

Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. Annual Meeting Minutes

Celebrating 103 years of Responsible Lake Stewardship 1907-2010

July 10, 2010

Proposed Agenda

CALL TO ORDER: President Andy Belkevich called the meeting to order at 10:15a.m.

AMEND/APPROVE AGENDA: Agenda approved

ROLL CALL MISSION STATEMENT: President Andy Belkevich called the roll of members and Mary Loose read the Mission Statement.

BOARD ANNUAL REPORT: Andy Belkevich summarized the Board's activities for the prior year and highlighted the progress of the Milfoil project, thanked board members and especially Chris Hyde for the newsletter. A moment of silence was held for members who had passed: Josi Ploski, Mildred Knauss, and Michael Hayes.

REVIEW/APPROVE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: Minutes approved

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Steve Stubing could not be present so Rin Fraize submitted the slate. Andy Belkevich (President), Steve Stubing (Vice President), Rin Fraize (Treasurer), Mary Loose (Secretary) and new board members David Williams and Stephen Phelps. The secretary was requested to submit one ballot approving all nominations. Andy Belkevich thanked the two resigning board members: Chryl Pynn and Harry Walton for their service to ELPOI.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rin Fraize submitted the treasurer's report for 2009/2010 and proposed budget for the 2010-2011 year. Motion was submitted to approve budget. Budget approved. Detailed report attached.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Rin Fraize submitted the membership report for Chryl Pynn. There are 42 paid members and 4 associates or 67% out of the total

possible membership of 86. The 2010 membership list is on file with the secretary. Those present at the meeting were asked to promote membership to their neighbors. It is important to have as many members as possible in order to convince the State that the organization is serious about the milfoil project. It was suggested that there be a welcoming committee for new property owners to introduce them to the purpose of ELPOI and to encourage their participation. Lloyd Burroughs has been the unofficial welcoming committee and Rin Fraize has kept track of new property owners through the tax rolls.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Andy Belkevich thanked Todd and Tonya Condon for their efforts in collecting trash and keeping the highway neat. It was noted that Tonya had recently completed 100 hours of service. All members were encouraged to help with the Adopt-A-Highway and trash bags may be left at the end of the Lake turn around. Paul Burroughs has collected the trash bags in the past and taken them to the town dump but the town will pick up trash if left at the turn around.

FISH STOCKING: Andy Belkevich reported the Essex County Fish Hatchery stocked 600 2 year old brown trout and then in June stocked another 600 trout. This makes a grand total of 1,200 trout for the year and he was sure there were trout from previous years; hence he encouraged those who fish to try their luck.

WATER QUALITY

Paul and Lloyd Burroughs, CSLAP and Beavers: Lloyd reported that the Lake's water is tested three times a summer and it is excellent. Water clarity is also excellent. Five beavers were removed from the lake. Full report on the website.

Rin Fraize-Darrin Fresh Water Institute: Four different spots are sampled. Readings are in the minus 1 to 1 clarity. If anyone wants a copy Rin will provide and the reports are on the web site.

OLD BUSINESS: New signs have been placed at the end of the Lake informing boaters about the invasive species (milfoil) in the lake. It was suggested to post a sign which informs the boaters about the buoys and to stay out of those areas.

MILFOIL PROJECT:

This past year Chris Hyde, Rolf Tiedemann and his son Michael attended the North East Aquatic Conference in Saratoga. The conference covered issues concerning lake management and invasive species. More information concerning the conference is on the web site. Next year the conference will be in Boston and if anyone is interested they should contact Rolf.

Rolf Tiedemann (Milfoil Chair) summarized the extent of the matting for last year and stated that there would be no new mats placed this summer. The main activity will be the removal of the mats from the lake—this is mandated by the terms of the grant. It has always been clear that matting was only a stop gap until the organization can convince the state to let an herbicide be used. Lake Luzerne was the first Lake within the Blue Line to use Renovate, however, they also had to use curtains. The use of curtains is not possible for Eagle Lake due to the cost and the configuration of the Lake. The organization will continue with its plans to apply to the APA for a permit to use renovate.

Rolf reported that there was a time capsule found in the Lake by Forrest Lisle's property. A copy of the contents and the reply from the person leaving it is posted on the web site.

Rolf has been in contact with the new town supervisors as we need them to take on the formal responsibility of "lead agent". This responsibility covers tasks related to the administration of permit applications etc. for the use of an herbicide. In the past the towns of Crown Point and Ticonderoga have loosely assumed this role under an informal agreement as it related to the activities of matting and hand harvesting. For continuation with planning for use of the herbicide a more formal agreement needs to be in place between the towns and the state agencies.

The biggest hurdle for the Lake is to convince the state that Renovate can be used in the Lake without the use of curtains. The organization has retained a lawyer to help with the application and the basic plan for the coming year is to continue the quest for the permission to use Renovate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Forrest Lisle wondered if anyone knew the cause of the fire near his property. He was concerned since the fire department left before it was completely out.**
- 2. Property Owners need to be aware that the Town of Ticonderoga is considering re-zoning the Lake. Interested individuals should stop by the town office to review the proposal.**
- 3. There may be a new invasive species in the Lake (Curley Leaf)**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05-- the annual picnic followed which was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Loose, Secretary