

Gilford Islands Association (GIA) 28th Summer Meeting July 23, 2018

MINUTES:

The Gilford Islands Association's summer meeting was held in the NH Marine Patrol Building at Glendale at 6:00 PM, on July 23, 2018.

Officers and board members present were: Jim MacBride (Welch), President; Charlie Fairman (Camp), Vice President; Sue Colbert (Welch), Secretary; Heidi Kephart (Welch), Treasurer; Nancy Birge (Mark), Director At-large; Richard Holdaway (Mark), Director At-large; and Roger Marquis (Jolly), Director At-large.

Twenty seven members attended the meeting. Islands represented at the meeting were Camp, Jolly, Lockes, Mark, Round, Timber, and Welch.

President Jim MacBride introduced the program topic, "Can Your Lake Water Be Safe to Drink." Water quality experts from NH DES, Paul Susca and Cynthia Klevens, presented information on what dangers could be present in lake water. The NH DES does not recommend drinking the water directly from the lake. Although they stated boiling drinking water for at least one minute will make the water safe, they have since asked us to not include this. The best option is to buy bottled water for drinking. However, lake water is safe to use for bathing and washing dishes.

Following the presentation President MacBride called the meeting to order. He reported that the GIA cruise on the Mount Washington was a success with eighty-two people attending. It was a beautiful night, the lobsters were good and the feedback was positive with some people asking to make the cruise an annual event. Jim thanked those people who helped to make the Cruise night a success. Andy Opel who negotiated a lower cost for members, Ansje Burdick who made flyers to send out, and Heidi Kephart who collected the money and kept the records straight.

The Minutes from the July 24, 2017 annual meeting and the winter March 3, 2018 meeting were approved without comment.

Richard Holdaway is retiring from the board of directors this year after serving for ten years. He was an original member of GIA and has always been an active participant. Jim thanked him for his dedication to the board and to our organization.

Charlie Fairman, Vice President, temporarily presided over the meeting to execute the election of officers. The following slate was proposed by the board:

- Jim MacBride, (Welch) President
- Heidi Kephart, (Welch) Treasurer
- Roger Marquis, (Jolly) Director At-large
- Ansje Burdick, (Timber) Director At-large
- Open Director At-large position

Robin Folsom (Round) was nominated by Andy Opel (Timber) to fill the open Director At-large position on the slate. There were no other nominations from the floor and the full slate of officers was then

approved. Jim MacBride resumed running the meeting.

Heidi Kephart, Treasurer, presented the year end 2017 financial statement for approval. The report showed a final balance of \$15,354.67 and 145 members in 2017. She also reported that we have 142 members so far for 2018. The financial report was approved. Heidi also reported the GIA checking account is now a non-profit account where there is some interest paid on the balance and multiple deposits are free.

Members voted to keep the annual dues at \$25 for 2019.

GIA gives annual contributions to other non-profit groups that are dedicated to preserving the lake environment. The board recommended a total of \$1500, the same amount as in 2017. The amount is broken down as follows:

Glendale Cove Association (milfoil)	\$475
Lake Winnepesaukee Association	\$350
NH Lakes	\$225
Loon Preservation	\$200
Lakes Region Conservation Trust	\$150
NH Audubon	\$100

The original motion to accept the recommended amounts was amended to increase donations for two of the organizations on the list; the Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA) to \$500 and NH Lakes to \$300. The motion was approved and the total contributions for 2018 will be \$1725.

NH Senate Bill 119 to extend the length of temporary docks was defeated. House Bill 1810 was passed instead. This bill establishes a commission to study the effectiveness of current statutes related to structures built on lakes and rivers.

The report on the issues at Glendale followed.

- The new fire boat should be ready later this year.
- The town is considering using cameras to view the docks and the lower parking lot.
- They are also looking at the possibility of lengthening the three hour dock to accommodate a longer fireboat.
- Gilford's new transfer station is scheduled to open July 1, 2019.
- Packages from UPS and Fed Ex can be left at the patrol office. GIA needs to find out the address of the patrol building so the address can be used to ship packages.

Sue Colbert reported on the progress of the Shirley Burn's Memorial Fund. Two projects are ongoing currently: one is to develop a compilation of Gilford island histories, media and shared materials for present and future islanders in Shirley's Burn's memory. Sue Colbert and Debbie Kelley-Milburn are working on this using the library and the historical society as a start. The other project is to replace the bulletin board system for Glendale.

Under new business:

- Members voted to keep the GIA annual meeting on Monday nights.
- Members decided not host coffee and donuts on Island Clean-up day this year.
- Carol Blazar asked if the channel between Pig Island and Lockes Island could be made a no wake zone.

Large boats with large wakes are traveling fast through there and causing havoc to homeowner waterfronts. It was recommended that the homeowners contact the Marine Patrol as a first step.

-Roger Marquis from Jolly reported that the Wave making surf boats are sometimes coming closer than 300 feet to the shorelines and wondered if other people had noticed that. He also wondered if the surf boats could have an effect in areas with nesting loons.

-Andy Opel suggested the GIA might sell merchandise like T-shirts and hats as a money raising activity next year. He volunteered to look into the feasibility and offered to help design a logo.

-Members will be surveyed next year to see if there is interest in scheduling another Mount Washington Cruise.

Miscellaneous:

Jolly and Birch Islands celebrated their 125th year anniversary this year

The Hodsdon family on 35 Welch, who own one of the oldest houses on Welch Island, celebrated with a party that included four generations.