

## Draft Minutes of ELPOI Annual Meeting July 10, 2004

The meeting, at Chilson Community Center, began at 10:03 with 34 people present. President Rin Fraize, presiding, welcomed everyone.

AGENDA The Agenda was reviewed and approved by the Meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT Rin read the President's Annual Report. Copy attached

MINUTES Caroline summarized the minutes of the annual meeting in July, 2003. They were accepted by the Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT Jere Paddock handed out copies of the Treasurer's Report and then discussed a few items. Normally, ELPOI has about 60 members, and he anticipates the same this year. Dues are the primary source of income. The two CDs accrue interest at 1 \_ % and 1 1/4%. Gifts to local service groups and water quality monitoring are major expenses.

### OLD BUSINESS

By-laws The meeting approved a change in Article II MEMBERS 1. (a) That section now reads: "1. (a) Each parcel of property fronting on, having a right-of-way to, or abutting land fronting on Eagle Lake, exclusive of land owned by New York State, shall be entitled to one Membership in the Corporation, that Member to be the owner of record of the property or in the case of other types of record ownership, that Member is to be selected from among the record owners of such property, or the legal owners of record may designate another individual as "Member" as long as that designated Member has lifetime use or is a family member over 21 years of age. Route 74 shall not be considered in determining abutting property."

Rin explained that the limit to "over 21 years of age" has historical precedent in ELPOI By-laws.

Website The usefulness and cost effectiveness of the website were discussed. The website, holding cumulative information, functions as a central point of communication for Eagle Lake property owners, and is a source of information for other organizations and government agencies. There is a counter on the site but ELPOI does not have current access because of a missing password. About 5 of those present had looked at the website during the past month and perhaps 12 during the past year. Carlos Alden maintains the site. Site cost is \$20 per month; Carlos pays one half the cost because he uses the site for personal business; cost to ELPOI is \$10 per month.

The meeting left the decision on continuance of the website to the Board of Directors.

The meeting agreed that Michael Tiedemann's report on milfoil in the lake should be available on the website. The meeting applauded the Hydes for their help in procuring the GPS.

Nominations Committee Sue Barwig reported that the Officers agreed to continue another year. Kathy Cerny agreed to run for Board member, filling place vacated with the end of Cole Hickland's term. John Pynn agreed to stay on as a Director for another term. Since there were no nominations from the floor, current officers were elected for another year, and Kathy and John were elected to three year terms on the Board of Directors.

### Committee Reports

1) Membership John Pynn reported there are 47 paid members. 6 paid during the meeting. Rin pointed out that it is important to have high owner participation/membership when the association approaches the town or NYS or a federal agency for assistance. Diane Tiedemann said that the ELPOI agreement with the state of New York for management of the dam requires that more than 50% of owners be members in ELPOI.

2) Water Quality Lloyd Burroughs spoke about ELPOI participation in CSLAP, a water testing program costing

\$200 per year. She and Paul take, and mail to CSLAP, water samples every 2 weeks for 8 weeks in the summer. They will take this summer's third sample on July 11. CSLAP looks at the minerals in the water, e.g. calcium levels because zebra mussels need calcium. Eagle Lake water has low calcium level, likely indicating no presence of zebra mussels. CSLAP has been slow in reporting. In 2002, CSLAP said Eagle Lake is cleaner than many lakes. Rin emailed, on July 9, 2004, to CSLAP requesting a report on Eagle Lake water and direction to CSLAP website showing data.

Eagle Lake participates in a national program of sampling once a year for water clarity. In 2000 and 2002 the lake averaged to 6.5 meters of water clarity, a good level by national standards.

Water samples to test for coliform bacteria are taken once a summer, usually in early September, from four locations: Ti Bay, near Charles Island, east of the causeway, and the west end - south of the causeway. Cost is \$20 per site. Reports have been good.

Paul Burroughs reported the water level is near 5" on gauge at bridge. He is aiming to maintain it at 3", plus or minus 2, as that is what NYS recommends. The water level had been as high as 11", then down to 3, then with boards replaced the lake rose to 6.5. Two beavers were relocated. The existing beaver dam is not affecting the level of the lake.

