



Cranberry Lake Boat Club

March 2019

Cranberry Lake Boat Club Winter Newsletter



Commodore Greeting

After a long and snowy winter in the north country, there are actually signs that spring is coming. Just like the seasonal change, this coming year will be another of transition for the boat club. The Presbyterian church lake front is going to be the new home for our dock.

Clint Farnsworth, Karen Vavra, and Mark Friden joined me for multiple sit downs to bring the CLBC By-Laws up to date. Thanks to them for their blood sweat and tears as we made multiple trips down memory lane and discussed differing opinions about specific wordings. I believe you will appreciate the end result. Please note the attachment that includes our resulting document. We will vote on the changes at the club banquet on July 13th.

Cranberry Lake North Shore Hub (Hub)

The Presbyterian Church is now being called "The Hub". Hub is now officially recognized in NYS as a charitable incorporation. The first Hub "project" has focused on community dockage. The CLBC has entered into a 2-year partnership with Hub. Together, we will provide eight slips along the property's shore. Hub is purchasing dock sections that will join with ours to create this dockage. We will share the cost of insurance, maintenance and install/removal. There are still some legal steps to complete, but we hope to have dockage in place by Memorial Day.

The newly formed Hub Board of Directors is comprised of Terri Smith, Darren Bullard, Scott and June McWharf, Clint Farnsworth, Nick Hunter and Denise Bartstow. There is also a core group of advisors who inform and assist the board in their areas of expertise - those advisors include Susan Smith, Mark Friden, Louise and Roger Johnson, Karen Vavra, Jaime Owen, Denis and Tina Walsh. Susan Smith currently acts as the Hub's community relations advisor.

Hub thanks everyone for their support!

New Directors

Welcome aboard to **Karen Vavra**. Besides being a new board member, Karen is also my Vice Commodore. Learn quickly Karen. Karen and Jamie Owens have been a part of the Cranberry Lake community for decades. Karen has assisted Patty Farnsworth with the directory and is now taking over full responsibility. Karen brings volunteer experience from her Florida community. We look forward to sharing her digital expertise and knowledge to continue our growth.

2018 – 2019 Officers

Commodore – Nick Hunter
V. Commodore – Karen Vavra
Secretary(s) – Patty Farnsworth
Sally Holden
Treasurer – Jenna Burkard

Board of Directors

Piers Bramham
Arlene Davis
Mark Friden
Gil Gelasch
Bill Gleason
Sally Holden
Nick Hunter
Chuck McMenemy
Mary Simmons
Susan S Smith
Bob Sutor
Karen Vavra
Ian Ward
Sue Wing

Team Leaders

CIP – C. Farnsworth
Directory/Membership –
K. Vavra
Banquet – N. Hunter
C. Farnsworth
Cardboard Boat Race –
J. Burkard
Dock / Navigation – B. Gleason
Firecracker Race – I. Ward
Fish & Game – D. Hall
Historian – B. Gleason
Merchandise – D. Lough
Nominations – S. Holden
Picnic – J. Hunter & G. Gelasch
Poker Paddle – P. Braham
D. Rurkowski
Publicity – M. Simmons
Water Quality – E. Kipp
J. Englert
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Mark Friden is our town historian and knower of things unknown to most of us. His workaholic mentality has already made him an invaluable asset. Friend him on Facebook to learn about the north country both now and in the past. Thanks to Mark for helping to update our club By-Laws.

Chuck McMenemy is another long-time inhabitant of the Cranberry Lake hamlet and brings project management expertise that we are sure will help make the club stronger.

2019 Calendar

Saturday, June 1 Board Meeting
Thursday, July 4 Firecracker 5/10K
 Saturday, July 13 Board Meeting
 Saturday, July 13 Annual Meeting and Banquet
 Saturday, July 27th Paddle for the Library
 Saturday, Aug. 3 Cardboard Boat Race and Picnic
 Saturday, Aug. 17th Board Meeting

Treasurers Report

<u>2017 starting balance</u>	\$32,332.58
2018 Income	\$12,156.02
Dock reserve	\$ 3,717.98
Total	\$ 48,206.58
 <u>2018 Expenses</u>	 \$ 17,270.21
Donations	
Historian Office	\$1,000.00
Fire Department	\$1,000.00
Library	\$1,448.00
CL Players	\$ 500.00
CIP fund	\$ 3,180.65
Total	\$ 24398.86
<u>2019 Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 23,807.72

Community Projects (CIP Report)

- 1) Two Benches installed; 6' bench (Damoth Grant) at the Tennis Courts, 8' Gurley Memorial bench at the Beach.
- 2) Awarded;
\$200 to the Grasse River Railroad Committee
\$500 to the Cranberry Lake Flower and Banner Committee
\$300 to the Wanakena Historical Association for a plaque
\$250 for Beach Park Maintenance.
- 3) 2 picnic tables for the Pavilion funded by the Bob Raymo family and built by Scott Gearsbeck
- 4) Gil Gellasch, with help from Willow Tree Florist, added 8 shrubs and mulch to Landscape the Memorial Walkway in front of Clifton Community Center. Some flowers will complete the project.

