

Draft Minutes of ELPOI Annual Meeting July 6, 2002

The Annual Meeting of ELPOI began at 10:07 AM on July 6, 2002 at the Chilson Community Center. 40 people attended the meeting.

President Rolf Tiedemann welcomed all. He announced that a sign-in sheet and membership list would be circulated, introduced officers and board members, and noted that treasurer Rin Fraize would accept dues and money for the picnic. On behalf of the membership, Rolf extended best wishes to those absent due to illness or other hardship, mentioning John Culley and Bill Knauss. A moment of silence ensued for Ruth Cummings and others who are no longer with us.

Caroline Baldwin explained proxy qualifications and use. Rolf asked all speakers to limit comments to 5 minutes or less. He announced our guest speaker Hillary Olas from APA. He extended thanks to Sharon and Lewis Zankel for organizing today's picnic, to Tanya Condon for picking up trash along rte. 74, and to others. Rolf thanked those who have sent him articles from the press, Carlos Alden for updating of the webpage, Paul Burroughs for his care of the dam, and Forrest Lisle and the Waltons for their work on the Lake Management survey.

A few sweatshirts are available for purchase at \$12.00 each. Rolf pointed out the collection of educational information, including writings about milfoil and jetskiis, newsletters from Paradox and Schroon Lake associations, literature from Lake George Association, and copy of Times of Ti article about the wildlife refuge established by Todd and Tanya Condon. Rolf presented his notes from attendance this Spring at an APA advisory council meeting about milfoil.

MINUTES of last year's annual meeting, as posted on website, were adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT for year ended June 30,2002 was presented by Rin Fraize. About 70% of property owners paid dues last year. There was no expense for insurance of the officers and board but Rin announced that insurance purchase will be the top priority for the new Board of Directors. Carlos Alden contributed 1/2 the cost of the website. Rin described other receipts and expenditures. The meeting approved the report .

ELECTIONS - Jim Davis presented the nominations for Officers and Board positions:

President - Rin Fraize

Vice President - Lloyd Burroughs

Secretary - Caroline Baldwin

Treasurer - Jere Paddack

Board members: Sue Barwig and Rolf Tiedemann

There were no nominations from the floor so the secretary cast one ballot in favor of the above. Jim led applause to honor the outgoing officers. Rolf responded with thanks to the membership for attaining 70% membership.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Rolf spoke of the use of email and the website to

disseminate information over the year. Rolf received a short report from Army Corps of Engineers which indicates Eagle Lake is not a good fit for their work but they recognize that milfoil is a problem for us and may be able to help at some point. Lake Management Survey will be addressed under Old Business. CSLAP report on water samples for 2001 has not yet been received. Cost for participation in CSLAP in 2002 will be \$200. Rolf talked with Ti Police Chief Jeff Cook and NYS trooper Major Gillam about speeding on Rte. 74. He invited them to sit in driveways to monitor passing traffic. The police have worked on rte. 74 along the lake issuing citations to many speeders. Insurance for officers and board members was not renewed during the past year because the Board has not found the appropriate kind of insurance. Bill Kral's law firm, which helped ELPOI with incorporation, has given Rolf some advice. Rolf assured the meeting that his contact with that firm will not incur fees to ELPOI.

COMMITTEE REPORTS included:

1) Adopt-A-Highway - Lloyd Burroughs circulated a sign-up sheet to cover 1/2 mile segments of the road. She has vests, helmets and will take the trash to the dump.

2) The Water Level - Paul Burroughs oversees dam: water level is an inch above goal and should be on target soon. NYS will remove debris collected by ELPOI from dam area. Rolf showed sign (good for 5-year s) which names ELPOI as responsible for dam maintenance in NYS Adopt-a-Resource-Program.

3) Weed and Pollution - samples taken last Fall were not analyzed because lab was unexpectedly and temporarily closed. Cole Hickland will take samples to the lab during late August this year. Jere Paddack questioned "soap" in the lake (Rin assured the meeting that he is not bathing in the lake) and asked about pollution from jet skis. Bob Stevens said he read ELPOI records back to 1929, finding earlier complaints about foaming waters. The PH is such that the lake foams naturally. Jim Davis confirmed that current foaming is consistent with that of 1940s. Rin noted our good fortune that the lake does not suffer from acid rain nor zebra muscles.

4) Education - Forest Lisle will report on Lake Management Survey when the meeting addresses Old Business.

5) Fish Stocking - Bill Allen submitted numbers on the brown trout stocking in 2001. Andy Belkevich will take over as chairman of this committee.

by NYS in 2001:

250 at 14.0 inches

3900 at 9.0 inches

by Essex County:

no report to date

7) Membership - Lloyd Burroughs reported that about 70% of property owners were members last year and we hope to do as well this year.

