

**Highlights of the Annual Meeting and Minutes**

*July 8, 2000 at the Chilson Community Center*

The Annual Meeting of the ELPOI was called to order at 10:10 AM on July 8, 2000.

President Rolf Tiedemann welcomed all. He pointed out the available educational information/ brochures, SePRO, Rules of the Road, Safe Boaters, PWC, Supplemental EIS, Septic Report.

No guests were present. Several had been invited but reported being they were unable to attend.

Introduction was made of new property owners: *Tonya & Todd Condon* who moved into the yellow house by the chlorination station and *Charles Robinson* who purchased the Geisel property.

There was a moment of silence in honor of those lost during the past year: specifically *George Conklin, William Kral, and Ruth Watters*. A sympathy card for Anne Conklin on the loss of her husband George was circulated.

Bob Stevens asked that members update their addresses on the sign-in sheet, including email addresses.

Voting proxies from absent members were collected.

Minutes of the July 1999 meeting were accepted as written and recorded in the June 2000 Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report 7/1/99-6/30/00**

Peter Buechner gave the Treasurer's report-  
\$1,934.59 total expenses  
\$1,879.00 total income  
\$2,836.24 balance on hand June 30, 2000.

The report was accepted as presented. Members were invited to give money to Peter for dues, the fee for the picnic, and for the purchase of sweatshirts. It was suggested that ELPOI may not want / need to pay dues to COLAM because it looks like it is inactive and may be about to fold. Wendy Davis ran it very well and Bill Allen worked hard on it.

**President's Report**, focused on the milfoil eradication effort. Increased milfoil growth is evident this year in Eagle Lake. Using SONAR to eradicate the milfoil would cost an estimated \$110,000. Since members have pledged \$23,360 and the Senator Stafford grant is \$25,000, an additional \$61,640 would be needed. Investigation of other sources for funding and support is ongoing. The

towns of Ticonderoga and Crown Point and many others have been helpful.

- Rolf reported that attendance at the FOLA conference was very worthwhile, particularly discussion of lake management practices. He is learning more about the use of moths to counteract milfoil. That method can be very costly. Are moths present in the lake? Forrest Lisle said an article in June, 2000 Adirondack Life speaks to the use of moths. His report on that was deferred to the Education Committee report.

**Elections of Officers** concluded with the secretary casting 1 ballot for those nominated:

President	Rolf Tiedemann
Vice President	Lloyd Burroughs
Treasurer	Peter Buechner
Recording Sec.	Caroline Baldwin
Corresponding Sec.	Sue Barwig

For the Board of Directors, there were 3 people nominated - *Rin Fraize, Pat Hyde, Sue Hoag* - to fill two 3-year positions on the Board of Directors. Election was by paper ballots. After an hour elapsed, in case any late arrivals wished to vote, the count showed **Rin Fraize and Pat Hyde** received the most votes and were thereby elected. Thanks were given to all who offered their services.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership**, Lloyd Burroughs reported 58 paid memberships for the total 78 properties. The recent newsletter included a property location map for which any corrections should be given to Rolf. Members need to speak up about the milfoil issue so the ELPOI can gain a consensus.

**Education Committee**, report by Forest Lisle focused on the potential of moths for eating milfoil, including their advantages as a natural and continuing method. He referred to an Adirondack Life June 2000 article about moth/ milfoil research by Bob Johnson of Cornell Univ.

- Jim Davis agreed that a natural treatment would be most desirable but cited the high cost of treating the whole lake with moths and their very gradual effect. SONAR quickly eradicates beds of milfoil.
- Rolf assured the meeting that the Officers and the Board are open to all options and alternatives for milfoil control. Other lakes are trying different procedures, including SONAR, hand harvesting, moths and weevils.
- Forrest also spoke about black flies. He sites there are 150 species around the world, the female does the biting.
- Rolf said Cornell Cooperative Extension and CSLAP will identify insects, causes of tree death, etc. for anyone finding something they can't identify.

**Septic Dye Testing** of lakeside properties has been successfully completed: over 80% of the properties were tested and 100% passed. The report, written by Dianne and Rolf Tiedemann, was filed with the DOS for grant purposes and with the Towns Town of Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Individual property test results are on file with Ticonderoga and Crown Point Building Depts. All owners of tested properties should have received an "Adequacy Letter" last Fall. Rolf announced that the report is available to the meeting. Other publications with information about milfoil controls were available at the meeting, including a SePRO publication Current Quarter, the Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (SEIS)

**Sign Board** at Boat Launch will go up soon. The sign board at the beach needs renewing and will be addressed this year.

