

**LAKE PLEASANT- SACANDAGA  
ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING  
AUGUST 28, 2022**

## GREETINGS: TOM RIPPERE, PRESIDENT

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- THANK YOU for attending our Annual LPSA Membership Meeting.
- The Chairs of the various committees will provide reports on LPSA current activities
- The Treasurer's Report will be presented
- Members will vote on election of three new Directors and re-election of six current Directors

# ANNUAL MEETING 2022

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## **Introduction of Board Members**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2022

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## **Executive Board:**

Tom Rippere, President

Dan Wilt, First Vice President

Rich Armstrong, Second Vice President

Mitzi Fox, Vice President for Gifting

Kathy O'Connell, Secretary

Mark Donecker, Treasurer

## LPSA 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONTINUED

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- Betsy Bain, Supervisor Town of Lake Pleasant ~ Liaison
- Jeannette Barrett, Mayor of Speculator ~ Liaison
- Jim Hamond, President of Camp-of-the-Woods ~ Liaison
- Peter Tobiessen, Lake Ecologist
- Jim Olsen, Vice Lake Ecologist
- Lyn Van Druff, Past President
- Charlie Ascher, Past President

# LPSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022 CONTINUED

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- Bob Hogan
- Kim Lewis
- Chari Smith
- Ron Uva

# MINUTES FROM 2021 ANNUAL MEETING: KATHY O'CONNELL

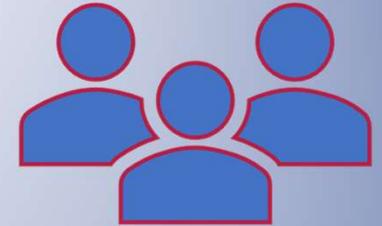
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**Annual  
Meeting of  
LPSA & LPSF**

**August 29,  
2021**

# 2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

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- Treasurer Mark Donecker presented the Treasurer's Report
- VP of Gifting, Mitzi Fox, presented a report on LPSF activities and funds
- Re-election of current Board members: Ron Uva and Lyn Van Druff
- Committee Chairs provided reports on lake water testing (CSLAP), lake shore monitoring, Lake Stewards, School Program, Communications, Farmer's Market, "Don't Feed the Weeds" information campaign, and septic system testing



**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES  
FROM THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETINGS  
FOR LPSA & LPSF**

**VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES  
FROM THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETINGS**



TEMPORARILY RECESS LPSA  
MEETING  
AND  
CONVENE LPSF MEETING

# **LPSF REPORT**

**MITZI FOX,  
VICE-PRESIDENT OF GIFTING**



## LPSF: FOUNDATION

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- LPSF General Fund and Huber Fund are both parts of the same Foundation, a 501(c)(3) unit
- Foundation was established in 1994 to provide a tax deduction for donations to support the Association's efforts to maintain the purity of our Lakes

## CONTINUED LPSF GOALS

The purpose of the Foundation General Fund is to provide funds on a regular basis to support the Association programs to maintain the health and beauty of our lakes.

The Huber Fund was established in 2011 in memory of Kathy Huber. The goal of the Huber Fund is to have funds available to combat any environmental emergency that might be detected in our Lakes.

A long-term goal of the Huber Fund is to be Self Sufficient, with earnings to provide funding for the Foundation General Fund.

John Huber continues to match all contributions to the Huber Fund

- We encourage all members to continue to support the Foundation General Fund and the Huber Fund with their contributions. Particularly the Huber Fund when one's donations are matched by donations from John Huber.
- We continue to thank you, the members, and John Huber for the continuing support we enjoy.

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**ADJOURN LPSF MEETING;  
RECONVENE LPSA ANNUAL  
MEETING**



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**OUR LAKE QUALITY  
PETER TOBIESSEN, LAKE ECOLOGIST**

LAKE WATER  
TESTING -  
CSLAP REPORT

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PETER  
TOBIESSEN  
AND JIM OLSEN



PETER TOBIESSEN: CSLAP  
(**CITIZENS STATEWIDE LAKE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**)

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- The data from our water samples last year tell us that Lake Pleasant's water quality is good and has been stable over the last 8 years.
- If you have any questions, contact Peter Tobiessen at [tobiessp@union.edu](mailto:tobiessp@union.edu)