The Boat Club Board of Directors awarded major funding support to the following **Projects from the CIP Fund.**

- 1) \$5,000 to Friends of the Golf Course for the New Deck on the Club House. The Deck has been completed.
- 2) \$5,000 to the Cranberry Lake Firemen for the new digital sign.
- 3) \$7,000 (\$5,000 in 2018 and \$2,000 in 2019) to CL Northshore Hub Inc. to purchase and restore the Presbyterian Church Property in Cranberry Lake. Purchase offer was accepted. This acquisition provides a possible permanent location for the CL Boat Club dock.

2018 Events Report

FIRECRACKER 5/10K - The July 4th Race, coordinated by Ian Ward, had over 100 participants and netted over \$7000. This was the first time that the race was run on July 4th when it was in the middle of the week. With such a success, we will continue to honor the actual holiday date.

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE – This past year's Race, coordinated by Jenna Burkard, was held at the town beach and was dedicated to Bob Raymo, long time boat club member, and well known in the Clifton-Fine community as Mr. Idea. With only 4 boats participating, we will be revamping the event this year to include races for additional categories of boats including kayaks, canoes, paddleboards etc. So everyone get set to meet the new challenge!

PADDLE FOR THE LIBRARY - The poker paddle, managed by Piers Brahm, had 72 registrants. Many paddled or rowed the Oswegathchie all the way from Wanakena to Hawk's Nest and back. They made up to 6 stops and picked up a token at each. Each token was good for a card in a poker hand. The event concluded at the Pine Cone for prize drawings, tricky tray, and light snacks. A great event for all ages. The event raised almost \$1500, all of which was donated to the Clifton Community Library.

PICNIC - This event was held at the Pavilion located behind the Community Center. The club provided burgers, dogs, and water. It was attended by 50 participants. Everyone brought something to share. The event is open to the general public. This year we will tie the picnic and boat races together on the same day.

BANQUET/ANNUAL MEETING – After appetizers and drinks, the full house settled in to a barbeque chicken dinner followed by an informative talk by Chris Westbrook. A presentation was made to Clint and Patty Farnsworth to thank them for their many years of service. This year's guest speaker will be Dan Kelting from the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College.

Invasive Species

A recent poll in the Adirondacks found that invasive species is viewed as the single biggest concern. This is no surprise to those of us who stay in touch with lake maintenance locally or anywhere in the northeast. Please take a moment to follow the link to this article about what is being done to control invasive species.

<https://www.adirondackexplorer.org/stories/battle-against-invasive-species-continues-adirondack-waters>

Have you checked the vegetation in front of your lakefront property? Without doing so, you will not be able to determine if species present are new or not. Take time to sample your space each year.

Tools for sampling the lake are available for borrowing and Plant Sample Drop Boxes will be located in the Library Lobby. Plant samples collected can be identified and compared to those previously collected. Thanks to all who been active participants in this ongoing battle.

Loons

The Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation has a newsletter that may interest you. It has information about the work being done in the Adirondacks to better understand the population of loons and how we can all better protect them. I suggest you check out the most current newsletter by following this link

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/57dade1a59cc6819439278dd/t/5c7979981905f476efd72520/1551464857814/AdkCtrLoonConsvtnNwsltr+AdkTremolo+Winter-2019lr.pdf>

Water Quality

As you know from previous newsletters, the boat club team of Ed Kipp and John Englert do lake water sampling multiple times each summer and send these samples and observations to the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College for evaluation. We are fortunate to have the Executive Director of this institute as the guest speaker for our CLBC banquet on July 13. Mark your calendar for this enjoyable and informative late afternoon.

Website and Facebook Page

Go check the website at <http://www.cranberrylakeboat.club>

Our Facebook Page is "Cranberry Lake Boat Club"

Grass River Railroad (GRRR)

The Grasse River Railroad is engaged in negotiations with multiple landowners to fill in the pieces of the bed that are not already under easement. These negotiations are stewarded by the DEC and their help is invaluable. GRRR still has some wetlands issues to navigate but has encountered no insurmountable issues. Looks like this is going to become another unique asset for our region.

Commodore's Notes

1. Feeling like you want to become more involved in the boat club and the Cranberry Lake community? Why not become a director. Call Sally Holden at 508-829-5638
2. Another shout out to Mark Friden for his continuous trip down memory lane. His Facebook posts are teaching us all Adirondack history and geography! Well Done!
3. Want to help with the gardens and general upkeep of the beach? How about helping with the flower boxes on the bridge by the dam. Call Nick @ 732-718-7660
4. The next loon census in the Adirondack Park will be July 20th. Check in with Fred Guevara if you would like to participate.
5. The new deck on the golf course clubhouse is now complete. Congratulations to all those involved in this great project!
6. A special Thank You to Brett Blackmer for allowing us to have our dock attached to his property for the last 2 years!
7. Suggestions or Comments? Call Nick at 732-718-7660. Always happy to hear from you!

See you this summer on the lake,

Nick