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*Dear Findley Lake Neighbors,*

*As we welcome in the new year, we would like to express our gratitude to the 200+ members of the Findley Lake Watershed Foundation for your support over the past year. 2018 was a year of many accomplishments. Thanks to the hardwork of the watershed foundation board members in particular Phil Persons and Ed Mulkearn we were able to secure enough grant funding to allow replacement of our weed harvester. We will be taking delivery this spring and will be well prepared for the upcoming weed cutting season. On our grounds near the Dam a Flag pole beautification project was completed along with ongoing maintenance projects to the waterwheel overlook building.*

*The Watershed Foundation remains as the sole organization responsible for maintaining our Lake for all of us to enjoy. Weed Management and Harvesting is our largest undertaking and with your support we continue to refine and improve our operation to most effectively carry out this task.*

*With the dam restoration project completed and a new harvester awaiting delivery Findley Lake is primed for many years of enjoyment. Please support the Watershed Foundation with your contributions as we can continue the Weed Management and Harvesting, maintain the grounds, gazebo, waterwheel overlook, and provide for water quality testing. We hope that you will continue to be an integral part in the care and maintenance of Findley Lake by renewing or becoming a new member in 2019. Without member dues we cannot accomplish what is necessary to keep Findley Lake healthy and safe for everyone.*

*Attached please a message from our President along with the 2019 membership form. Please complete and return with your membership dues.*

*Thank you for your continued support to care for Findley Lake.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lex Brumagin  
Membership Chairman  
Findley Lake Watershed Foundation*

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## Watershed Foundation

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**Hello Everyone,**

***You are receiving your application for membership for the 2019 season. I have fielded several questions concerning the purchasing of a new weed harvester and unloading conveyors. We have also received many comments (95% positive) on the improvements we have made to our property in town and at the area we lease from the Town of Mina for our harvesting operations. Before we ask you for financial support I would ask you to consider what we have accomplished in the 15 years since we began our weed harvesting program.***

***-We purchased our existing equipment in 2005. We have operated it successfully since then at an average cost of \$30,000 per year. Dues and membership donations funded the \$70,000 loan we assumed after Grants (\$45,000).***

***-We re-built the break wall at our dam at a cost of \$655,000. The Watershed Foundation contributed \$135,000 from dues and membership donations.***

***-We began our 15 year property up-grades with the addition of the lights, wall and flag poles. This project is being undertaken as funds become available. At the same time we have not deferred maintenance on our existing assets. We have spent an average of \$4,500 per year on this project.***

***-We conducted and funded the necessary studies to identify the adverse effects of septic systems in the watershed. This provided the Town of Mina valuable information they were able to use in their efforts to establish a sewer district. That effort was not successful. We are currently involved with Chautauqua County exploring the possibility of a shared services County Sewer District. Your Board of Directors continue to support finding a cost effective way to eliminate septic systems in the watershed.***

***-With the generous help of a couple of Downtown Merchants we have been able to provide public restrooms and open up the Waterwheel building for non-profits to use this beautiful facility.***

***-Many other services including stump and log removal, boat ramp maintenance, lake level control, etc..***

***So where are we going? The Board has approved the purchase of a new harvester and on shore equipment. This new equipment will reduce by well over 50% the trips we take returning to unload. Total cost of this project is \$250,000. We have grant funding in place to cover \$140,500 (\$20,000 from the town of Mina and \$12,000 from the Findley Lake Community Foundation) and we have a buyer for our used equipment at \$40,000. This leaves us with a balance of \$69,500. We can manage a loan in that amount. However, we are also beginning to evaluate the benefits of aeration in the lake similar to what is done in reservoirs to control algae. This will be expensive and there will be grant funds available for a project. We will have to fund the studies to move the project to grant fundable status.***

***When you are filling out your membership application please consider a donation towards the new harvesting equipment. Dollars not spent on loan servicing can be spent on future lake quality improvements. You as members have allowed us to achieve our goals for the last 60 years. Without your support none of this would have been possible.***

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**Respectfully,**

**Edward M. Mulkearn, President**



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## 2019 Membership Application -

*Your support is greatly appreciated!*

**Name & Mailing Address:**

**Findley Lake Address:**

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**Please give us your Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Indicate any address change here*

**2019 Annual Membership Dues**

**\$ 125.00**

**Weed Harvester/ Other**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Make all checks payable to Findley Lake Watershed Foundation.**  
**Please Return to PO Box 125 Findley Lake, NY 14736**  
**Membership expires December 31st of each year so join now!**