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**LAKE MONITORS**  
**JIM OLSEN, VICE-LAKE ECOLOGIST**

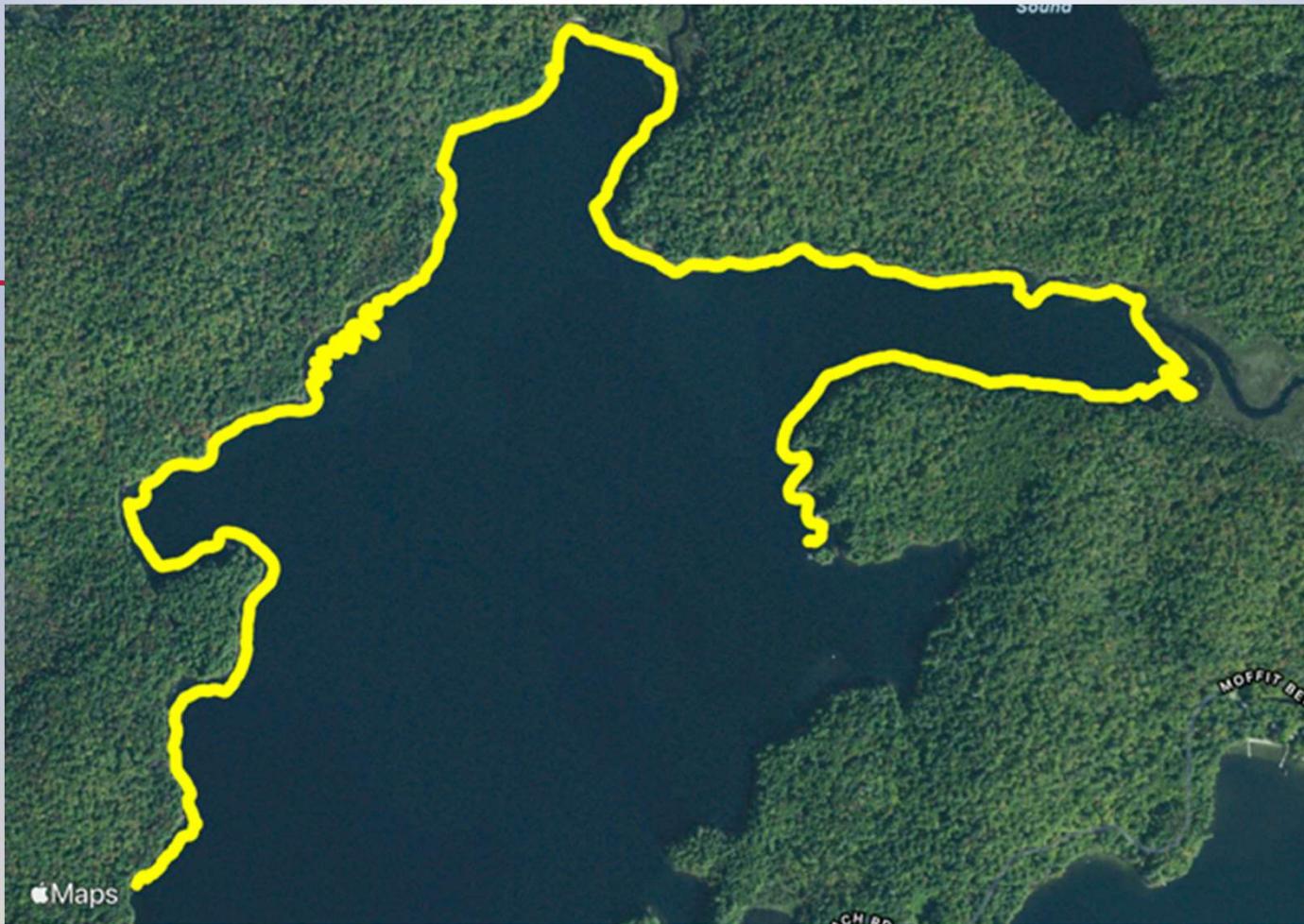
The goal of this program is to locate invasive weeds very early after their introduction, when their population is small enough to eradicate. This is the most important aspect of our program to prevent nasty weeds from colonizing our lakes.

Our member lakeshore monitors have found no sign of invasive aquatic weeds in our lakes.

