Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. Annual Meeting Minutes Celebrating 100 Years of Responsible Lake Stewardship 1907-2007 July 12, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Rin Fraize at 10:00A.M. The attached agenda was approved

Motion made to accept the Annual Meeting minutes of 2007. Motion passed.

Mary Loose read the Mission statement to remind all of the purpose of ELPOI..

Board's annual report: Read by Rin – copy attached:

A moment of silence was requested for members that have died in the past year: Dorothy Cully, Fay Spring, Ann Conklin, Jane Stevens, and Gladys Lodge.

The members recognized and gave a round of applause to:

- 1. Jere Paddack and Rolf Tiedemann for their efforts in procuring the New York State DEC Invasive Species Eradication Grant of 2007.
- 2. Recognition to Jere Paddack for his commitment and work as past President of the association.
- 3. Recognition to Tonya Condon for the excellent work as Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Rin Fraize presented financial results for past year, copy attached. Only major item over the 2007/8 Plan was the \$20,000 transferred to Town of Crown Point for the Milfoil Project matching funds. This amount is made up of current and prior year gifts from members. Motion seconded and passed to accept the report. Proposed budget for next year was presented and approved. It was noted that ELPOI members have pledged an additional \$3,800 for this project. Motion to accept the Plan for 2008/09 fiscal year approved.

Nominations and Elections: Mary Lloyd Burroughs presented the nomination committee's slate to the members: Rin Fraize (President), Steve Stubing (Vice President), William Armada (Treasurer), Mary Loose (Secretary) and Harry Walton and Ann Patterson (Board members). Motion made to have Secretary record one unanimous vote ballot for the slate was made, seconded and motion passed.

Membership: Chryl Pynn reported that last year 56 out of 86 property owners were members in year just ended. We have 46 paid owners so far for 2008/09. There are 91 pieces of properties, with several families who own more than one piece of property on tax rolls. Town of Ticonderoga is not in the 86 used for statistical purposes, nor are dual ownership. Motion made to accept report/motion passed.

Fish Stocking: Andy Belkevich reported that the Lake has been stocked with 3,000 trout. The Lake is no longer stocked with rainbow trout but bass and trout are there for the

taking. Motion made to accept report. Motion passed with thanks given to Andy.

Adopt a Highway Committee Report/ Neighborhood Watch

Program/Route 74 Highway Report Submitted by Tonya Condon, see attached report. Report was read and accepted, with thanks to Tonya and Todd.

Water Quality Report/Darrin Fresh Water Institute

Paul and Lloyd Burroughs reported that the water is tested every two weeks throughout the summer. Clarity has always been good and the lake remains healthy. CSLAP water quality reports are on the web site.

Paul reported that the beaver have been very busy. Three beaver have been relocated by a trapper. Two six foot high piles of their building materials have been removed from the spillway by Paul and several others and taken away twice by the SHOCK prisoners and the beaver seem to have moved on. The DEC licenses ELPOI to maintain lake level at +/- 4 inches. This is an ongoing contract which needs to be reviewed/renewed every three years. We have been running at +4 so far this summer.

Rin reported that testing for coliform in the lake is conducted by the Darrin Fresh Water Institute using water samples he takes right after Labor Day each year. Four areas of the Lake are checked: North and south of Charles Island, Ti Bay, and the west end of the Lake. Michael Tiedemann has put CSLAP and Darrin Fresh Water Institute reports from last year on our web site, eaglelake1.org. Motion made to accept reports/motion approved.

Old Business: None was reported

Milfoil Project

Rolf reported that after a long process the New York State DEC Invasive Species Eradication Grant is in place and work has begun.

