

IABA Meeting Minutes January 6, 2026

The meeting was held at Screamen Eagle, called to order at 6:30 by Jill Marsh. In attendance were: Jill and Karl Marsh, Janet and Ray Cardella, Karen and Brad Gorea, Connie Perry, Adele Murdock, Trae and Ali Skinner, Chris Simons, Sydney Richards, Kim Egenhofer, Joanne Kelly, Dave Scranton, Bonnie Lutz, Matt McCarley, Gino Velardi, Jake Holmes, Julie Meeks, Tommy Hugh, Margie and Bruce O'Hara, Stephen Cole, Carrie Stallard, Jennifer Blakeman, Steve Young, Jane Slack, Sharon Miller, Lynn Durkin, Jacob Wright and Holly Koeppe

Regular Reports:

Chair: The new Chair, Jill Marsh welcomed everyone to the meeting, spoke about the IABA mission and pledged the organization to promote all local businesses, collaborate on issues and support networking among businesses. She offered copies of her action plan, which was met with enthusiasm.

Secretary: Holly's December report did not get distributed until today and it was therefore decided to delay voting on acceptance until our next meeting.

Treasurer: Jane reported that contributions increased our expected income. She emailed the monthly report to the group. She reminded us that Jill needs to be added to the accounts as a signatory. Comments indicated agreement by all; no vote was taken.

Membership: Janet reports that membership is up by 41 paid members by this evening and reminds everyone to pay their dues if they have not already done so.

Welcome anyone new attending:

Bonnie Lutz, Town Clerk and owner of Refresh & Renew, has been a member for several years. Welcome Bonnie!

Welcome new Inlet business: Chris Simmons Electric LLC, Chris introduced himself, spoke about his training and experience. He can be reached at csimoelectric@gmail.com (315)427-8263.

Welcome new Inlet business: Northwoods Home Improvement: Matt McCarley and Gino Velardi. They introduced themselves, spoke about their training and experience. They can be reached at info@NWHIMPROVEMENT.NET (315)444-0466

Welcome new Inlet business: Chef Sydney Richards. She introduced herself, spoke about her experience all over the country, offered private catering as well as events and special occasions. She can be reached at SydneyRichardso@gmail.com (574)242-2209.

Old, New and Continuing Business:

CAA: Trae Skinner has been elected the new director of the CAA. He tells us of the Winter Carnival at McCauley Mt. the first weekend in February, with an Olympic theme. The annual CAA meeting will be held in January, probably the 28th. Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Several organizations, such as Living ADK, ANCA, CBIT, North Country Chamber of Commerce, ROOST have been invited to present information to interested parties at the end of our monthly meetings.

Events: Please see inletny.com for a list of upcoming events.

Champagne Bus was very successful but still needs the pledged contributions. \$1400 cost, only \$800 received so far,

Frozen Fire and Lights: A new king and queen have been appointed: Janet and Ray Cardella. Congratulations!

Kites: Holly and Lynn will set up meetings for kite assembly. Holly will meet with Jacob Wright regarding accommodations at Woods Inn for the kite fliers.

Ice Sculptures: See Adele to arrange an ice sculpture for your business.

Public comment: With a motion by Janet, seconded by Connie, a vote agreed for the IABA to join the CAA and the Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce.

The next IABA meeting will be held February 3rd at a location to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.