If you want to join us as a monitor, contact Jim Olsen:

email: [jamesrolsen@msn.com](mailto:jamesrolsen@msn.com) / phone 402-203-0626





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**3.29 mi**

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Date:  
**Aug 13, 2022**



# LAKE STEWARDS

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TOM RIPPERE

# LAKE STEWARD MANAGEMENT

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- Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) at Paul Smith's College continues to manage the Lake Stewards in the Adirondack Park, with funding from New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
- LPSA along with the Town of Lake Pleasant wrote a grant application 8 years ago and was given funds to purchase the decontamination (DECON) Boat Wash that is located South of Speculator on Route 30 (northbound side). It is open Thursday- Monday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

DECONTAMINATION  
("DECON")  
BOAT WASH UNIT  
ON ROUTE 30

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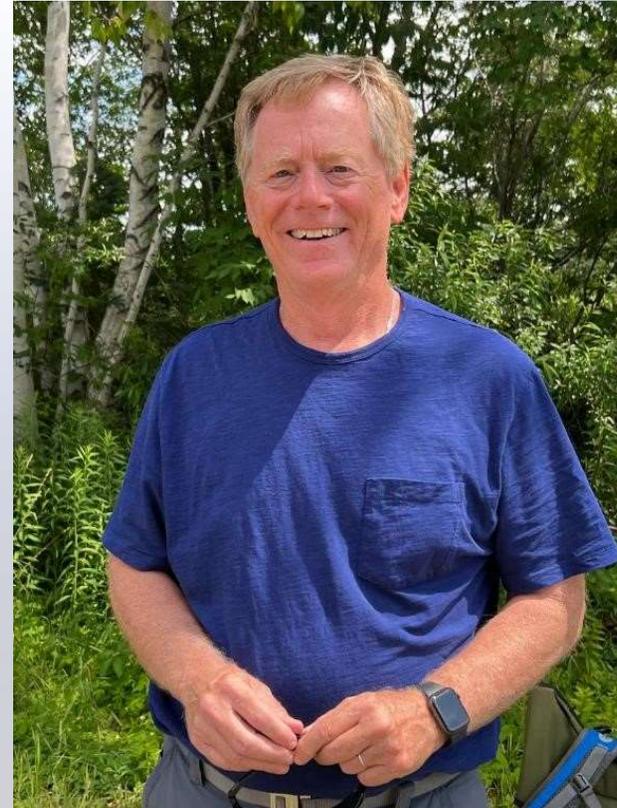
# LAKE STEWARD MANAGEMENT

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- AWI has funded a Lake Steward at the Moffitt Beach boat ramp for many years.
- LPSA and the Town of Lake Pleasant funded a Lake Steward at the Speculator Pavilion boat ramp for several years.
- Starting in 2020 AWI funded a Lake Steward at the Speculator Pavilion boat ramp, five days per week.
- In 2021 and this year, LPSA and Town funded additional Stewards for Tuesday-Wednesday at Moffitt Beach and Speculator Pavilion to provide coverage seven days per week. We also hired a Steward to inspect boats at Lake Pleasant Marine on Saturday and Sunday.



Lake Steward, Darcy Foutch



Lake Steward, Bob Hogan

# LAKE STEWARD MANAGEMENT

- Camp-of-the-Woods continues to provide excellent monitoring and reporting of all boats launched at their ramp.



