

**ADIRONDACK LAKES ALLIANCE**  
**Meeting Minutes 6/2/09**

Present:

Moderator, Bill McGhie, ESSLA-SLA

Lori Kerrigan, WCSW

Vince Blando, ESSLA-SLA

Anne Pieper, ESSLA

Jane Smith, ESSLA-SLA

Tom Jurek Paradox Lake

Bob Sherman Lake Luzerne

Joe Cargioli, Friends Lake

Ed Griesmer Loon Lake

Rin Fraize Eagle Lake

Keith Wrigley Paradox Lake

Helen Wildman SLA Schroon Lake

Doug Paton Brant Lake

Bill called the meeting to order @ 2P at the Horicon Town Hall, Brant Lake

It was decided that the responsibility for taking minutes would rotate among the members. Jane Smith took the minutes and Anne Pieper took over when Jane had to leave.

Discussion and agreement that the name of the group will be Adirondack Lakes Alliance.

Discussion and agreement that the Mission Statement will read:

To support the sharing of information and resources to assist member associations.

Discussion and agreement to keep the structure informal and without restrictive participation at this time.

A lengthy discussion regarding what CSLAP is about and what lake associations do or do not participate. Helen Wildman and Vince Blando had a good deal of input with Vince stating he has a letter from Scott Kishbaugh explaining the purpose of CSLAP's work. Vince will share this letter with the group via email. Doug, Brant Lake and Bob, Lake Luzerne stated their lakes no longer participate mostly due to lack of manpower.

Wendell was not in attendance to report his findings regarding insurance. Jane stated she had contacted NYS Insurance Commission and was waiting a reply from the Property Bureau. Hopefully more to follow.

Joe reported on his endeavor to involve academia in our group. Discussion followed with Doug to supply a contact from Colgate and a request from Joe that anyone having ideas/names bring them forth in the future. This will be an ongoing project.

Bill proposed the idea of sharing services of paid lake stewards from Paul Smith's. Gretchen spoke of her experience with researching the Paul Smith's program. Discussion followed with pros and cons of the PS's program. No conclusion resulted. Lori advised that she will speak with Emily Debolt of Lake George regarding their usage of paid stewards and report back to us.

Gretchen passed around a very informative handout that Paradox Lake Assoc has put together and explained their Scout Program. A discussion regarding scouting milfoil using different techniques and tools followed. Doug talked about the glass bottom boat that Brant Lake uses and will share information about it with the group via email. Helen advised that SLA has purple loosestrife handouts that she will be willing to share. Jane advised that many materials can be procured through Minnesota Sea Grant at no to little cost and will pass along the website information via email.

(And because I was the chosen one for taking most of the minutes **this time**...the website: [www.seagrant.umn.edu](http://www.seagrant.umn.edu) Although some of the pubs and info pertain to Minnesota lakes, most materials pertain to all lakes. We got just about all of the handouts, stickers, etc that we used in our Boat Launch Steward Program from them.)

Discussion about if we should have speakers at future meetings. Suggestions were: someone from the APA, Scott Kishbaugh from DEC, Mark Carpenter from Upstate Insurance, someone from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and John Bennett from the DEC. It was decided to ask John Bennett to speak about Renovate. (He has agreed to do so.)

Bob Sherman stated that Lake Luzerne is starting the process of applying to the APA for permission to test Renovate using curtains in a very small area.

Concerning the use of Renovate in Eagle Lake, it was decided not to send a letter to the APA at this time.

The next meeting of the ALA will be Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM at the Horicon Town Hall.