**Weed and Pollution Committee**, Cole Hickland reported: lake clarity continues to be good; Eagle lake has been accepted into CSLAP water testing program the Burroughs have offered to handle the sampling; volunteers are needed to manage testing for fecal matter.

- Don't feed the ducks because their droppings in the water can cause swimmer's itch. Also, beavers residing around the lake may contribute Giardia bacteria to the water and, thus, should be discouraged.

**Water Level Committee** reported that ice went out April 5. NY DEC direction is for water level at plus/minus 4 inches. Officially, the water level is controlled by adjusting boards in the State dam. With *no boards* in the water level will reach (minus) -4; *with one board* the level will be (zero) 0; *two boards* yields (plus) +4, all levels are with no water going over the spill way. Now, the gauge at the causeway shows water height at plus 6 to 6 1/2. Unofficial water level control comes from beaver activity. In mid-June and end-June beaver dams were removed. Beavers are back! A volunteer work party was scheduled for 1 PM on Monday, July 10, to dismantle the beaver dam.

**Fish Stocking** report was given by Joe Muehleck. He reported Crown Point Fish Hatchery put 800 two year old 10-12 inch Brown Trout in lake, NYS hatchery put 240 brown trout of 14+ inches and 4,370 smaller trout in the lake. "That seems like so many that they should be able to be netted? Are they jumping the dam and going on to another lake?"

**Adopt-A-Highway Committee**, Lloyd Burroughs reported, on behalf of Paul, on the program to pick up trash along route 74. Paul indicated that everyone is pitching in and the road looks good. He again reminded folks walking along the road to use caution, Lloyd

brought a sign-up sheet for volunteers so they could be given credit.

**Rte. 74 Construction Committee**, Ruth Cummings reported speaking with NYS DOT in Albany. Target date for reconstruction of rte. 74 is now 2009. Resurfacing is scheduled to begin mid-August with a big machine chewing up one lane of surface, mixing that with oil and asphalt, and then putting down a new surface. Ruth pointed out that the scraping machine does destroy some vegetation along the road edge and could cause some problems for driveways, water drainage ditches, and storm water run-off. (Rolf has a NYS DOT report from early 1970's on rte. 74 reconstruction which lists all of the then proposed plans, anyone interested in seeing it should contact him.) Bob Stevens says the State has a policy of not reseeding after roadwork. Todd Condon spoke about parking near his home by strangers, particularly in Fall and Winter. He wants large rocks be placed in front of his place so cars cannot park there. Rolf suggested that he contact NYS DOT directly regarding this. ELPOI and residents have sent letters to both the State and Ticonderoga Police and to the NYS DOT concerning speed and requesting signs saying "Driveways" with mixed success.

#### **Old Business**

Was covered in the newsletter. Peter Buechner offered thanks for the work done daily by Toby Secone in cleaning beaver construction out of the inlet creek at the eastern end of the lake.

**New Business**

Focused on suggestions for fund raising: e.g. sales of Eagle Lake sweatshirts; request for sponsorship of our newsletter mailing.

**Annual Contributions** approved for:

- Chilson Volunteer Fire Department
- Moses-Ludington Hospital Auxiliary
- Ticonderoga Emergency Squad
- Canoe and fishing poles are being raffled in support of Chilson Volunteer Fire Dept. Jim Davis thanked those who support that group through contributions to their annual raffle.
- Jim asked all to be sure to get floor plans to the Fire Department for Dept. files/ information.

***Next Annual Meeting will be on July 7, 2001 at 10 AM.***

- Ruth Cummings attended the Schroon Lake meeting July 7 where she heard a speaker who is Director for the Residents Committee to Protect the Adirondacks. He reported an estimated 150 moose now living in the Adirondacks. Do they eat milfoil ? He reported the #1 complaint in the Adirondacks is activity of jet skis.
- Bill Knauss reported on a proposed NYS law which will permit townships to control the activity of jet skis.
- A lake management survey is under discussion by the Board of Directors. Volunteers were called for to work on the lake management survey, beaver dam management, water testing, annual picnic, etc.
- Rolf offered thanks to all officers, board members, committee members, supporters in Ticonderoga and Crown Point, SePRO, Chilson Volunteer Fire Dept., supporters in government, etc.
- Rin Fraize called on the membership to thank Rolf for his very hard work on behalf of Eagle Lake.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.