### 3) Fish Stocking

Andy Belkevich said the lake is prolific with fish, including bait fish. Brown trout stocking was 200 @ 16 - 19" in the Fall and 700 @ 10 to 14" in the Spring from Crown Point hatchery.

4) Adopt - A - Highway Todd Condon reported NYS has no plans for work on route 74, except normal maintenance. Todd and Lloyd Burroughs requested people sign up to clean along a section of the highway. A sign-up sheet was circulated. IP donated trash bags. Paul Burroughs will transport the trash bags to DOT in Schroon Lake.

Todd Condon requested ELPOI provide funding, about \$33 plus shipping and handling, for three more Neighborhood Watch signs, to accompany the three donated by him and Tonya. He also requested funding of about \$40 for Neighborhood Watch decals to give to neighbors. Later in the meeting, a vote approved allocation of up to \$100 for signs and decals.

## NEW BUSINESS

Donations will remain at the same level as last year:

Chilson Fire Department	\$200
Ti Emergency Squad	\$100
Interlakes Health Center	\$200
Crown Pt. Fire and Emergency	\$50

Picnic Thanks to Sue and Floyd Barwig and Chyrl and John Pynn for organizing today's picnic.

Milfoil Survey by Michael Tiedemann describes 44 instances of milfoil at the east end of the lake and 5 at the west end. Using a GPS to map the milfoil, Michael determined that 8 acres of the 411 acre surface of Eagle Lake are covered with milfoil. That is 2% coverage. 63% of the milfoil is in 6 patches of \_ acre or more: Crown Point Bay (2), south side of Fox Island, near the causeway, between Stevens and Knauss, and the sunken island (toilet bowl.)

Mailing List use was discussed. Jim Davis asked permission to use the mailing list to send a solicitation for scholarship donations for Ticonderoga high school graduates. The mailing list, maintained by Bob Stevens, is used for ELPOI communications and by the Chilson Volunteer Fire Dept. The meeting voted to limit use of the mailing list to the current two functions.

Adirondack Council annual membership meeting will happen later today, July 10, at Fort Ti.

Grant M000036 Rin reported receiving, for ELPOI, a NYS DEC mailing in regard to the \$25,000 Grant # M000036. This grant was originally obtained some years ago by Rolf Tiedemann and has been renewed in ELPOI name. The grant response information gave "45 days to submit a program narrative and budget." However, the information indicated that the Grant response could be extended another 45 days. Rin requested that extension.

ELPOI meeting seemed to favor using the grant for hand harvesting of milfoil. However, ELPOI does not have liability insurance and is not equipped to manage large sums of money. Therefore, ELPOI hoped that the Town of Ticonderoga would act as financial manager for this grant. Supervisor Bob Dedrick seemed interested in helping ELPOI. However, at a July 8, 2004 meeting, the town decided it could not be so involved.

Rin will talk with Dale French of Crown Point about the Grant. He will ask that the Town of Crown Point, previously willing to sponsor this grant, be fiscal manager of the Grant. Lloyd Burroughs urged that ELPOI approach Crown Point with a plan to clear milfoil from near the public beach area, because it is in the Town of Crown Point and would help the "general good." Forest Lisle endorsed milfoil harvesting near the beach, but recommended harvesting two areas of different stages of growth.

Pat Hyde pointed out that Upper Saranac Lake uses pontoon boats to work its 43 miles of shoreline, paying \$30-35 an hour for divers. Pat Hyde has a platform that could be used in Eagle Lake. Rin pointed out that the APA would have definite ideas on harvesting methods.

Lloyd Burroughs asked the Board to mail a communication, enquiring about potential donations for hand harvesting of milfoil, to ELPOI members,. A similar enquiry, made a few years ago, indicated potential financial support from ELPOI property owners for efforts to combat milfoil. Rin noted that the ELPOI treasury has funds restricted to such a purpose.

Lloyd did not approve of the reduction in dues, from \$25 to \$20. She wants all members to have a voice in the level of dues.

