

Minutes of ELPOI

Annual Meeting

July 7, 2001

The Annual Meeting of ELPOI began at 10:10 AM on July 7, 2001
President Rolf Tiedemann welcomed all.

He announced that a sign-in sheet would be circulated to record new addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses.

A Thank You card for Bob Johnson, research scientist at Cornell Univ., and a Get Well card for Ruth Cummings were circulated for the membership to sign. Best wishes were extended to Jim Davis, Ruth Cummings, and John Culley who had surgery recently.

Proxy qualification and use was explained: only a member in good standing can use and/or exercise a proxy; a member may hold no more than two proxies. Vice President Lloyd Burroughs requested all restrict comments to no more than 5 minutes.

Rolf announced that dues, supporting donations, and picnic fee may be paid to the Treasurer, Peter Buechner. Thanks were given to Sharon Zankel who is organizing today's picnic and has kindly donated the hot-dogs and hamburgers. Those giving donations prior to the end of the meeting would be eligible for a drawing of a video about Fort Ticonderoga. The video will be presented to the membership by Bob Stevens. (Later in the meeting Rolf corrected the qualification for the video drawing to include all present without regard to donations.) Sweatshirts are available for purchase at \$12.00 each. Rolf has given away sweatshirts, to politicians and others as a PR tool. Rolf pointed out the display of educational information - brochures on biological control of milfoil, SePro publications, CSLAP report, Septic Report, Acentria moth information, other. He assured the membership that the Board is not "looking at one specific approach" for managing milfoil but at all available options to find "the best approach."

Rolf introduced the officers and the Board of Directors.

Peter Buechner, who is resigning as Treasurer, was applauded by the membership for his 30 years service in that position

Rolf introduced new property owners: *Charles Robinson* who purchased the Geisel property and *Kathy Cerny* who now owns the P. Smith property.

Rolf introduced guest *Amy Jacques* of the NYS Divers Association.

The membership then observed a moment of silence in honor of deceased members and friends who passed away over the past year.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2000 were included in the recent newsletter. The membership was asked for any corrections and questions, and hearing none, a motion was made, accepted, and vote of approval taken for those minutes.

Amy Jacques, member of the NYS Divers Association, spoke about her lake clean-up project for July 14 from 9-12 noon and centering on the diving rock off Forrest Lisle's property. Three divers will participate; the Town of Ticonderoga will remove the trash. Amy volunteered to dive for specific items at the request of Lake Residents. The membership was alerted to keep distant from the red flag marking the divers' position.

Todd and Tonya Condon were introduced and presented with a Thank You card in appreciation for their success in obtaining a \$474 grant from International Paper for ELPOI on-going communications support (newsletter, annual report.) Copies of ELPOI newsletter and annual report were given to IP employees at a company dinner on June 25. *Ms. Donna Wadsworth* (Todd's mother), Communications Manager for IP, presented the grant check to Rolf. Pictures were taken to record the recognition and presentation. In conjunction with the grant, IP offers space in the Press Republican newspaper for ELPOI communications. And, Tonya Condon has nominated ELPOI for a Community PRIDE Award, an award presented by the Ticonderoga non-profit PRIDE for work performed to improve the community.

Pete Buechner gave the **Treasurer's report**, reading each item. The totals for July 2000 through June 2001, indicating deficit spending, are:
\$3,010.02 expenses;
\$2,633.42 total income;
\$2,459.64 balance on hand on June 30, 2001.

The report was accepted as reported. Peter pointed out that the current checking account incurs a \$5.00 fee when the balance falls below \$500 per month. To avoid such a fee, Rolf is waiting on his final expense reimbursement check until more receipts come in. Rolf requested members think about fund raising for discussion during New Business.