8) Rte. 74 Construction - Todd Condon passed around data sheets about Neighborhood Watch Program. He is in contact with NYS Dept. of Transportation to monitor plans for Rte. 74. Before NY state rebuilds the causeway bridge, Rolf suggests ELPOI consider possible options and make a recommendation to the state.

Rolf called for volunteers to help with committee work. Rin called for the meeting to applaud Paul Burroughs for the work he has done in caring for the dam.

OLD BUSINESS - Rolf reported efforts to obtain the DOS \$15,000/\$7500 grant are still

ongoing and paperwork is underway through Crown Point for the \$25,000 grant through Sen. Stafford's office. Rolf learned through telephone calls to NYS offices that about \$18,000 remains in earlier grants to COLAM for Sonar demonstration projects.

Lake Management Survey results from 39 respondents were collated by Forrest Lisle and the Waltons and results were typed by David Porter. Forrest reported that strongest majority of responders want continued planning for both SONAR use and moth/weevil use. Rin pointed out that any funds collected for milfoil control would go to the Town of Crown Point as the repository of funds. Town of Ticonderoga will oversee any work done at lake. 33 of the 39 respondents are seasonal residents; over 1/2 of respondents have used lake for 30 years or more. Elizabeth Walton reported that many respondents reported ignorance of DEC and APA regulations. She suggested the education committee research regulations and provide that information to the membership. She pointed out that most respondents are concerned about clean up at the camp ground; many want the boat launch left natural, i.e. not paved; and many noted traffic concerns and opposition to jet skis on the lake.

The meeting briefly discussed jet skis as a safety and pollution issue. Only one survey respondent was in favor of jet skis on the lake. Towns can ban them from a lake. The meeting seemed to feel the jet skis are not a major problem now. Andy Belkevich called for marking more milfoil beds so boats might avoid them. Recently, Andy took the President of the NY State Conservation Council for a tour of the lake, noting where the milfoil is prolific. This official may be a good advocate for our lake.

Revision of the bylaws - proposed revisions were posted on the web. Changes must be approved by two meetings of the membership. Proposals are:

- Add email as a method of notifying members of meetings

- Eliminate position of Chairman of the Board of Directors

- Officers must be members and will be voting members of the Board

- Annual meeting will be held in July or August

The meeting unanimously approved the proposed revisions .

Adirondack Research Council (ARC) - Eagle Lake has withdrawn from participation as ARC is not a good fit for ELPOI participation.

NEW BUSINESS - Survey proposed that donations to Chilson Fire Department and Ticonderoga Emergency Squad be increased to \$100; donation to Moses Luddington Hospital will remain at \$50.00. Meeting approved these proposals.

ELPOI will continue membership in FOLA.

Guest Speaker Hillary Olas of APA was introduced. She is funded by an EPA grant, located in Raybrook, and is working with an advisory panel drawn from regional agencies and other interested parties to develop a strategic plan to monitor and manage invasive plants in APA through education, outreach, and monitoring.

Paradox Lake picnic is on July 14. ELPOI members are welcome to attend. Paradox

Lake is offering a safe boaters course.

An end of summer "social" last year was not well attended. Does the meeting want to have such an activity this year? The meeting showed little interest.

Bob Stevens announced Paul Clickner, the new Forest Ranger, is concerned with the tree cutting at the state park. He is also concerned with fishing licenses.

Roger Wickes suggested that ELPOI send a letter to Senator Stafford on the occasion of his retirement to wish him well during his retirement and to thank him for his efforts on behalf of ELPOI. The meeting voted to have the Secretary draft such a letter.

Rolf praised, for their specificity and force, the invasive plant warning signs posted in Vermont and New Hampshire at boat launches. He pointed out that Sen. Stafford has proposed similar signs be posted in NY.

Chilson Volunteer Fire Department barbecue will be July 20th. Tickets may be purchased from Jim Davis. Jim thanked the members for support of the Department.

Sharon and Lewis Zankel announced they will donate the food for the picnic today in honor of the outgoing Officers and Board members. They will NOT be able to manage the picnic next year.

Rin extended official thanks to Jim Davis and Bill Allen for their long service to ELPOI. Rin requested members check the information posted on the board to verify their names and addresses and notice other posted information: by-law revisions, survey responses, and educational materials. Rin announced that the new Board of Directors will meet following adjournment of this meeting.

The meeting voted to have the next Annual Meeting on July 12, 2003 at 10 AM at the Chilson Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.