

Highlights of the Annual Meeting

July 12, 1997 at the Chilson Community Center

COLAM Update

- Wendy Davis announced she will be leaving the office of president of COLAM in August, 1997 and provided an overview on the group's recent activities.
- Ms. Davis as a member of COLAM provided a summary of the proposed Sonar Pilot Project. All of Eagle Lake and part of Lake George were chosen as demonstration / pilot sites for Sonar. The treatment has been postponed because funding delays prevented timely contracting and timely application. Sonar must be applied after the ice goes out and when the Milfoil is actively growing. Ice-out occurred on April 17, 1997. Forrest Lisle urged that the Sonar treatment be applied as early as possible as many lake residents depend on the lake for water.

Education

- Ms. Davis reported: the recycling station in Ti now accepts colored glass; that she had obtained for us brochures on a range of subjects including jet skis, zebra mussels, etc.; the Town of Ticonderoga has imposed a 10:00 PM curfew for those age 18 and under and this applies to the Eagle Lake area.

Weed and Pollution Control Committee

- Lake water quality report from Jim Davis and Rolf Tiedemann indicated bacterial levels are well below the accepted limit. Jim Davis and Paul Burroughs have been taking water temperature and monitoring dissolved oxygen levels as well as sechi disk depth readings. Results show the lake can support fish colonies. Lake clarity is good. The Fresh Water Institute recommends continued monitoring of the lake.

Department of State Grant

- A Water Front Revitalization Grant of \$15,000 was awarded by the Department of State to support the Pilot Project. In order to receive the money ELPOI, the Town of TI and International Paper have agreed to donate \$7,500 worth of services in time and labor. These services will be used to monitor the source of storm water run off (aka) non point pollution and on-site-waste water treatment. These 2 aspects are a

required part of the Pilot Project.

Water level

- Water level is +2 as of July 11, 1997 with "all boards in." The boards were put in in early May.

Historical Records

The organization's historical records are almost completed and will soon be available for review. The \$100 allocated last year for preservation of the records has not been spent as of this date.

DEC Officer / Game Warden

- It was reported that Eagle Lake has a resident NYS DEC Officer / Game Warden. His name is Steven Stubbing and he can be reached at 518-585-3280. Mr. Stubbing has been observed on the lake enforcing the fishing and boating laws of New York State. When you are out on the lake, be sure you are in compliance with the regulations.(3/99 update: Mr. Stubbing has been transferred, we will miss him.)

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Officers Elected for the year '98-'99

President	John DiPofi
Vice President	Lloyd Burroughs
Secretary	unfilled
Treasurer	Peter Buechner

Board of Directors

Roger Wickes was reelected to another 3 year term and agreed to continue serving as Chairman. Rolf Tiedemann was elected to replace Bill Donnelly who completed a 2 year term. Thanks Bill. Continuing Board Members include Bill Allen, Jim Deem, Jim Davis and Bill Knauss.

Treasurer's Report 7/1//97-6/30/98

Total Expenses	\$1,514.78
Total Income	\$1,592.95
Balance 6/30/98	\$3,607.15

The report indicated ELPOI's usual charitable contributions were not made. Also, COLAM dues may be overdue. The meeting voted to direct the Treasurer to review and pay any outstanding dues, memberships, and regular annual contributions. (3/99 update: All outstanding dues etc. are paid.)

Secretary's Report

Sharon Zankel, reported that following the August 30, 1997 Board of Directors' meeting, she mailed 105 solicitations for pledges to support the riddance of Milfoil, and prepared an annual report on January 11, 1998 to assist a grant application. John DiPofi interjected that 29 positive responses to the solicitation for pledges had been received and amounted to approximately \$14,000 in pledges to support the eradication of Milfoil.

Weed and Pollution Control Committee

Jim Davis reported that buoys marking Milfoil concentrations were in by Memorial Day and signs about Milfoil, etc. were posted at the boat launch. Water testing shows Eagle Lake water has excellent quality. The \$7500 grant from the NY Department of State was lost because "time ran out." (3/99 update: The grant was not lost, an application for time extension has been filed and can be applied for again.) This grant requires an equal match from ELPOI, in either money or services, which are to be met by a septic system survey / evaluation and a survey of storm water run off into the lake. The septic survey received a response from about one-third of the property owners. (3/99 update: Work will continue in the Summer of '99, more information forthcoming shortly.)

Water Level Committee

Boards were put in the dam during the first week of May. The lake level has been unusually high: +21 inches on 6/27/98; +13 inches on 7/4/98; +7.5 inches on 7/11/98. This is due to the unusually wet Spring. Considerable discussion ensued about the dam and the water level of the lake. A check of the ELPOI constitution and minutes from previous meetings did not reveal an adopted resolution stating a desired water level at the dam. (3/99 update: A check of the

Annual Resolutions of the Board of Directors shows that they contain the previously voted upon lake level, it reads -2 to +1) John DiPofi indicated that the State recommends the water level be maintained at -4 to +4. Bill Donnelly said the target is "always zero" and indicated maintenance of a given water level is hampered by the design of the dam and the presence of beaver. A motion was carried that the water level be maintained between -1 and +2.