The President's Report followed:

1) Most was covered in the newsletter. Milfoil control efforts continue by ELPOI. Knowledge about milfoil by politicians/general public is lacking; coordination of milfoil control efforts by lakes has fallen away since the efforts of COLAM ceased to function. Annual report and newsletter are important as informational vehicles for membership and others. At the Northeast Aquatic Plant Management Conference Rolf met *Dr. Bob Johnson* and others who have worked with ELPOI on the milfoil issue. Rolf gave thanks to the membership and to SePro for supporting his conference attendance.

2) New webpage for ELPOI is at <http://www.EagleLake1.org> where ELPOI communications will be posted. *Carlos Alden* set up the site and has donated his services. Webpage maintenance cost will be \$15-20 monthly. Roger Wickes donated \$100. Rolf encouraged all to read postings on the webpage and to send in pictures, historical documents, and other information about the lake for posting.

3) Lake Management Survey needs returning. Additional copies are available for property owners and visiting Lake Users. Forrest Lisle pointed out that the survey omitted collecting data on how many use lake water for household or garden use. *Forrest Lisle* and *Harry Walton* volunteered to collate returns and write a draft report.

4) Rolf encouraged all to comment and participate in the business of the lake.

Committee Reports included:

1) *Adopt-A-Highway* - Lloyd circulated a sign-up sheet to cover ½ mile segments of the road. She has vests, helmets and will take the trash to the dump.

2) The *Water Level Committee* - Adopt-A-Resource agreement with NYS DEC for dam maintenance by ELPOI provides workman's compensation insurance for those involved in such maintenance work. Those who wish to be so covered must record name and social security number on sign-up sheet. NYS will remove debris collected from dam area by ELPOI members doing maintenance work. The agreement commits NYS DEC to maintain the physical structure of the dam.

3) *Weed and Pollution committee* - CSLAP is a state program to collect information about aquatic plants and water quality. *Lloyd Burroughs* sends biweekly lake water samples to a NYS lab. Rolf will file the CSLAP report on our website. Cole Hickland reported that current water quality (clarity, coliform content, chemicals, etc.) appears stable and consistent with historical data.

4) *Education Committee* - Rolf showed a new signboard he made for posting educational information at the state beach. Forest Lisle and *Pat Hyde* presented ideas about information to include on that signboard. Pat Hyde collected a variety of materials, including NYS material about water safety, CPR, boat launching sites, the publication *Boater Fun*, and a sign from Wisconsin. (All boaters are required to carry one life preserver per boat passenger and those under 12 years must wear a life preserver.) Rolf spoke about some materials he collected as ideas for the signboard, including sketches of animal tracks.

5) *Fish Stocking* - Bill Allen received reports on stocking brown trout as follows:

	by NYS:	by Essex County:
Year 2000	240 at 14.5 inches	800 at 14.0 inches
	4370 brown trout 9.0 inches	
Year 2001	250 brown trout 14.0 inches	1000 at 2 years; 14 inches

Bill expects 4000 more were put in the lake this year but not reported to him as yet.

6) *Lake Level Committee* - During summer 2000 the dam boards were removed when the lake was too high and people worked clearing beaver dams/debris many times. Lake level dropped to -4 last summer. This summer *Paul Burroughs* checks the lake level and the dam area each day and clears debris off top of the dam. Lake level is about +2 at this time; ideal level should be +2 to -2. Beaver action must be constantly watched and controlled. Rolf asked for others to help clear debris. Traditionally the boards are pulled from the dam during Columbus Day weekend; the DEC believes the best time would be a couple of weeks earlier.

7) *Membership* - In Rin Fraize's absence, Lloyd Burroughs reported 61 paid memberships which would include about 71% of property owners. Membership numbers are important when ELPOI seeks cooperation/aid from outsiders. Rin will update the membership list with new addresses provided by a Town of Ticonderoga list. Rolf assured everyone that the membership list is not available to any outsiders.

8) *Rte. 74 Construction Committee* - Rte. 74 was repaved last Fall. Speeders seem common; enforcement is the problem. One danger is that a vehicle will fail to negotiate a turn and will end up in the lake, thereby causing pollution.

