

IABA Meeting Minutes August 4, 2026

The meeting was held at Arthouse at the Warehouse and called to order at 6:35pm by Jill Marsh. In attendance were: Sabrina Nedell, Bonnie Lutz, Karen and Brad Gorea, Adele Burnett, Lynn Durkin, Connie Perry, Jill and Karl Marsh, Camry Liddle, Misty Townsend, BonNette Pomeroy.

New Items:

Some members have requested that meetings be recorded for those unable to attend. It was agreed to record all meetings unless someone present at each meeting had an objection. Recordings will be posted on YouTube.

Some members have requested that July and August meetings be held on a day other than Tuesday due to many conflicting events occurring Tuesday evenings those two months. This will be considered over the winter and decided before July 2027.

****Regular Reports****

****Chair****: Jill reports that she and Adele met with ROOST representatives on 7/15, including our territory lead, COO, Web Development lead and Marketing Director and it went very well. If we submit information to ROOST about our community, including photo shoots, live feeds and events, ROOST will get the info out. Check with Adele to submit any items.

The IABA supports the Consolidated Funding Application to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation submitted by Town of Inlet/Living ADK to further upgrades to Fern Park.

Jill reminds us to notify the board of any likely candidates for Treasurer. Holly asks to amend the minutes of the July meeting where it was reported that Jane is resigning at the end of the year. During our executive board meeting Jane was adamant that she won't resign, she simply will not accept the nomination if it is offered. Recognizing that Jane is not withdrawing her longstanding support of the IABA, the changes are accepted by all present.

****Treasurer:**** Jane was not present. She submitted all reports to Jill and Adele who reports that there are no significant changes. One of the CDs will mature at the end of this month.

****Secretary:**** Holly reports nothing new other than amending the July meeting minutes as noted above. Minutes approved by all present.

****Membership:**** Janet was not present. Adele reports no changes since July. Jill mentions that she has a new business interested, the No Bull Line Dancers, and will keep us

updated. All membership dues paid after September 1 will be considered payment for the 2027 membership.

****Information Office and Town of Inlet Updates:**** Adele reports that the Town will hold a public hearing on August 15 at 5:30 at the Town Hall regarding the Woods Inn subdivision proposal.

****Prior Business/Action Review:**** No prior actions from last meeting.

****General Topics****

****Inlet Celebrates USA 250th****

The scheduled boat parade has been rescheduled to 8/8 due to inclement weather on 7/18. Meet at 5:30 at Eagle Bay Village.

Best decorated business-618 votes submitted by 7/21! Winner TBA in August.

August 15th-Birthday Cocktail party at Sixth & Seventh has not sold very many tickets and it has been decided to make some changes. The birthday committee proposes that the IABA provide band entertainment as scheduled but cancel the cocktail party. The restaurant will remain open to the public and many will enjoy the excellent food and drinks at their own expense and free entertainment provided by the IABA. We will put out a donation jar. After some discussion, the members present voted to move forward with these changes.

Throughout the summer, enjoy the History Walk at Fern Park. Kudos to Joanne Kelly at the Inlet Library for making this beautiful display happen!

The next USA Birthday committee meeting will be at 6:30 on 8/25 at Screamen Eagle.

****Paws in the Peaks**** August 8 at Fern Park. The second annual fundraiser for local animal shelters, will have food, drinks, games, merchandise and animals for adoption!

****CAA Update:**** Trae was not present.

****BFC Update:**** Adele reports that there are still payments and donations to be processed, so no final report is yet available. Jill mentions that the BFC requires a bookkeeper who may be the IABA treasurer, but does not have to be the same person. Everyone should keep in mind that they may be or know someone who might like to be BFC bookkeeper, but not IABA treasurer, or both.

****Inlet Business Topics****

State of business 2026: Business is way down this season, although picking up a bit in August. There was some discussion as to possible reasons for this-gas prices, people not traveling, spending less money, different demographic-younger customers not interested in traditional or "touristy" things, lack of parking. Bonnie has suggested a parking kiosk in Arrowhead Park, which has become standard in most ADK tourist spots. Lynn suggested this be brought before the Town Board again with a note that locals should be given free passes to conduct their business.

****Inlet Business Highlight****

****ArtHouse at the Warehouse:**** Sabrina and BonNette report that after a slow start in this, their 6th season, they are doing well. They offer numerous items made by local artisans, hold classes throughout the season including an upcoming quilting, painting and more. They offered us a tour and everyone was very impressed. See their website or stop by for more information about merchandise and events.

****Camry Creative:**** Camry Liddle, a lifetime resident of Old Forge is promoting her new business, Camry Creative, from which she provides her clients with Marketing, Social Media Management, Content Creation, Photography, Videography, Branding and Graphic Design and Digital Support. Contact her at 315-369-5444 or at camrycreative@gmail.com.

****IACF:**** Connie reports that all is well at the Community Gardens. With funds raised by grants and donations, the IACF was able to completely surround the gardens with fencing to prevent deer and other critters from nibbling on the crops. 25 family gardens were rented this season and all are productive. Connie gave a rundown of one family's crop thus far, demonstrating how much money was saved compared to shopping for that produce at Kalil's. In the upper garden, there are two wheelchair sites available for personal farming. New woodchip base was put down, donated by Levi Lumber. A flower garden was also installed on the upper level, which truly beautifies the space. Connie expresses deep thanks to all who contributed to making the gardens a success, especially Jennifer Blakeman and Steve Young, who gave so much of their time and effort.

****Public Comments:**** Nothing was offered for discussion.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 at the Woods Inn. **This is a date and location change from the previous notice. Viking Village is hosting the October meeting, but we still need locations for November, December and beyond.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.