Fish Stocking Committee

DEC stocked Eagle Lake with 4,370 nine inch brown trout, 3,000 one-year-old trout and 400 two-year-old trout. Joe Muehleck said, "the fishing is good but catching them may be something else!"

Membership Committee

Lloyd Burroughs reported that there are about 110 properties associated with the lake, involving 70-80 families. All are eligible to join ELPOI but only 52 paid dues last year (47 paid dues prior to Labor Day, a follow-up reminder letter produced five additional memberships). Paid memberships numbered fewer last year than in previous years.

Adopt-a-Highway Program

This active program is carried out by the Donnelly and Burroughs families. Everyone along Route 74 is asked to periodically pickup roadside litter near their properties. Anyone completing the formal training (contact Paul Burroughs at 585-7277) qualifies for a state-issued yellow hat. The Burroughs family volunteered to dispose of any trash picked up in connection with this program.

Education Committee

At this time, there was no committee chair and no activity to report.

Old Business

- Route 74 Association, suffering from declining participation by both Eagle Lake and Paradox Lake residents, has been reorganized as the Paradox Lake Association.
- Ruth Cummings reported a contact at NYS Dept. of Transportation indicated no major road work is planned on Rt. 74 until 2004 when the road may be resurfaced and shoulders widened.

New Business

- The membership voted to sponsor a replacement beach sign, highlighting boating regulations and a Milfoil warning. Rolf Tiedemann volunteered to build the sign.
- Due to some problems on the State beach the membership requested Barbara DiPofi send a letter to the State about these conditions: e.g. trash, unleashed dogs.
- Treatment of the lake with the herbicide Sonar to eradicate Milfoil was discussed at considerable length. The membership voted to "...continue to pursue the treatment of the lake for Milfoil..." and asked the ELPOI Board of Directors to handle the issue. Eagle Lake's selection as a pilot program for Sonar treatment of Milfoil provides significant cost savings. Eagle Lake requires 65 gallons of Sonar, which costs \$1700 per gallon; another \$15,000 is needed to hire a certified applicator. SePRO, the vendor for Sonar, offered to donate 25% (up to \$20,000) of the cost of the product to the pilot project. (3/99 update: The donation offer is currently in limbo, SePRO may however be in a position to renew the offer as we get closer to actual application.) Timing of the Sonar application (early Spring) is key to protection of lake vegetation.

• A "moment of silence" was offered in memory of Eagle Lake friends *Edward Archbald, Tammy Lazzaro, Gladys Lodge, Elizabeth Massett, Jack Riley.*

Highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting

August 15, 1998

At the July 1998 Annual Meeting the membership voted to turn responsibility for the Milfoil project over to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors invited Dr. Jim Sutherland of the Department of Environmental Conservation to this meeting so that the Board members could be brought up to speed on their new responsibilities. Jim outlined the history of the Sonar Pilot Project and the three phases that the project will be completed in. The first phase is the permit application process, the second phase includes the actual treatment of the lake with Sonar, and the third phase is the follow up

monitoring.

• **PHASE I Application** Jim stated that this part of the project involved Eagle Lake, COLAM, the DEC and others getting the product Sonar registered for use in NYS (completed 2/9/93). Helping with the completion of the Generic Environmental Impact Study (GEIS) (completed 1/25/95) and the helping with the preparation of the site specific (Eagle Lake) Environmental Impact Study (completed 3/31/99). In addition this phase includes the permit applications to the DEC and the APA for the treatment of the lake with Sonar. (3/99 update: Jim will be starting the permit application as of the first of April) Money was given to Eagle Lake by Senator Stafford as well as the Department of State in the Water Front Revitalization Grant. This money was used to off set the cost of various parts of this process. Jim told us that all of our previous years of compiling data and studying Milfoil on Eagle Lake had established the documentation necessary to complete the application phase.

PHASE II Treatment Jim stated that this phase involves the actual treatment of the lake with Sonar. He continued that his office has been in contact with SePRO, the supplier of Sonar, and an applicator that will apply the Sonar. Jim updated us on the offer by SePRO to donate some of the product to us for use in the Pilot Project on Eagle Lake. (3/99 update: The status of the donation is currently in limbo but recent contact with SePRO indicates that they may renew the offer as we get closer to actual application.) Jim indicated that even with the donated product the cost of the lake treatment would be about \$108,000.00. This amount includes the costs of product, application, and monitoring. Jim feels that as the project gets going that the funding money will be available, most likely from the State. Jim told us that some Federal funding is available, but it's not as easy to access. Jim felt that the members of our Association could have a major impact on the funding by completing the follow actions.

Action needed: Jim stated that members need to keep people focused on this project, you need to keep the momentum up, you need to tell your Board of Directors in writing and with pledges that you support their efforts to use Sonar to treat the Milfoil. You need to write to the DEC, your Senators, Assembly Person, the Governor and local legislators and tell them that you want them to join with the