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Established in 1907 and incorporated in 1993, the ELPOI is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization that serves to protect the mutual interests of its property owners and to maintain the environmental and recreational quality of Eagle Lake.

The ELPOI newsletter is a publication used to communicate with the ELPOI membership. It is co-authored by Jere Paddack, the ELPOI Officers and Board of Directors. Address questions and comments to ELPOI President Jere Paddack, Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc., C/O 11 Deepwood Drive, Ticonderoga, NY 12883-9410 - or by email at Jerepaddack@yahoo.com

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In August 2006 ELPOI Board Members met with Senator Betty Little, members of



the NYS DEC and Adirondack Council to discuss future directions for milfoil control. The meeting was convened at the home of Board Member Lloyd Burroughs after ELPOI learned that their 2006 Invasives Species Eradication Grant application was denied.



Twenty-five foot square sheets of 1/8 inch thick “mill wire” will be used as benthic mats to smother

milfoil. Pieces of steel rebar ballast will be zipped tied across the mat every 3 to 4 feet to add weight to hold it in place. International Paper, Inc. donated 6 sections of the mat material pictured to the ELPOI. The mats will add/have a value of \$2,000 towards our 2007 Invasive Species Grant Application. ELPOI is requesting more sections so that a greater number of beds can be addressed.

A “Hooka Rig” or surface mounted air compressor pictured here, will supply clean air to up to



4 divers at once through 150-foot long hoses. This type of air delivery allows divers more freedom to work and provides an unlimited supply of air.

This past summer International Paper, Inc. presented past ELPOI President Sue Barwig with a check for \$605. The check was awarded as part of a grant



written by ELPOI to help cover the costs of member communications, web page hosting, water testing and the purchase of an underwater video camera to help map milfoil beds.



Glenn Sullivan, Aquatic Plant Specialist of the Allied Biological Corp, visited Eagle Lake this past October. He did several “rake toss” plant

samplings in preparation for completing the necessary applications and permits for the use of the herbicide Renovate to control Eurasian Water milfoil in Eagle Lake and any other such requirements that maybe necessary to gain herbicide use approval. ELPOI was just awarded \$10,000 in “Senate Initiative” funding, secured by Senator Little, to be used to offset costs associated with Glenn Sullivan’s work on behalf of ELPOI and the Towns of Ticonderoga and Crown Point.

Certified divers and several ELPOI members tried out various milfoil hand harvesting removal methods in late summer of 2005.

After the equivalent of one day of paid



dive services and more than 80 hours of volunteer labor, many of the isolated plants surrounding a small dense milfoil bed were cleaned up, but the dense bed proved to be a greater challenge than hand harvesting alone could handle. Volunteer members felt that a supplemental approach to hand harvesting was necessary. Shown here is one of the divers swimming through a less dense area of the monoculture milfoil bed.

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April 28, 2007

Dear Property Owners and Friends at Eagle Lake,

We hope you have had a wonderful winter wherever you are located. We had a significant amount of snow in February, March and April at the lake. It is mostly melted now and we are looking forward to the warm weather welcoming us at the lake this summer. Since last writing you in August a few key things have occurred that we need to bring to your attention.

BATTLE AGAINST MILFOIL

You are aware that last year we applied for a grant from NYS DEC to assist us with the eradication of milfoil in the Lake. We were not successful in obtaining that grant but we did not give up. In August 2006 ELPOI Board Members met with Senator Little, her staff assistant, two members of the NYS DEC staff and the Director of the Adirondack Council to get their input as to why we were not awarded a grant and what could be done to improve our chances of success in the next round of grants (the full account of that meeting is available at our website). In a few words we learned that our grant was not

accepted because *"Members of the grant Evaluation Team were adamant in their consensus that the applicant would not be successful in obtaining the permits necessary for the herbicide portion of the project. They felt that if an herbicide permit could not be obtained, the success of the rest of the proposed project was jeopardized..."*. The grant's denial was a "NYS DEC" decision.

In response to the grant denial your Board took the following action at its August 2006 Board Meeting. The Board approved to hire a consultant to seek a Permit for the use of an aquatic herbicide. The permit consulting work has

now started, with one significant change. We are pursuing the use of the herbicide Renovate. Based on suggestions from aquatic plant experts, the NYS DEC, the Adirondack Council and Senator Little, Renovate is viewed as a better product for milfoil selectivity and control and has less "environmental issues" associated with it. In order to cover the cost of this consultation the Board applied for Senate Initiative "funding" from Senator Little worth \$10,000. We have just been informed that we will receive the \$10,000 grant for this project!

