the use the funds remaining.

**Nomination and Election of Officers/Directors:** A motion was presented, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the 2019 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:**

In the continuing effort to enforce the Bay’s 5 MPH/No Wake Zone, last year it was suggested that new speed buoys be placed just beyond the bridge where boaters enter the bay from the Parillo marina and, since any new buoys would need to be bought by the Association, Don Abrams suggested that we find out how much the buoys would cost, inform bay residents of the cost and ask for voluntary donations to

raise the funds. Len Simms reported that he had obtained a price quote of \$365/buoy (including all the necessary components) from Rolyan Buoys (the company that supplies the same buoys to the state).

After several months of attempting to find out from NYS DEC how the buoys the DBA purchase could be placed in the bay, Len Simms enlisted Sal Ervolina's help getting answers through his DEC contacts. DEC indicated "Any buoys desired to be placed in the bay require a Navigation Law Floating Objects Permit from my Office, and must be applied for by, and permitted to, the Town who has enacted the law."

The members present decided to pursue permits thru the Town for three new 5 MPH/No Wake Zone markers; 2 near the bridge under Rt. 9 and an additional one entering the bay from the main lake. (Combined speed buoys/channel markers were discussed but subsequent research determined that such buoys are not permissible). Once the permits are in hand, it will be decided how much of the DBA fund balance can/should be committed to the purchase and then the membership will be canvassed soliciting commitments for the balance. With permits and funding commitments in place, volunteers will be recruited to assemble and install the buoys. If and when all that happens, the buoys will be ordered.

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:**

- Carol Butkiewicz referenced a recent newspaper article she read concerning area lakes that are experiencing problems with short-term summer cottage rentals (overcrowded with noisy, rowdy renters violating the peace and quiet of neighbors) and the Town of Queensbury's efforts to develop an ordinance to avoid the problem. Carol asked that the DBA send the Town Board a letter supporting the proposed ordinance. After discussion, Laura Mitchell suggested that it would be wise to first determine and evaluate the town's proposed solution before endorsing the ordinance. The discussion Saturday ended with a plan to review the town's proposal and then draft a letter to the Town Board from the DBA outlining what the Association supports and recommending changes, if necessary. It was agreed the resulting draft would be circulated, first among the DBA Board for input and then among the members present for their reaction, before being sent to the Town Board.

- May Lou Lempert asked for a list of good buffer plants and where they can be purchased. Native/buffer plants information is available on the following websites:

<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 source of native plants:

<http://www.dawnswildthings.com/home.html>

- It was unanimously agreed that the 2020 annual meeting be held on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at the Dunhams Bay Resort.

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