

LAKE GEORGE



## Fishing Alliance

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Lake George Fishing Alliance  
Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2010  
7 pm  
LGA Office  
(there was no jan mtg).

### **In attendance:**

Walt Kendall, Ed and Janet Donoghue, Bill Pike, John Schaninger, Pete Ferrone, Dave Collins, Barry Leeds, Dawn Keppler, Jeff Goldberg, Emily DeBolt, Jeff Johnson

### **Treasurers' Report – Dave Collins**

\$3751.68 as of Feb 2, 2010.

### **Secretary's Report – Emily DeBolt**

Renewed website with Nole-o Web Design.

We need to update memberships for 2010 with both County organizations.

### **Washington Co Fed Report – Bill Pike**

The salmon egg collection at the Adk hatchery met target – with around 1.2 million eggs collected. The Little Clear collection was poor and did not meet target. Lake trout egg take in Raquette Lake was also poor. The 3,000 summer held salmon were stocked in Lake George on October 14 and 15. The fish were around 10" by stocking time. Fish were netted in three locations on Lake George on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, at Hague, Indian, and Shelving Rock Brook. 7 LLS and 53 LT were collected.

### **Warren County Conservation Council – Jeff Johnson**

At the December meeting there was an update on operation Jackhammer, otherwise much of same info from Washington Co. report.

### **Other Business**

- Salmon Fishery

John S. is working on an article for the spring LGA newsletter. John will call Emily Z. and see if DEC is interested in the idea of trying to hold some salmon at the Essex County Hatchery. If so, then we will follow up with the Essex County hatchery. A contact might be Kevin Hart of the Essex Co. Federation.

- Ice Fishing Tournaments

The Lake George Ice Fishing Tournament will be Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. They will hand out LGFA brochures there as well as at the Hague and Chingacook tournaments. We will do a kids ice fishing clinic again at the Bolton tournament – with a portable shack and a table. Jeff will send Emily info about the tournament to post on the website.

- Fishing courtesy outreach

JJ will work on putting something together about boater courtesy/fishing courtesy. Idea is an educational piece that maybe the Park commission could send out with one of their mailings.

- Smelt Annual Survey – Dawn Keppler

Dawn surveyed 16 streams last year on the west shore. She would like to cover more this year and would like to have some volunteers help out by surveying streams for smelt. Dawn will work on a list of streams that need coverage and a data sheet for volunteers to fill out and turn in to her. Members of the group seemed very willing to help out and spread the word.

- Event Ideas

A Spring Fishing Catch and Release Tournament as an activity was suggested by Pete Ferrone

- Kids Fishing Clinic

Ideas for a 2010 Kids Fishing Clinic were also discussed. There is an event in April in Crandall Park that we might be able to get it on. Emily mentioned that the contact at the GF Rec Dept is Josh Milton.

- Shows

The Adk sportsman show is April 9,10,11 and the Done.

The Spring Boat show is in march, the 26-28. The group decided that they would like to do the boat show if we could get a space for free. Dave agreed to follow up with Roger Phinney.

Walt said he could help on Saturday – and Bill mentioned he should be able to help as well.

- Future of the group

Emails from Joe Greco and Mike Strutz were read since they couldn't make the meeting. It was discussed that there are different groups that fish the lake – perch and LT bring fisherman in the winter for ice fishing – which is a different crowd than the summer salmon fishermen. The idea of having quarterly meetings with activities was brought up - however the consensus seemed to be that we would fall apart even more if we met that infrequently. Ideas for events were discussed – including – smelt survey, helping stock salmon, kids clinics – ice fishing in winter and Crandall park in summer, spring catch and release fishing tourney. Also – the group felt that we just aren't getting our name out there – and that we need to do better at that. Barry Leeds made some suggestions about where we could advertise – and the idea of having a flyer with a "take one" brochure at area fishing and outdoors stores. Between getting some ads in the paper and the take 1 signs around town – we could launch a small scale media campaign to get the LGFA name out there more. Barry said he would gather some info and bring it for next meeting.

- Nominating Committee

The 2010 officers were nominated and elected as follows:

Ed D. President

Pete Ferrone: VP

Emily D: Secretary

Dave C: Treasurer.

Also – Bill Pike is still the Washington Co Rep, JJ is the Warren Co Rep, and Dave C is his alternate.

Next meeting is May 2, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Emily DeBolt  
Secretary