

Galway Lake Campers Association, Inc.

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Galway NY 12074

Mailing Address: 25 Washington Road, Scotia, New York 12302
A PRIVATELY OWNED MEMBERSHIP LAKE LOCATED IN GALWAY, NEW YORK

June 10, 2021

Dear GLCA Member,

Welcome to the 2021 summer season at beautiful Galway Lake. The GLCA administration has been busy for the past year attending to environmental, engineering, legal, and financial issues that impact your continued enjoyment of the lake. Your grove director is a source of updates regarding current activities by the Board. Please avail yourself of this detailed source of current lake management information.

The GLCA Board would like to thank Dale Swann for his 25 plus years of volunteer service to the Association as Director for the Rohling Section and many years on the Engineering Committee. His expertise and service will be sorely missed. I am happy to report that Mr. Kerry Brennan will replace Dale as Rohling Section Director.

The all-volunteer GLCA Board continues to look for additional campers willing to assist in numerous areas of lake management including those with an engineering bent. Thank you Sue Lantelme for volunteering to gather lake history materials. Please send copies (no originals) of your interesting historical lake stories, maps and photos to her. Contact Sue if you would like to be a part of the lake history project.

If you are a member in good standing and you have not yet received your copy of the 2021 Association Camp Directory, please contact your grove director.

Environmental

Bruce Kniskern and his Lake Preservation Committee continue their extensive efforts to help maintain the water quality of Galway Lake. Please feel free to contact either Bruce K. or me if you have questions about the attached report content or the Committee's lake quality goals. Copies of an abbreviated 2020 Galway Lake Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) report are available online at nysfola.org. Galway Lake continues to be a participation leader in this vital statewide program involving more than 270 New York State lakes.

Engineering

New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) recent report mandated engineering models for property safety downstream from the dam. A contract was let for these studies last fall and the completed report will soon be submitted to NYDEC for approval. DEC will also require more frequent (five-year) professional engineering studies as a consequence of our class "C" designation.

Routine maintenance in the vicinity of the dam continues to demand the attention of the Board. The subject of fencing at several locations around the lake remains an ongoing priority.

Legal

Your Board continues to interpret and elaborate on Association bylaws by enacting new GLCA policies. Please contact your grove director or Association officer to review current Association policies.

The GLCA Board created a new policy on May 29, 2021, banning hydrofoil watercraft of any design from Galway Lake. This Board decision goes into effect immediately. Further elaboration of this policy is forthcoming.

Financial

National insurance carriers advise that insurance rates will continue to rise. Our premiums for Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance have risen 30% for the next fiscal year. A contract for this insurance has been signed and paid. The remaining Association insurance policies are also likely to increase too, but by a smaller percentage. Increased insurance costs and mandated engineering activities will result in a substantial increase in annual operating costs in the near term. Peter Zakriski, our Sec./Treas., has been working hard to locate possible savings in a proposed 2021-22 budget as identified below.

Our volunteer financial staff have requested that campers not submit partial dues payments. Please submit the total annual amount due in a timely, single check. Payment of dues in full is a requirement for camper voting at the annual meeting.

Reminders

As you enjoy the lake this summer, please remember to abide by all safe boating laws (see the new Directory) that relate to boat operation. Please add your camp number on all boats and docks to ensure their ready return if found adrift.

We all value the peace and quiet of Galway Lake, so please be considerate of your neighbors at all times. In addition, please abide by all existing current regulations concerning the use of fireworks in NYS.

Emergency services to the lake often have a difficult time identifying camp numbers within groves. Please post your camp numbers at least three (3) inches high in a conspicuous location visible from the road.

Local emergency contact numbers are contained inside the front cover of the GLCA Directory. In addition, EMTs are requesting you fill out a medical emergency sheet (available from Galway EMS) for each member of your lake household and place it inside your freezer door.

If you leave a dock or boat on the lakebed during the winter, you do so recognizing it may be damaged or destroyed by ice movement during next year's annual refill process.

Annual Meeting

I would like to encourage you to attend the in-person annual Association Meeting scheduled for 7 PM on July 10, 2021, to better understand the lake management programs and procedures of your Association. An approved budget and the election of two at-large Board members are essential items that require membership action for regular Association business to continue into 2022.

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, please use the attached proxy form to designate another camper or your named Grove Director to represent your interests. Please mail your proxy to Ms. Lois Seyse, Clerk, 25 Washington Road, Scotia, New York 12302. Kindly ensure your proxy arrives several days before the meeting date.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget will provide funding for annual expenditures at near historic rates and includes funding for the Capital Reserve Fund to finance future capital projects. An abbreviated tentative 2021-2022 budget recently adopted by the GLCA Board has been appended below:

Taxes	\$37,000.00
Legal	\$18,000.00
Audit and Tax Preparation	\$3,000.00
Insurance	\$28,000.00
Donations, Fire & EMT	\$1,000.00
Maintenance	\$5,000.00
Clerk Office Expenses	\$5,000.00
Federation of Lakes dues	\$700.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00
Water Testing	\$2,800.00
Engineering – DEC Requirement	\$10,000.00
Pump Out Program	\$9,000.00
Contingency	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
Total	\$137,500.00

If adopted by the membership at the annual meeting, annual membership dues for 2021-2022 will be \$255.

The management of your GLCA continues to evolve to become more efficient and relevant to Galway campers and residents. We actively seek your input to improve your summer enjoyment of Galway Lake.

Sincerely,



Bruce F. Rowell, President GLCA

****PROXY****

To: Ms. Lois B. Seyse, Clerk
Galway lake Campers Association, Inc.
25 Washington Road
Scotia, New York 12302

I hereby appoint _____ to act for me in matters to be enacted at the July 10, 2021, Annual Meeting of the GLCA.

- Approval of the 2020 annual GLCA meeting Minutes
- Approval of the 2021-2022 Annual GLCA Budget
- Election of two GLCA Board members at-large for a two year term
- Any other business that may properly be brought before the meeting including an adjournment

Signed: _____

My Grove is: _____

My camp number is: _____

Date: _____

Write-in Question for the GLCA Board: