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KEUKA LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING HELD

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The Keuka Lake Association held its annual meeting on July 8th at Keuka College, where members of the association came together to discuss important matters pertaining to the lake. The meeting covered a range of topics, including updates on water quality, efforts to combat invasive species, safety on and around the lake, and the state of fish population in the lake.

Attendees heard from several guest speakers who shared their insights. Sheriffs Spike and Allard shared insight from their marine patrols as well as recent changes in water safety regulations. Matt Lochner of the NYSDEC provided a fisheries update on the lake, and Lexie Davis of Cornell Cooperative, updated the group on Shoreline and Stream Monitoring programs, the Watercraft Steward program, and the current operation to remove Starry Stonewort from the north end of the West Branch. Dr. Lisa Cleckner, of the Finger Lakes Institute, delivered the Annual “State of the Lake” giving members a high level overview of the overall health of the lake and trends that have been identified. Finally, John Hageen, the KLA Membership Board Chair reviewed current membership levels and stressed the importance of getting neighbors, family and friends engaged with the KLA to ensure all the vital programs discussed can continue.

As part of the meeting, new board members were voted in while recognition was given to those board members that terms were expiring. A special recognition was given to Margo McTaggart, KLA’s longtime Administrative Assistant who announced her retirement this year.

The meeting was a great success, with members leaving feeling informed and empowered to continue their efforts to maintain the health and beauty of Keuka Lake.

Founded in 1956, the Keuka Lake Association, with over 1500 members, provides a unified voice for those who love Keuka Lake. Our mission is to preserve and protect Keuka Lake and its natural beauty for future generations.