

Minutes  
LSLSOA Annual Meeting  
July 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Hammond. 26 present with 23 members. Kevin Dickinson, Penny and Bill Curran, Jack and Phyliss Drury, Ralph and Liz Bennett, Bob and Louise Hammond, Betty Hanes, David and Lynn Johnson, Sandy and Tom Jorling, Bobbie and Dick Leamer, Mike and Sheryl Madden, Mike Preis, Barbara and Jan Plumadore, Fred Roedel III, Brigitte Scheefer. Minutes from the 2010 annual meeting were acknowledged as sent by email and mail to members. A motion was made and accepted to approve as written.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Treasurer Brigitte Scheefer.

As of July 12, 2011:

Payments:

Protect The Adk	
Program	\$ 150.00
Website	\$ 143.49

Savings Account Balance	\$ 4042.98
Checking Account Balance	\$ 310.74

There are 13 paid members and 22 non paid members.  
Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

**Old Business**

Update on Lower Saranac Lake (LSL) History Initiative project, started last year, was introduced by Bob Hammond and follow up progress by Bobbie Leamer. Other volunteers are Marion Harley, Bob and Louise Hammond. Basically every property on Lower Saranac Lake has a beginning thus a history. It would be fun, informative, surprising I bet and important for each one of us to gather this information and store in an 'information pool' of sorts. This is an ongoing project. Write down what family or neighbors might remember, review your deed/abstract, make copies,

research at the library, go to websites, interview anyone who may have past knowledge. Perhaps we can have one person from each neighborhood area of the lake to organize their information. Bob Hammond is just that person for his area. And Bobbie Leamer for hers. Does anyone from Knollwood remember any reference to 'Forest Home'? Where/what is the connection with Forest Home Road? Perhaps in the future this information can be published. If anyone wants to contribute, please contact Bob Hammond by phone or email. You can also forward any information to our website email address. [lowersaranac@yahoo.com](mailto:lowersaranac@yahoo.com) Our website is [www.lowersaranac.com](http://www.lowersaranac.com)

**Environmental Committee** Report was presented by Chairperson Tom Jorling. His committee member volunteers are Jack Drury, Dan Bready, Kevin Dickinson and Betty Hanes.

Tom reminded us to be aware of the lake happenings. If you see anything unusual, like oil sheen, milfoil that wasn't there before or more than before or less than before or now none, let someone know. Nature Conservancy has put together a good history of the dynamics of the lake. Tom said the stewards at the two boat launches are doing a great job. There is a container there that shows what they have removed from boats at the launch site. Please thank them for a great job well done when you see them.

Jack Drury gave us an overview of the results of the Assessment Program managed by Protect the Adirondacks, Inc. and prepared by The Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College, water assessment report from 2010. I will email everyone a 17 page copy of the report if you are interested. Basically Lower Saranac Lake's trophic status is still considered mesotrophic. The alkalinity can be considered satisfactory with a low sensitivity from further acidic inputs. The oxygen levels were high enough for cold and warm water fish survival.

Eight years worth of data is sufficient to begin to detect water quality trends. The pH values have increased almost every year while little change in alkalinity, conductivity and color. The increase in phosphorous causes more algae growth and falling Secchi disk transparencies. This is

an issue and a concern since 2004. Road salt contamination charted over the last eight years may be affecting results of water dynamics. You can go to [www.AdkAction.org](http://www.AdkAction.org) regarding road salt topic.

It was mentioned to start temperature data of the lake each time even though it is not required for this program.

We **need a volunteer** to help Jack do our lake testing ONLY once a month for 3 summer months. It is fun, you will learn something and Jack is great company. Contact Jack directly or Bob or myself. The next testing dates are August 13, September 24 and possibly one day in October. Usually at 11:00 am for a calm surface and no rain.

Jack reported on Loon Watch held July 16, 2011. Jack and Phyliss reported seeing 4 adults and 2 chicks.

**Communications and Membership** Report was presented by Penny Curran with volunteer committee member Louise Hammond.

A new property owner and association member, Michael (Mike) Preis was introduced and welcomed.

A thank you to Judy Landes for organizing our great food choices. And a thank you to everyone for bringing something.

Note our website [www.lower saranac.com](http://www.lower saranac.com) and our email to that site [lower saranac@yahoo.com](mailto:lower saranac@yahoo.com).

Greg Moore at Bear Essentials is handling our logo to purchase merchandise. [greg@beaessentials.org](mailto:greg@beaessentials.org), 97B Main Street, Saranac Lake. 891-8191 fax 891-8198. Online catalogue [nesclothing.com](http://nesclothing.com).

Betty Hanes and Fred Roedel won the two 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lower Saranac Lake logo hats in recognition of Bill Scheefer's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BILL

I will forward updated member directories.

If you haven't already, please pay your dues of \$25.00 to Brigitte Scheefer. Only exception David and Lynn Johnson for winning Ice Out Gamble and having their dues paid for 2011.

A thank you was expressed to everyone who has done any helpful thing, however small, for the association.

**Community Relations** report by Chairman Jack Drury.

Lakeside Forum report. Jack gave Bob the article (which was emailed to everyone) from Vermont called Front Porch Forum. Bob explained it was all about neighborhood communication, togetherness, support, information. Our website would be a good place to try this and call it Lakeside Forum Project.

If you have a question, or need a contact to rake leaves, to clean or say you are going to paddle to Middle S.L. and anyone come along, or a kayak has washed up on your shore, you can just post on our website. This is a way to connect. This will help members feel more a part and welcome. Let's try it.

### **Election of officers**

The existing list of nominees is Bob Hammond as President, Penny Curran as Corresponding Secretary and Brigitte Scheefer as Treasurer A motion was made to accept their nominations for re election and all were in favor. Congratulations.

### **New Business and Announcements**

Jack and Phyliss Drury are hosting Monday nights house concerts at Mark Twain Camp at 6:30 pm. and extended an invitation to our members. Reservation only, \$15.00 per person 891-5915.

Barbara Plumadore reviewed information on AdkAction and their involvement on water quality issues, property assessments and the potential value to us as property owners. It is the only voice we have to move issues forward. Go to their website [www.AdkAction.org](http://www.AdkAction.org).

Barbara attended an assessor's convention at the Wild Center. A course was given by AdkAction on keeping assessments uniform. They are also working on government efficiency as to making aware of and reducing overlapping services. Email is [info@AdkAction.org](mailto:info@AdkAction.org).

ADK now has non for profit status.

Bob Hammond spoke of Warrior Round Table in connection with local project started Patriot Hills, now renamed Homewardboundadk. Anyone

who has interest in this post traumatic stress forum, there is a roundtable scheduled for Sunday July 24, 2011 from 5:30–6:30 at St. Joes.

FYI. A member's son was ticketed on the lake for traveling more than 5 miles an hour within 100 feet of shore line near the channel buoys.

Respectively submitted,

Penny L Curran

Corresponding secretary