In the meantime, the Board is also drafting its new '07 Grant application. We have been advised to take the approach of using hand harvesting and matting as our primary method for milfoil removal and if possible supplementing these methods with a herbicide application, pending receipt of the necessary permits.

2007 ERADICATION GRANT PLAN

As to the grant application process, it has been slow! With the elections now over the new NYS Administration is just now coming forward with the procedures. The matching funds for this "reimbursement" type grant will be awarded on a \$1 for \$1 basis. The match is more favorable this year but we cannot count the work that you and the Board did last year. We will be applying for a grant in the amount of \$100,000; for which we are responsible for covering \$50,000; a very obtainable goal. We will be covering a portion of the \$50,000 goal by utilizing money we already have in place from earlier grants (\$23,000) and contributions previously made by Eagle Lake property owners (\$10,000). We will still need commitments from you as contributions over the life of the three plus year grant to meet the \$17,000 difference. Since we cannot use the hours already contributed towards this grant we must ask you again to make a commitment of time and money to accomplish this task. Our Milfoil Champion Rolf Tiedemann has been in contact with the Town of Ti and Crown Point Supervisors for commitments for hiring divers and

all that is involved with administering the grant monies we hope to receive. We have received from International Paper Company large mats, which will be placed over larger patches of milfoil to kill it (the value of these mats will be applied towards the Grant's "in-kind services" match, part of the \$17,000 we need to raise). Equipment purchases of an air compressor and dive platforms have been completed. Professional divers are being contacted to work on laying mats and pulling milfoil in deeper water. New "lighted" buoys will be in place over some of the larger patches of milfoil to discourage boaters from driving over them and to raise awareness of where they are. Your dues and patient support of the milfoil issue over the past years have made getting to this point possible. Thank you for this!

CALL FOR SUPPORT

Here then is what we need from each of you. We need your time and effort to help, and we need \$\$ to help meet the grant challenge. We need every homeowner to pledge a minimum commitment of \$500 towards this effort to cover the work that will be done over the next three to four years. We cannot simply meet the grant requirements with volunteer labor alone. \$17,000 in funds/labor must be raised. This commitment can be achieved through pledging dollars and /or time committed to milfoil removal on your property and /or on the lake projects we will later identify which will need people to assist in the removal of milfoil. Work on this will start in 2008 and run through 2010.

Here is an example how you might structure your commitment. Every hour you work on milfoil reduction is worth \$7.15 towards the grant. You might commit to \$300 in cash and \$200 in labor. \$200 is about 28 hours of labor. Over three years this would amount to 9 hours per year. This also could then be divided by 5 hours on your own property and 4 hours given to the association for general milfoil removal (large patches). This may seem like a huge request we

are making but there is another way to look at this also. If we are not successful in reducing milfoil it will impair our lake. When that happens our property values will fall, certainly more than \$500.

Many of you have made contributions for milfoil removal in the past and we greatly appreciate it. All of your past contributions are being used as matching funds in the grant application. If you can make further contributions we will be grateful. If you have not helped in the past now is the time to step forward with a commitment. Your Board will do all in its power to use your dollars wisely and will coordinate the work between what we can do as an association and what you can do on your own property. If we don't have the funds "in hand" when its time to pay the bills associated with implementing the actions of the grant, the work cannot go forward. We should know by late August 2007 if we've been successful in obtaining the Eradication Grant. If we are successful, we need to turn pledges into cash within a year's time frame in order to have the working capital available for 2008. All donations are tax deductible under our ELPOI not-for-profit status. Remember that if your employer has a matching fund for not-for-profit contributions this would be a worthy cause for them to consider making a donation to. Please contact ELPOI Treasurer Rin Fraize or myself to make arrangements for any special needs you have in making a donation/ contribution to the milfoil removal cause.

ELPOI IS NOW 100 YEARS OLD!

We thought acknowledging this milestone with our membership was appropriate. We are having commemorative postcards bearing a picture of Eagle Lake and commemorative coffee mugs designed to mark the occasion. Each member of the association will receive some of the post cards. Anyone pledging \$500 or more will

receive coffee mugs as our way of saying thank you for helping us to achieve our fundraising goal of \$17,000. Additional postcards and mugs will be available for purchase. More information will be provided at the **Annual Meeting/ Picnic that will be held on Saturday, July 7**. We hope to see all of you there!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. will be called to order at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 7, 2007 at the Chilson Community Center, Putts Pond Road, Town of Ticonderoga. The agenda includes the election of executive officers for 2007-2008; election of 2 Board Members and to conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in serving in one of these fulfilling positions. The beauty and protection of our lake requires input from you, and this is a great way to provide this. Picnic to follow at 12 noon.

