

Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. Annual Meeting

Celebrating 108 years of Responsible Lake Stewardship 1907 - 2015

July 18th 2015 Draft Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chris Hyde at 10:25AM

MISSION STATEMENT: Mission statement read by Steve Phelps.

2013 Minutes (Jack Mulcahy): Correction made to the National Geographic article information

that the Eagle Lake mentioned in the article IS our Eagle Lake

2014 Minutes read by Jack Mulcahy, Motion to accept minutes was seconded and all in favor.

NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS for 2015: Chris Hyde President, Steve Phelps Vice President, Rolf Tiedemann Treasurer, Keith Park Secretary, Board Members: Peter Popinchalk up for 3 yr term, Lloyd Burroughs up for 2 yr term, Motion to accept, seconded and all in favor. Keith Park introduced himself as the new Secretary and new property owner as of 2014. New members Lee and Gloria Murdy, and associate member Elias Khoury.

TREASURERS REPORT: Rolf Tiedemann gave the treasurers report which will be posted on the website.

WATER TESTING: CSLAP water testing continues, cost has gone up. Results have been positive for good water quality.

WEBSITE ACTIVITY: Website activity is excellent, 60K page loads for the past 5 years.

WEBCAM: Todd and Tonya Condon continue to host our webcam.

EAGLE LAKE ACCESSORIES: Numerous items for sale that Rolf Tiedemann reported on as well as sales results, and Chris Hyde thanked The Popinchalk's for their work in making many of the items available for purchase and their work on the Eagle Lake Facebook page. Rolf mentioned that he is making "Deals" on items so if you want to stock your camp with appropriate item's be sure to contact Rolf.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Rolf Tiedemann reported that Milfoil continues to be a problem but is better in spots and worse in others. Dianne Tiedemann reported on and passed around an example of a new invasive found in the lake, Curley pond weed, which elicited a NYS Rapid response to follow up and they also found a sample. Michael Tiedemann reported on his experience finding the plants and removing them. Their entire report is due in September. A description of this invasive and its characteristics was given.

No examples of Spiny water flea or Asian clam have yet been found. Chris Hyde spoke of the new "Clean Drain Dry" initiative in NYS for boat launches and the current status of Invasive treatment and the use of Renovate, which hasn't changed and ELPOI funding for such a possibility in the future.

**ADOPT A HIGHWAY:** Chris Hyde thanked Todd and Tonya Condon for their continued contribution to this in the past year.

**LAKE USE ISSUES:** It was reported that a large gathering of out of town people on the public beach on 4th of July weekend resulted in a substantial mess, this was reported to DEC and an officer responded and warned the individuals that camping was only allowed in the designated area and that all waste and trash must be removed, which it was although a fire pit was left burning. NYS Camping permits are required for "wilderness" camping more than 3 days.

**FISH STOCKING:** Andy Belkevich reported that the crown point hatchery stocked 4000 brown trout this year. Loon activity was mentioned, but this was not a concern for stocking. Fish health was reported as excellent.

**RT74 SPEED LIMIT:** After the tragic loss of Toby Secone last summer Andy Belkevich submitted a petition with 40 signatures to lower the speed limit along the lake to the town board who submitted it to the board of supervisors of Essex county who submitted it to the DOT but no action would be taken to change the speed limit. It was suggested that greater enforcement take place along the lake and residents offer use of their driveways and property for police use to enforce the speed limit. Andy Belkevich and Keith Park to pen a letter to the Ticonderoga town supervisor about patrolling Rt 74 along the lake, signed by Secretary Keith Park and sent to Town Super Bill Grinnell. A motion was made, seconded and approved for this.

**BEAVER ACTIVITY:** Jack Mulcahy reported on beaver activity, there are active beavers this year and he has torn out one Dam already with 6 beavers. There is a permit to remove them, There is one local trapper that will be contacted if necessary to trap and relocate the beavers.

**DONATIONS:** Donations were reported (listed on website treasurers report) and a motion to approve them was seconded and passed.

**PROPERTY OWNERS MAPS:** These will be updated by Rolf Tiedemann and mailed out by Chris Hyde to all property owners and a copy without names will be posted online.

**VOLUNTEER ARCHIVIST:** Lauren Philips introduced herself as our volunteer archivist and reported on the various documents that have been scanned in and will soon be available online.

**NEXT YEARS MEETING:** Tentatively set for July 16th 2016. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.