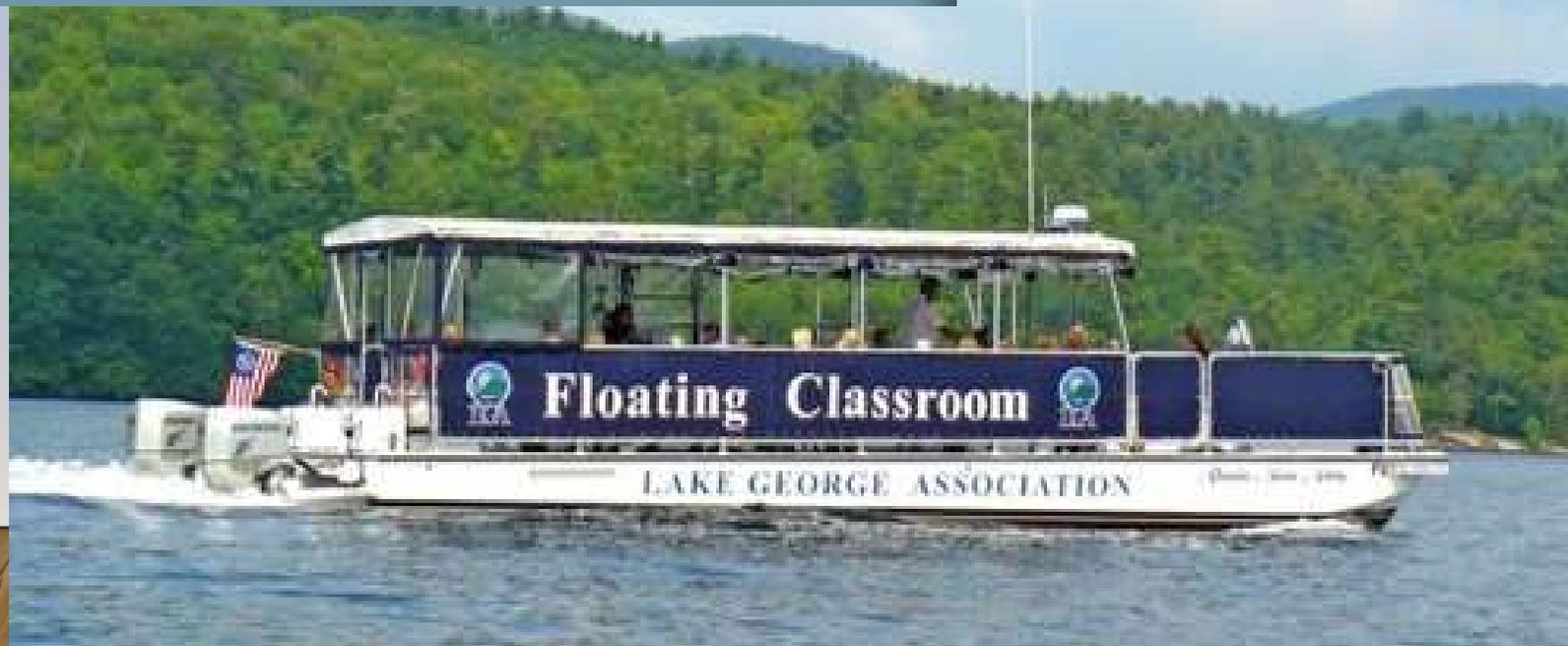
## LAKE STEWARD MANAGEMENT



- We must rely on property owners with ramps leading to our lakes to inspect all boats.

# LAKE PLEASANT SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM

**CHARLIE ASCHER**



## AT THE JUNIOR HIGH LEVEL

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- Students in the 7th and 8th grade classes taught by Ryan Marshall were asked to develop a presentation that explained the dangers of invasive land plants, insects, and animals to the Adirondack Park Region.
- Students researched the ways in which these invasives were introduced, how they might be identified, what impacts they make on ecosystems and ultimately the economy of our region, how they may be removed or managed and the costs for such remediation programs.
- Finalists were chosen by members of LPSA who were invited to present awards at Lake Pleasant Central School.

CONTEST PRIZE WINNER RECEIVED A PLAQUE AND MONETARY REWARD FOR THEIR EFFORTS.



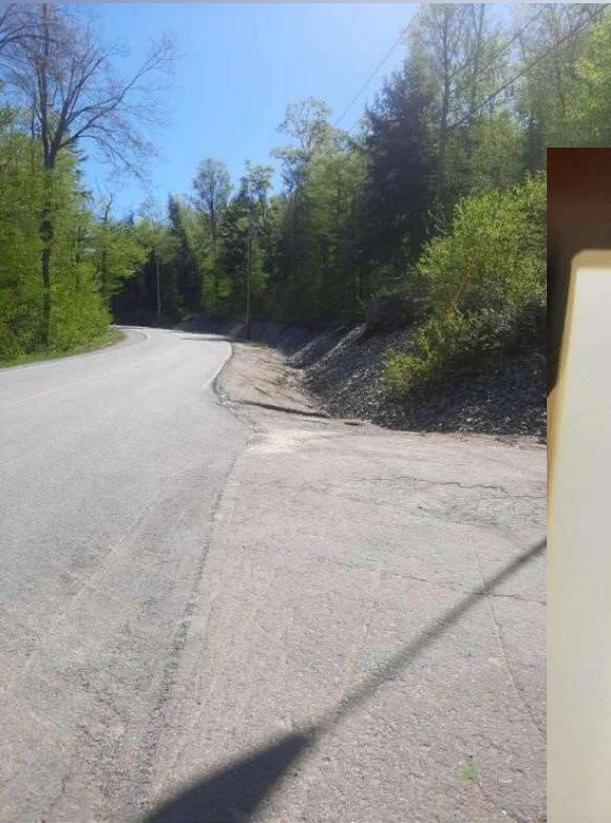
# HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT STAFF CREATED A FIELD TRIP TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-6 EROSION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.



