

MINUTES of the 34th LWWH ANNUAL MEETING MAY 7, 2011

Welcome, Introductions, Call To Order

Carol Mellor, President, called the annual business meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests. She reviewed the agenda packet prepared for this meeting.

Adoption Of The 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

Judy Samuelson, filling in for out-going Secretary Ann Sandford, reported that the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting had been reviewed and approved by two members of the board and that copies of these minutes were available. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Emoke Forman stated the checking account opening balance was \$2,323.05. Income was \$2,525. Expenses totaled \$4,440.86. The closing balance was \$407.19. The NYS Education Fund totals \$1,689.92. The savings account balance is \$6,792.72 and the CD balance is \$49,071.

Budget 2011-2012

Glorian Berk, incoming co-president, presented the proposed budget, as prepared by a committee of Carol Mellor and Glorian and approved by the Board. Planned income is projected to be \$26,550; expenses should total the same amount (less than 2010). Grants will be sought to offset expenses, especially for Running and Winning. Glorian noted an aggressive fundraising goal and asked for fundraising ideas consistent with League principles and objectives. The membership approved the budget.

President's Report

Carol Mellor cited the following accomplishments:

- The Education Committee ran the Running and Winning program, once again a big success. This year, about 35 young girls and about 15 women elected officials explored questions of civility in public discourse.
- In the fall, Voter Services accomplished a huge project helping to educate the public about the new voting machines. We addressed more than 15 organizations, using PowerPoint presentations and graphic representations of the new machines, and distributed literature at our usual voter registration haunts. We created a short TV show which was shown on local stations covering the machines and the new, simplified absentee voter law.
 - We received a \$2000 grant from the Long Island Foundation to support this project, and so we did all this without impacting on our fiscal health.
- Another coup for Voter Services: the League was asked to run the East Hampton library referendum election, which we did with style and efficiency, and for which we were remunerated.
- The Special Events committee organized our participation in the Westhampton Beach Flea Market. We made money, but as importantly, handed out literature about us, about the new voting machines, about absentee balloting and, in response to our project on citizen services education, about the help available in our community to people in need.
- We hosted candidate debates.

- We introduced Hot Topics luncheons, which attracted non-members as well as regulars. New members were gained at both luncheons.
- The Government Committee addressed numerous community groups on the benefits of adopting the Council/Manager model of local government. It also launched an Observer Corps in both Towns.

Bylaws

Carol Mellor presented the amendments, the intent of which were solely to bring language of the first sections into conformance to League of Women Voters guidelines. They were approved.

Carrie Chapman Catt Award

Carol announced that Arlene Hinkemeyer was the recipient of the Hamptons League’s highest award, named for the League’s founder. She noted Arlene’s dedicated service and prolific contributions including raising the League’s profile and in publicizing every event. Arlene gave brief, gracious thanks.

Betty Desch Award

Mary Blake and Terri Levin Davgin, Education Committee Co-Chairs, presented the 2011 Award to Thalia Olaya, a senior at East Hampton High School. The award recipient should be a role model, who, in the opinion of teachers and administration, exemplifies leadership, good judgment, appropriate risk taking, initiative, intelligence and integrity. In the words of her nominating teacher: “Thalia is a true leader, with the passion, drive, kindness, creativity and intelligence to help make our world a better place.”

LWVH Nominating Committee Report 2011

Naomi Epstein, Chair, acknowledged the Nominating Committee: Mireille Lister, Glorian Berk, Barbara McClancy and Ursula Lynch, and then presented the slate of officers and directors for 2011.

Glorian Berk Judi Roth	Co-President Co-President
Mary Blake Terri Levin Davgin Arlene Hinkemeyer	Co-Vice President Co-Vice President Vice President
Judy Samuelson	Communications Secretary
Ursula Lynch	Elected Director
Naomi Epstein	Elected Director

Appointed Directors

To serve 1-year terms at the discretion of the Board: Joy Cordery, Jane Dell, Mireille Lister, Anne Marshall, Barbara McClancy, Susan Wilson

Election Of Officers And Directors

Carol invited other nominations from the floor, noting that the nominee must have given permission. Since there were none, a motion to approve the nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The new leadership team is as follows:

Glorian Berk	Co-President	2013
Judi Roth	Co-President	2013

Emoke Forman	Treasurer	2012
Judy Samuelson	Communications Secretary	2013
Terri Levin Davgin	Vice President	2013
Arlene Hinkemeyer	Vice President	2012
Maura Lester	Vice President	2012
Arlene Makl	Vice President	2012
Naomi Epstein	Elected Director	2013
Sally James	Elected Director	2013
Ursula Lynch	Elected Director	2013
Gladys Remler	Elected Director	2012
Joy Cordery	Appointed Director	2012
Jane Dell	Appointed Director	2012
Mireille Lister	Appointed Director	2012
Barbara McClancy	Appointed Director	2012
Anne Marshall	Appointed Director	2012
Susan Wilson	Appointed Director	2012

Remarks by New Co-Presidents

Judi Roth praised the involvement, broad interests and abilities of League members. She asked for the group's ideas and energy to move the League forward in the coming years.

Glorian Berk thanked the group for their confidence in allowing her to lead within just five years of joining our local League. She and Judi have shared goals of continuing to educate ourselves and the public on candidates and issues. She issued a challenge to those present to grow and maintain membership and to get passive members more actively involved in our programs and committees.

Adoption Of Local Positions

Judi Roth presented the local positions as recommended to members by the board and sent in the annual meeting packet. All were read, discussed if necessary, then moved for adoption, seconded, approved. They are:

1. Recycling and Solid Waste

Support of recycling, composting and regional cooperation on solid waste management for Southampton and East Hampton Towns supporting recycling, composting and regional cooperation (LWVH consensus 1989).

2. New County For The East End

Support of the formation of a new county composed of the towns of East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton and Southold. (LWVH consensus 1997)

3. Closure Of Millstone Nuclear Power Plant

Support of the closure of the Millstone Nuclear Power Plant in Waterford, Connecticut, as there are no safe emergency or evacuation plans in place that would protect the public of East Hampton and Southampton as required by U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations in the event of an emergency.

4. Affordable Housing

Support of a diversity of affordable housing opportunities to meet the current and future

housing needs of all citizens, regardless of economic circumstances. Support of mixed-use development and housing types of varying sizes and price ranges and encouragement of efficient permitting processes and collaborative community based planning for long-term land use. (LWVH consensus 2002)

5. Work Force Center For Day Laborers

Support of the establishment of a hiring center for day laborers in the Hamptons as a humane response to day-laborer hiring practices Such a center will reduce traffic congestion and provide a safe and clean environment where an orderly hiring process can take place. (LWVH consensus 2007)

6. Council/Manager Form Of Government

Support the reorganization of town governments to create the position of town manager who will assume administrative responsibilities thereby providing town boards greater opportunity to set policy and strategic direction. (LWVH consensus 2009)

Proposed programs for exploration in 2011-2012

Judi presented the following potential meeting topics.

- Consolidation of services by town government agencies. This was a follow-up to our exploration of the Council/Manager model of government and involves research into what areas seem appropriate for consolidation/cost savings. This study could be done in conjunction with the state study on consolidation and shared services in government.
- Shared services by school districts.
- Monitor services available to women and children in the Hamptons and take action where appropriate.
- Attempt to facilitate improved communication among our elected officials

Members adopted the recommended program as our local program for the coming year.

Closing

There being no directions to the Board from the floor, Carol closed the meeting by thanking everyone who had supported this annual meeting. We adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Samuelson, Communications Secretary