PLEDGE FORMS, ANNUAL DUES AND PICNIC FORMS

Attached you will find pledge forms with explanations. You will also find information about the picnic following the Annual Meeting and Membership Renewal Forms.

You can review the minutes of ELPOI past meetings on our website, WWW.eaglelake1.com

We are looking forward to your help and commitments for continuing to make Eagle Lake a scenic and wonderful community. Thank you for your continued support for the milfoil eradication process.

*Jere Paddack, President
For the ELPOI*

Reminder

ELPOI Annual Meeting and Picnic Saturday, July 7th, 2007

Chilson Community Center
Business meeting starts 10:00 am

Hear the latest news about our lake.
Offer your views for preserving Eagle Lakes beauty.
Come get your commemorative mugs and postcards.
Find out more about pledges and return pledges if you need to.
Bring a friend.

100th year celebration Picnic to follow at Noon

Meet and greet new lake property owners.
Reunite with neighbors after the winter.
Enjoy great food, bring a dish to share.
Burgers, hotdogs and place setting provided.
Fun for the family.

Mark your calendar
We are looking forward to seeing everyone

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CASH PLEDGE

ELPOI is a 501 (c) (3) organization and all contributions are TAX DEDUCTIBLE

In support of milfoil eradication on Eagle Lake, I _____ hereby pledge \$_____ to Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc., payable in 2007/08. At this time we are requesting pledges only. You can make your actual contribution any time during 2007 but preferably prior to the summer of 2008.

____My pledge is contingent upon receipt of an Aquatic Invasive Species Eradication Grant. If the Grant is not received my pledge is null and void.

____My pledge may be used by ELOPI for milfoil eradication activities outside of the grant.

VOLUNTEER/LABOR PLEDGE

Any time spent removing milfoil can be used as in-kind services toward the 1:1 match. Time is valued at New York State minimum wage of \$7.15 per hour.

In support of milfoil eradication my family, friends, and /or I hereby pledge _____hours in 2007, _____hours in 2008, _____hours in 2009, _____hours in 2010.

____We/I will hand harvest milfoil in front of our property in accordance with NYS DEC and Adirondack Park Agency rules. (Information will be made available to you).

____We/I will participate with other volunteers in harvesting milfoil in other parts of the lake through activities such as raking, transporting, and disposing of harvested material. You will be contacted when such activities are necessary.

Name _____ Address _____

Date _____ Phone _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

All property owners around Eagle Lake and adjacent to the Lake are eligible for membership and 70% of you joined last year! Let's make it a 100% this year! The annual *Membership* fee is \$25.00 per property. For \$15.00 non-property owners can also join as *Associate Members* to show their interest in supporting the Lake and to stay on ELPOI's mailing list-\$15. Please return the dues by June 30, the record date for the annual meeting. (Monies will also be collected prior to the annual meeting) Social picnic to follow meeting costs are listed below – burgers, hot dogs and place settings are provided please bring a dish to pass.

Contact Information	
Name _____	_____
Winter Address _____	_____
E-Mail _____	_____
Winter # _____	Lake # _____

Return all information to:
ELPOI
% Rin Fraize
11 Deepwood Drive
Ticonderoga, NY 12833

Membership (check/complete appropriate lines)	
Membership	\$25.00 _____
Associate Member	\$15.00 _____
Picnic request	
____ # Adults x \$6.00 =	\$ _____
____ #Children x \$4.00 =	\$ _____
____ #Family x \$18.00 =	\$ _____
Additional Donation(s)	
Unrestricted Donation	\$ _____
Milfoil Restricted Use	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____
Make checks payable to ELPOI	

MEMBERSHIP PROXY

I, _____ as a Member in good standing of the ELPOI, do hereby designate _____ who is a member in good standing, or who is another record owner of the same membership parcel of said Corporation, to vote and act on my behalf on all matters that come before the meeting to be held on July 7, 2007 at 10 a.m.

Signed by: _____ Date _____ Witnessed by: _____ Date _____.

2007 Membership application/ renewal and pledge form reminder

Your membership in the ELPOI and pledge towards the long anticipated milfoil project are important. Please take a moment to complete the reverse side of this page and return it at your earliest convenience to ELPOI Treasurer/ Membership List Coordinator Rin Fraize. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

The following individuals can address questions;

- The ELPOI organization - Jere Paddack, email **jerepaddack@yahoo.com**
609-883-5281 (prior to June 15), 518-585-3008 (after June 15)
- Membership - Rin Fraize, email **crin@earthlink.net**
- Milfoil project - Rolf Tiedemann, email **camptouchstone@yahoo.com**
585-647-2514 home, 518-597-3618 camp

Check with any Board Member for the latest updates on activities and question you might have.

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