

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

members of Eagle Lake in raising the required funds to fight Milfoil in Eagle Lake.

Jim asked us to tell the membership to send copies of all correspondence to the Board so that the information could be used as additional leverage in the permit and funding process. See Newsletter cover page for addresses.

PHASE III *Monitoring* Jim indicated to us that between his office at the DEC and with the efforts of SePRO monitoring after the treatment would be completed. Along with this monitoring Jim suggested that we continue our efforts to complete the septic dye testing. He also suggested that we join the DEC's Citizens State Wide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP). CSLAP trains people from lake groups to monitor water quality by collecting samples and information from May-Sept.. Samples sent to NYS DEC are analyzed, creating long-term informational databases. After five years the DEC reports on the information. This is a free program for which volunteers are given training and equipment (bottles, manuals, etc.). (3/99 update: We are 2nd on the waiting list for this program)

Highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting

August 29, 1998

- Discussed the windstorm on August 24th which knocked down trees and caused power loss to all but a very few on the south side of the lake.
- Discussed whether 911 numbers were working on the north side of the lake due to party line nature of some of the phones there.
- Milfoil was discussed. NYS DEC was on the Lake on August 28th looking for Milfoil patches as they do annually. The Board of Directors will continue work on pushing along the Milfoil treatment project. Lloyd Burroughs and Wendy Davis, sub-committee members for the Eagle Lake Pilot Project, continue as contact persons with Dr. Sutherland of the DEC.
- Discussed sources for non potable water during the sonar treatment time. Jim Davis stated that the ELPOI could ask the Chilson Fire Dept. if they would be willing to bring around non potable water after treatment during the time of lake water use restrictions. Jim mentioned that storage containers

would be the property owners responsibility.

- Discussed the need for water control at the dam for 30 or so days after treatment. The control of the water during this time will be the responsibility of those managing the pilot project, most likely the DEC.

- Discussed the testing of Eagle Lake property owners' on site-waste water treatment systems with dye. Dye testing is a required part of in-kind-services for receiving the Department of State Water Front Revitalization Grant. The Grant is covering some of the costs incurred with the permit and application process for Sonar. To date about 1/3 of the property owners have returned their surveys. Rolf Tiedemann and Jim Davis will be contacting the remaining members again about their survey's. Wayne Wagner, Town of Ticonderoga Code Officer, will assist with the testing and survey data collection. His assistance is also part of the Grant.

- Discussed the dollar value of the Milfoil fund pledges. The Board was pleased that the members pledges totaled \$14,400.00 from 29 responses. The Board decided to send out the pledge letter again this time stating specifically that pledges and contributions to ELPOI are NY State and Federal tax deductible. The hope is that we can increase the number of people pledging their support to the Milfoil project to over 75%. Dr. Sutherland, DEC, in his previous meeting with us stated that the more unanimous the membership support for the pilot project the more likely the State will try to find funding, Actual dollar value amount is not as important as you returning the pledge letter with your support.

- Discussed the treasurers expenses and agreed to keep dues at \$25.00 for the next year. This covers operating expenses. Heard that all current obligations have been paid since the annual meeting. Reapproved the value for the contingency fund of \$500.00. Heard that the money given to the ELPOI for legal defense as it pursued the use of Sonar is still in tact in a Certificate of Deposit CD account.

- Completed Annual Resolution business to give the Officers and Committees the same responsibilities as in the past.

- Discussed the need for an Education committee. There is currently no one completing the duties for this. Anyone interested should contact Vice President, Lloyd Burroughs. The Education