- 1. To date 17 bags of milfoil have been removed from the lake and 22 mats are in place. It is a slow and difficult process. The divers reported that there is a lot more milfoil outside of the reported patches and it is difficult to know exactly how much milfoil there really is. Mats need to remain in place for five to six weeks. It has taken 61 work hours to accomplish this to date.
- 2. A work platform is in place and Rolf asked residents to be on the outlook if anyone tries to remove the equipment from the raft. It is too difficult to take all equipment off the raft at the end of each work day.
- 3. Chris and Pat Hyde donated a platoon boat to help. The value is \$3,500/month and this may be added to the in-kind services in the grant.
- 4. When the time comes to remove the mats, the team will need help since the mats are very heavy.
- 5. Jim and Joyce Shultz were recognized for having attached weights to these mats.
- 6. Lake residents have volunteered to assist in the collection of floating Milfoil and will be contacted by a member of the Board when needed by Dive team.

Concern was raised about the safety of the mats. A motion to "Stop all matting until the mats have been checked for chemical residue." was made. After a lengthy debate, the

motion passed-16 in favor/8 against. A second motion was made "After the testing of the mats, if the results are within acceptable limits by the D.E.C., the Board has the authority to resume matting." This motion passed. In order to keep the project in place it was decided that the divers will hand harvest new light patches until the issue of the mats has been cleared.

After this break in the presentation of Rolf's report he resumed his presentation.

- 1. Approved to hand harvest in water greater than 2 meters--not less.
- 2. New application for permit to A.P.A. to work in water less than 2 meters. It is hoped that by the end of July the town will have a permit to hand harvest milfoil in water less than two meters.
- 3. Rolf will continue the permit request for chemical (Renovate) use in the lake. The permitting process is a work in progress by the APA. To date, no authorization has been given within the Blue Line. Both the APA and DEC have stated thet Eagle Lake is a good lake for testing the this use.

Rolf will remain the contact person for the milfoil project. The Board has the authority to determine this assignment. It does not require a membership vote.

Motion made to accept Milfoil report/motion passed.

New Business:

- 1. Up dated web page with all kinds of new information. Members may look at the laptop in the kitchen or on the web. Michael Tiedemann was recognized for his efforts in accomplishing this. Many old photos and other historical data was recently added.
- 2. The use of Jet Skis on lake was raised. Rin spoke with the town concerning the process to prohibit their use on the Lake. First the lake members must sign a petition and then the town will call a hearing. The Lake Association does not have the authority to ban Jet Skis but they can make sure that current state regulations limiting any boat or PWC to 5 miles an hour within 100 feet of shore are followed. Much discussion followed and subject was tabled.
- 3. Milfoil Buoy Markers are in place

Meeting adjourned at 12:35. The annual picnic followed and was enjoyed by all. Letters of thanks to Sue and Floyd Barwig and Carol Fraize for buying the food and to Jim Shultz and Paul Burroughs for cooking the hamburgers and hotdogs will be sent.

Mary Loose, Secretary

Boating Safety

The following excerpts are from the New York State Boaters Guide. For complete information and copies of the handbook contact The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at 518-474-0445 or www.nysparks.com.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

New York requires that anyone operating a personal watercraft (and all other powerboats) complete an approved course in boating safety or otherwise be accompanied, on board, by someone 18 years of age or older who is the holder of an approved boating safety certificate. Certificates are required to be carried at all times when operating the PWC.

Operators of jet skis and all other power boats should be mindful of property owners as well as environmentally sensitive areas.

Speed is limited to 5 miles per hour within 100 feet of shore, dock, raft or anchored boat (notably fishermen).

Operators and passengers must wear a Coast Guard approved PFD (personal flotation device).

Since Personal Watercraft cannot immediately stop, it is important to stay clear of other boats and swimmers.

Any vessel towing a water skier/board/tube must have on board, in addition to the operator, an observer at least 10 years of age who will watch out for the person being towed.

Jet-skiing and waterskiing are restricted to the hours between sunrise and sunset.

In other words in consideration of the safety and pleasure of all our residents it is important to be mindful of other boaters and especially swimmers.

Please insure that your guests and renters all understand these rules. You might want to hang a copy in camp for their education