9) *Septic Dye Testing* - some still need a first testing. All should obtain an adequacy letter from Town code enforcement officer after the test is done and passed.

Old Business -

Issues were covered in the *newsletter*. Rolf restated status of DOS \$15,000/\$7500 grant and the \$25,000 grant though Sen. Stafford's office, commented on ARC's initiative on combating milfoil, and put in a plea for people to work to restart COLAM. Rolf and others met with representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers on July 2 for discussion and a tour of the lake. Forrest Lisle cautioned that ELPOI must be watchful because he believes politics often influences the work of the Corps.

New business -

Qualifications for voting eligibility were explained by Roger Wickes.

Elections for officers

Concluded with the secretary casting 1 ballot for those nominated:

President Rolf Tiedemann,

Vice President Lloyd Burroughs,

Treasurer Rin Fraize,

Recording Secretary Caroline Baldwin

For the Board of Directors, there are three openings: two three-year positions in the regular rotation; and the two years remaining of Rin Fraize's term (Rin resigned from the Board to take the job of Treasurer.)

Todd Condon,

Cole Hickland,

Jere Paddock, and

John Pynn

agreed to run. Further nominations were requested from the general membership. A paper ballot was taken.

Cole Hickland and **John Pynn** received the greatest number of votes and will fill the three-year terms.

Todd Condon was elected to serve the two-year term.

Two committees need forming:

1) *Fund Raising* - Pat Hyde volunteered. Rolf suggested selling T-shirt's for which he has a source. Many showed interests in navy blue with usual pattern.

2) *By-law Review* - Roger Wickes, Paul Burroughs, and Jim Davis volunteered to be on a committee to review and revise the ELPOI By-laws.

Bob Stevens who urged members to take advantage of free entrance for all Ticonderoga and Crown Point taxpayers described activities at Fort Ticonderoga. Of special note is the display on July 20-22 of an original copy (225 years old) of The Declaration of Independence. A ticket or a specific viewing time is required. Bob presented the latest Fort Ticonderoga video called "Then Again" to ELPOI. The video was awarded to Jim Davis after his name was drawn from names of those interested.

Jim Davis thanked those who support the Chilson Volunteer Fire Dept., especially through contributions to their winter raffle. Adirondack furniture is being raffled in support of the Fire Dept. and tickets are available for their chicken barbecue dinner. Jim cautioned that if an accident causes a truck to spill its load, all should keep 1/2 mile distant until the spilled material is identified and it is safe to approach the spill.

Todd Condon encouraged promoting Neighborhood Watch programs around the lake. He will obtain information that can be provided to the membership in a newsletter.

Paradox Lake picnic is on July 22. ELPOI members may attend.

An end of summer "social" was suggested and supported by many.

Contributions were voted,

as usual, to Chilson Volunteer Fire Department,
Moses-Luddington Hospital Auxiliary,
Ticonderoga Emergency Squad.

The meeting voted to pay membership to ARC (\$30) and to FOLA.

Open Forum –

Forrest Lisle spoke with Bob Johnson about milfoil control in Saratoga Lake and a lake in Vermont. Moths, weevils and SONAR were tried in Saratoga Lake. SONAR was applied twice in Saratoga Lake without detected affect on the milfoil. Bob Johnson said moth reproduction correlates with the full moon - perhaps in August at the time of the full moon, moths may be visible on Eagle Lake. Adirondack Life reported that Zebra mussels may be killed by hot water; if boats are washed with very hot water, zebra mussels adhering to the boat will be killed.

Bob Ruck expressed his opinion that the public should be able to park near the causeway so they can fish. But where? There is no public property. Forrest Lisle objected to permitting folk to park each side of the causeway because some have trespassed on his property, left trash, been noisy and unpleasant late at night. Currently, no parking is permitted along rte. 74.

The next Annual Meeting will be on July 6, 2002 at 10 AM at the Chilson Community Center unless the Survey indicates the need to change the date, time, or place.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Caroline Baldwin