IABA Meeting Minutes October 6, 2026

The meeting was held at Viking Village. Our thanks to Trae and Ali Skinner for their hospitality.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Lynn Durkin. In attendance were: Lynn Durkin, Adele Burnett, Connie Perry, Toni and Greg Rudd, Trae and Ali Skinner, Karen Kessler, Julie Meeks, Brad and Karen Gorea, Jane Slack(zoom), Holly Koeppe, Ray and Janet Cardella, Joanne Kelly, John Repoucci.

Regular Reports

Chair- Jill absent

Vice Chair-Lynn-no report

Treasurer - Jane submitted reports to the board through email.

Secretary - Holly reports nothing new. Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Membership - Janet has nothing new.

Information Office - Adele reiterated messages sent out through emails, including thanking everyone who made Adirondack Kids Day a success, shared information about the RERC workshops she recently attended (which has been and will be amazing for Inlet's future), and reminded everyone that Adirondack Christmas on Main Street is coming up so please let her know when you will be open and what you will be offering for this busy weekend.

Prior Business/Action Review

Jill is designing a form for website updates from businesses. Those that fill it in get the opportunity to be drawn for a business highlight on social media. Jill's plan/form will be presented at the November meeting.

ALL- Please consider donations for kite-flyer's stay at Wood's Inn. Jane noted that there are funds in the IABA budget for this already. These funds were not utilized in 2026 because the Woods Inn donated the rooms. Someone will check with Woods Inn to see if they will offer that again; if not, we have funds. Incidentally, Hockey in Eagle Bay will take place 2 weeks before kites!

General Topics

2026 Board Elections - Positions up for election include: Vice Chair, Membership, Treasurer (Chair, Secretary, Member at Large will be 2027). One nomination for treasurer was received. Nominations are due on or before the November meeting.

HASCA donation request - $300 donation already in budget - no vote needed

CAA update - Trae reports Octoberfest very successful at OUTER SPACE in Old Forge on October 3rd. Hallowed Forge is upcoming. Planning for Adirondack Christmas on Main Street is underway. He also stated that future CAA meetings will start at 6:00 p.m.

BFC Update - Adele reports next meeting is 11/20.

Business Topics

Highlight - No Bull Line Dancers - John and his partner teach all levels and travel to various places around the state holding 2 hour sessions for 8-13 dances. There was a lot of enthusiasm for the ideas presented and John was open and receptive to new sites and events in our area.

Public Comment

Julie Meeks read a notice to the members regarding concerns about the IABA budget versus available funds versus requests for donations from local businesses for various events. Adele noted that the IABA does not solicit donations from any businesses. The Town of Inlet sponsors various events and local businesses often contribute. There was some discussion regarding Julie's concerns and it was agreed that a committee to address the use of IABA funds in ways more advantageous to local businesses should be formed. Jane suggests checking with BOCES for student projects to assist this effort.

Connie announces that her business, Frisky Otter Tours, will be closing at the end of this season. There is inventory of boats, boards and accessories available with discounts, so we should spread the word. This business will be sorely missed in our community.

Ali Skinner stated that Kinderwood's Snowmakers Ball would be held on December 5th at McCauley Mountain and this year's theme will be "Silver & Gold."

Joanne Kelly mentioned a couple Inlet Public Library events coming up: Read-In with the Animals @ Moose River Farm on October 10 and a Poetry Reading with Allen Guy Wilcox on October 21.

The next IABA meeting will be held at Screamen Eagle on November 3rd at 6:30pm.

With a motion by Adele, seconded by Janet, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, Holly Koeppe, Secretary