**SOUTH SHORE ROAD, A LOGGED SITE, AND ELBOW CREEK  
WERE OUR STOPS.**



STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT BMPS (BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES) TO CORRECT SITUATIONS INCLUDING RIP RAP, COCONUT BLANKETS AND COIR LOGS, AND HYDROSEEDING



# STUDENTS WORKED IN TEAMS TO APPLY BMPS TO PILES OF LOOSE DIRT USING A VARIETY OF SUPPLIES



**“RAIN STORMS” CHECKED THE STUDENTS’ WORK TO SEE IF THEIR LAND WOULD HOLD OR ERODE.**



**MEMBERSHIP**

**RICH  
ARMSTRONG**



## 2022 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

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- Mail sent to all postal customers in Speculator and Lake Pleasant
- Personal contact with local business owners to increase number of Business Members
- Information table at Charlie Johns Store to invite people to join our lake association to help protect our lakes
- Direct mailing to property owners who are not LPSA members, who have an address outside of Lake Pleasant
- 35 new members have joined LPSA this year

# FARMER'S MARKET EDUCATION TABLE

TOM RIPPERE



## FARMER'S MARKET

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- Each summer LPSA has had a table at the Farmer's Market offering information regarding invasive land and aquatic plants.
- LPSA is working to raise awareness of the threats of invasive species in the Adirondacks.
- We have also provided information describing the mission and activities of LPSA, to encourage new members to join.

# COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

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**MITZI FOX**



## COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

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- LPSA has provided landscape plants, mulch, and maintenance for a number of flower gardens around Town
- For many years, LPSA has maintained the flowers in the traffic “triangle” at Four Corners
- We need a new Volunteer who is willing to take responsibility for this in the future

# NOMINATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS

LYN VAN DRUFF



# RETIREMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

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- Two of our current Board Members are requesting an early retirement to care for family members. We wish them good health and hope to have them participate in the future.
  - **Jon Tobiessen**
  - **Ron Uva**
- We have a Retirement of a long time and dedicated Board Member. She has been on the Board for more years than we can count. She has been on membership committee and as Town Clerk, helped recruit members many years ago. She also has organized our luncheons in many locations and provided a dedicated link to the Town for all LPSA needs. To say we will miss her, is an understatement.
  - **Chari Smith**

# REELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

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We have 6 Board Members who have requested to serve an additional term on the Board. The Nominating Committee presented them to the Board at our August Meeting and it is the recommendation that the Membership vote on their ReElection.

**Tom Rippere, Rich Armstrong, Mark Donecker, Kathy O'Connell, Jim Olsen and Peter Tobiessen**

Motion/vote:

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

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At the BOD August 2022 meeting, the Board voted, as per our ByLaws, for the following Slate of Officers.

**President: Dan Wilt**

**First Vice President: Rich Armstrong**

**Second Vice President:**

**Vice President of Gifting: Tom Rippere**

**Secretary: Kim Lewis**

**Treasurer: Mark Donecker**

# NEW CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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This year the Board is Delighted to Submit to the membership 3 Extremely diverse, enthusiastic, and dedicated Members to join the Board. They each bring unique talents to the table and each will, if elected, provide an ongoing strong presence within the Board.

- **Scott MacMillin**
- **Sharon Salter**
- **Craig Pedersen**

Motion/ vote:

# NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2022-2023

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Dan Wilt, Rich Armstrong, Tom Rippere, Kim Lewis, Mark Donecker, Jim Olsen, Peter Tobiessen

Mitzi Fox, Kathy O'Connell, Bob Hogan, Lyn Van Druff, Charlie Ascher

Scott MacMillin, Sharon Salter, Craig Pedersen

Jeannette Barrett, Jim Hammond, Betsy Bain

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WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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- Please visit our website: [LPSA-NY.org](http://LPSA-NY.org)
- On-Line event registration and payment via credit card or PayPal account
- Member Directory, with phone numbers, email address, and mailing address information
- Be sure to sign in and establish your Private Password, so you can access the Members Only section.
- Check out our Facebook Page to see PHOTOS and Announcements.

# LPSA 2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Our mission is to protect the health and beauty of all the lakes in the Town of Lake Pleasant. We want to protect against invasives, and native overgrowth.
- The economic health of our community is linked to the ecological health of our lakes, so we all need to do everything we can to protect them.
- Thank you for your support
- Motion to Adjourn