

Subj: July 17 board of director's meeting minutes

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July 17 ELPOI, Board of Directors Meeting

The Officers and Directors of ELPOI met at the Burroughs' residence for the purpose of conducting an organizational meeting on Saturday, July 17, 1999 at 10:00 a. m. In attendance were: President Rolf Tiedemann, Chairman of the Board Roger Wickes, Bill Knauss, Cole Hickland, Sue Barwig, and Sharon Zankel, Secretary. Mr. Hickland was welcomed as a new member of the Board of Directors.

Rolf Tiedemann reviewed the minutes of the August 15, 1998 Board of Directors meeting, as recorded in the spring, 1999 issue of the ELPOI newsletter.

Due to the small number in attendance, it was the consensus of those present to defer the election of the Chairman until the next meeting.

Rolf Tiedemann indicated he wished to create the position of Corresponding Secretary and appoint Sue Barwig to the position. The elected Secretary, Sharon Zankel, would then be primarily responsible for recording the meetings of meetings. It was determined this action would not be in conflict with the organization's by-laws. Bill Knauss moved Sue Barwig be designated Corresponding Secretary; the motion was seconded by Roger Wickes and carried.

Mr. Tiedemann asked Ms. Barwig to prepare and transmit a letter of thanks to Sue Hoag for recording the minutes of the ELOPI annual meeting

(7/10/99). Mr. Tiedemann offered to send Mike Connary, Ticonderoga Town

Supervisor, a note of thanks for attending and addressing the annual meeting.

The following committee members were appointed:

Weed and Pollution Control ñ To be co-chaired by Cole Hickland and Jim Davis,

Water Level Committee ñ Lew Zankel has expressed an interest in serving on this committee and Mr. Tiedemann will be in touch with him.

Liaison with Department of Transportation regarding Route 74 Construction ñ Ruth Cummings will be asked to continue in this capacity.

Education Committee ñ Chairperson being sought.

Fish Stocking Committee ñ Joe Muehleck will again serve as chairman.

Nominating Committee if Mr. Tiedemann reported this committee should be named and endorsed by a membership vote at the annual meeting. Roger Wickes will check the constitution and by-laws on this point.

All present felt the newsletter should be continued; Mr. Tiedemann indicated Carol Baldwin is probably willing to continue to work on it and that he will contact her about this.

Mr. Tiedeman indicated a small group of workers would be needed to rip out a beaver dam by the Eagle Lake Dam and that he will check to see if the permit from DEC will cover this. A tentative date of July 24 was set for this task. There was consensus that ELPOI pay the local person previously engaged to trap the beaver if necessary. There was also discussion about the appropriateness of a temporary revocable permit vs.

a natural resource permit. Mr. Tiedemann will get the permit for Roger Wickes to review. Mr. Hickland offered to trap the beaver if the individual who has been hired in the past is not able to do it.

It was suggested, with concurrence from all, that the usual annual resolutions be deferred until the next Board meeting.

Mr. Tiedemann reported dye tests have been conducted on 15 properties, none have failed the test.

The matter of raising ELPOI membership dues was discussed. It was mentioned raising dues might discourage pledges to aid the treatment of milfoil. One alternative might be to solicit donations to the Lake Maintenance Fund. Raising the cost of the annual picnic was also discussed. It was suggested the picnic cost be increased to \$5 per adult or \$15 per family. Another idea is to sell advertising in the newsletter to area retailers. Bill Knauss mentioned that a possibly reduced cost of liability insurance for officers and trustees might offset the need for a dues increase. No action taken on this subject.

Mr. Tiedemann suggested the creation and distribution of an information

brochure might raise the level of awareness of the milfoil problem and generate support of ELPOI's objectives. This brochure could be distributed to the general nearby public, especially lake users. Mr. Tiedeman presented several ideas for the brochure's content, including the history of milfoil at Eagle Lake and general information about the weed; Ms. Zankel said she believed the history of the milfoil problem can be found in the organization's archives. Mr. Knauss emphasized the best evidence against milfoil lies in the fact the plant has caused drownings at other lakes. Ms. Zankel offered to lay out a draft brochure.

Mr. Tiedemann reported nearly all that attended the annual meeting signed the petition supporting treatment of milfoil. Next steps were discussed and included obtaining more signatures from lake users, including visitors to the lake, and sending the petition to elected officials including Senator Stafford, Supervisor Connary, and Congressman Sweeney. The petition copies should be mailed by early fall.

Mr. Tiedemann indicated a contact with a SEPRO consultant, Tom Hebert

of Capitol Link, led to the question of the degree of support among the general public for the treatment of milfoil at Eagle Lake. Mr. Hebert will be in touch with Congressman Sweeney on our behalf for the purpose of seeking federal funds.

It was also suggested the organization consider how an elected official assisting in the treatment of the lake could be recognized. One idea was the posting of a sign or plaque at the boat launch. The designation of Route 74 as a scenic byway was suggested. Ms. Zankel was asked to describe the work she is doing in Rensselaer County to have a roadway designated a Scenic Byway. After hearing the objectives of the Scenic Byways Program, it was decided this might not be the kind of approach ELPOI is seeking presently to obtain support for the eradication of milfoil.

Twenty ELPOI members have sent Lloyd Burroughs copies of letters they have sent to elected officials concerning milfoil treatment. Several people reported receiving responses from the elected officials but the responses were generic ones.

Mr. Tiedemann reported letters concerning speed limits and dangers of speeding along Route 74 have been sent to Wal-Mart, International Paper, and the NYS Police; no responses were received but that fact is not considered unusual.

Mr. Tiedemann reported 12 additional pledges for milfoil treatment have been received including one for \$10,000. The source of the pledges remains confidential. John DiPofi has not yet turned over the pledges received during his tenure.

There was discussion in regard to Mike Connary's comments at the July 10 meeting about the posting of signs along the Route 74 causeway including No Parking, Hamlet, Pedestrian Walkway, and Respect for Property. It was felt, of these, No Parking signs might stand the greatest likelihood of becoming a reality. Roger Wickes said he is checking to determine if the Town of Ti has to pass a resolution to enact and post parking restrictions.

Mr. Tiedemann reported articles mentioning ELPOI's struggle against milfoil have appeared in the Press Republican and Ad Guard.

A motion to reimburse Mr. Tiedemann for the approximately \$200 worth of telephone calls made in regard to the milfoil issue and related ELPOI business was made by Roger Wickes, seconded by Bill Knauss, and carried.

It was decided by expressed consensus not to pursue the matter of reports of burned out street lights along Route 74.

Mr. Tiedemann indicated he would like to see some human interest type articles in the ELPOI newsletter, perhaps on the subject of fishing.

Ms. Zankel indicated she is still interested in acquiring old photographs of Eagle Lake and related historical material.

A motion that a plaque recognizing John DiPofi's service as President of ELPOI be obtained and presented to him was made, seconded and carried. Mr. Tiedemann offered to take care of the plaque.

The next Board of Directors meeting was set for August 21, 1999 at 9:00

a. m. at the Burroughs' home.

Sharon Zankel, Secretary

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