

Hazard Library Association Annual Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021

The meeting was held on Zoom.

PRESENT: Nancy Hart, Patricia Covert, Deb Beyea, Connie Rejman, Betsy Donald, Lisa Semenza, and Bess Simkin with community members Sarah Glogowski, Guy Garnsey, and Jackie Dickinson

PRESENTER: Dr. Dana Hall, President of OWLA with his program titled: *Local Impact of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid*

The meeting was brought to order at 7:06 p.m. by President, Nancy Hart, who introduced our speaker for the evening.

Dr. Hall showed pictures and discussed the concerns of the Woolly Adelgid as it sucks the sap from Hemlock trees in our area. The trees provide shade and hold the top soil in place so that it does not wash into the waterways. The trees attacked will eventually die which is a danger to the lakes and waterways where the trees grow in dense stands on hills, ravines, gullies, and glens adjacent to these waterways. He noted that there is currently no predator on the East Coast for these insects. There are predators on the West Coast that keep the Woolly Adelgid at bay, and The Cornell Hemlock Initiative is looking into bringing these predators to the East Coast. A group called the Owasco Hemlock Hunters go out and check the trees and spray the largest trees affected by the Woolly Adelgid which is a time-consuming and often difficult task considering the geographic location of the trees and the fact that many of the Hemlock stands are on private property which means getting permission from landowners. A small crew walked all 17 locations that have been mapped out, and of the thousands of Hemlocks in these areas, it is estimated that about 2/3 of these trees are infested. With treatments and the introduction of the predators from the West Coast, it is estimated that it will take about 10 years for balance to be established. The insecticide can be sprayed April-June, and September-December. Great care is given when spraying that no spray gets on the ground which could then get into the waterways. OWLA has already spent about \$25,000 on this project. They are currently looking for foundation grants. Residents near other lakes in the area are also forming groups to check their Hemlocks as well. It is thought that the Woolly Adelgid was introduced around 1980 in VA probably with an origin from Japan.

Questions/suggetions:

Patricia Covert noted that she has Hemlocks on her property and asked how she, as an individual, could treat her trees. Dr. Hall suggested contacting CCCE or Soil and Water and they can direct her.

Connie Rejman suggested the FFA and other school groups could possibly get involved.

Nancy thanked Dr. Hall for this informative program.

SARAH GLOGOWSKI, FLLS DIRECTOR, discussed information and updates about the libraries in the FLLS. All 33 libraries are offering services— four of these are only offering curbside. By June 1, all libraries must have a minimum number of hours of service. Trustee training/education is coming possibly in June. Bullet Aid is back. Lisa thanked Sarah for all her input during COVID with so many updates—many on a week to week basis. Some patrons like contactless and curbside service and we may need to continue to accommodate this feature into our service.

LISA went over the Annual Report Brochure.

Patricia gave a brief overview of our finances for the year. The income was \$85,000 and the expenses were \$64,000. The books are balanced and we are able to operate well with the monies we have.

Patricia contacted CLNB to see if a representative can talk with us either in person or by Zoom about the best way for us to invest our monies which are currently in CD's. A meeting date will be set up and she will ask to have it recorded for those who may not be able to attend.

A MOTION was made by Connie Rejman and seconded by Deb Beyea to accept the 2020 Treasurer's Report and the 2021 Budget. Carried.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: A motion was made by Patricia Covert and seconded by Bess Simkin to accept SANDY CHANDLER and SONJIA TURNER as new board members. Carried.

SARAH GLOGOWSKI discussed quarantining books and materials now for 24 hours only. The CDC has relaxed cleaning standards now recommending disinfecting high-touch areas such as door knobs only at the end of each business day. Hazard and Aurora are now quarantining books and materials 7 days and will drop it down to 2-3. There will be some Federal grant reimbursement monies for COVID related supplies with the majority of libraries getting about \$523, but larger libraries will be getting more.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 10. ZOOM, but could be held in person, outside if nice. Masks and required distancing would be required.

ADJOURNED; 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Donald, Secretary.