2005 ANNUAL MEETING will be on July 9.

2004 ANNUAL MEETING was adjourned at 11:30.

ELPOI Board of Directors Meeting July 10, 2004

Meeting called at 11:37 AM, following the Annual Meeting, was adjourned at 11:43 until 9 AM on July 17 at Rin Fraize home.

**Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.**

**Annual Report from the Board of Directors**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2004**

This past year at the Lake has been relatively quiet We note with sadness the loss of Ed Thompson and the grave illnesses of Marilyn Emerich and long time treasurer, Peter Buechner.

We welcome those new members joining our ranks:

Tom Pfeffer purchased the property on the south side of the west end of the lake last fall.

We congratulate Juliane Davis on her graduation from Ticonderoga High School and wish her well as she heads

off to college this fall.

We can happily share with you the continued good results of water testing by the NY Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP). The Board thanks Paul and Lloyd Burroughs for their efforts in taking and shipping the water samples during the season again this year. We have not yet received the CSLAP report for 2003, but readings have not varied from prior years. We have issued a follow-up to the DEC for the report.

We also want to formally recognize Michael Tiedemann for the outstanding work he, with a little help from Scott Davis and his father, performed in mapping the Eurasian Milfoil in Eagle Lake. He will explain his work to us later and has agreed to answer your questions after the meeting. A copy of his report is posted on the board.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to formally thank its departing member, Cole Hickland, who has completed his second consecutive term on the Board. We will miss his guidance at our meetings.

The Board also wants to thank those who head up our standing committees and know you will show them your thanks as they make their reports today:

Membership – the Pynns

Fish Stocking – Andy Belkevich

Adopt-a-highway – Tonya and Todd Condon

Weed & pollution Control – Cole Hickland

I had the pleasure of representing ELPOI at two conferences on the evasive species in the Adirondack Park this past year. Efforts by the APA and Adirondack Council continue to emphasize "observation" of Milfoil as their only effort in attacking this lake problem. One exception to that is the effort going on in Upper Saranac Lake where one million dollars was raised to allow hand harvesting of Milfoil in a three year, \$1.5 million project. Their program efforts are posted on their web site, [www.uslf.org](http://www.uslf.org)

The Board, in response to last year's confusion on who can be a "member," will present a proposed change to our by-laws providing a broader definition of 'Member.' This mentioned in our fall newsletter, so today we will vote to adopt the new definition.

For the Board, Rin Fraize, President.

## Treasurer's Report

Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.  
 Receipts and Disbursements  
 For Twelve Months ended June 30, 2004

Receipts:	Actuals	Plan	Actual Better/(Worse) Than Plan	Proposed Budget 2004-5
Dues	\$1,730	\$1,600	\$ 130	\$ 1,200
Contributions				
Restricted for Milfoil Project	100	100	-	100
IP Contribution	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	160	100	60	100
Total Contributions	260	200	60	200
Picnic, net of expenses	252	250	2	125
Interest, Checking	-	50	(50)	-
Interest, CD	147	100	47	85
Sweatshirt sale, cost paid in 2000/01	24	-	24	-
Total receipts	2,413	2,200	213	1,610
Disbursements:				
Dues FOLA	35	35	-	35
Gifts to Local Service Groups	550	550	-	550
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Communications				
Phone and postage	153	300	147	150
Web Site	120	240	120	120
Water testing, beavers and buoys	360	400	40	350
GPS Study	190	300	110	150
Conferences	137	150	13	150
Miscellaneous	-	50	50	50
Total Disbursements	1,545	2,025	480	1,555
Receipts Higher/(Lower) than Disbursements	\$868	\$175	\$693	\$ 55

### Balance Sheet

For the year ending June 30,

Assets	2004	2003
Cash on Hand		
Checking Account	\$ 1,918	\$ 2,349
Certificates of Deposit	5,778	5,631
Total Assets	\$ 7,696	\$ 7,980
Liabilities and Members' Equity		
Accounts Payable	\$ 261	-
Deferred receipts - 2003/4 Dues, Picnic and Gifts	40	\$ 1,454
Restricted for Eurasian Milfoil Treatment	3,324	3,239
Unrestricted Equity	4,071	3,287
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	\$ 7,696	\$ 7,980