

ELPOI Board of Directors Meeting on July 7, 2000

Meeting, at Burroughs home on Eagle Lake, began at 7:18 PM with the following present: Rolf Tiedemann, Lloyd Burroughs, Caroline Baldwin, Bill Allen, Bill Knauss, Rin Fraiz, Jim Davis, Cole Hickland.

Rolf Tiedemann conducted the meeting. Rolf and the Board discussed the following:

- 1) Emails - Rolf requested acknowledgement of emails so he will at least know that his message got through.
- 2) Need to fill positions; discussion of how to run elections at Annual Meeting.

Board of Directors - 2 terms ending: Bill Knauss and Rin Fraiz
Rin Fraiz, Pat Hyde and Sue Hoag agreed to run.

Officers - Sharon Zankel is unable to continue as Recording Secretary.

Caroline Baldwin has agreed to assume the position.

Corresponding Secretary - necessity for position - continue for now under appointment by Board of Directors. When By-laws are opened for revision, the position should be considered.

- 3) Membership database management is being moved from Bob Stevens to Rin Fraiz. Of recent newsletter mailing, only one was returned as undeliverable.

- 4) Sweatshirt sales - About 70 shirts remain; someone will sell them at the Annual Meeting; Peter B. will receive \$ for them. Rolf has given away 3 : to Bo Burns of SePRO, Mark Moran of Antique Store, and Mary Arthur Beebe at FOLA conference.

- 5) Water testing

Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) water testing is being done by Lloyd and Paul Burroughs. Detailed instructions are provided by NYS. This 5 year program requires testing every 2 weeks for a period of 8 weeks and records many qualities: e.g. clarity, temperature, electrolytes, turbidity. Rolf, Cole, and Bill K. volunteered to help when needed.

Coliform and other bacteria tests have been done in years past for \$15 per site. These samples must be delivered to Bolton Landing within 24 hours of taking. Should such testing resume? Should Eagle Lake join with Paradox and Schroon lakes to seek a grant to cover costs of such testing? Rolf T. knows someone who wants to write grants. No action now on idea of working with other lakes. Cole Hickland of Water Quality Comm. will recommend to the Annual Meeting that such a test be done in August. He will ask for a volunteers to deliver the water sample to Bolton Landing.

- 6) Septic systems dye tests - 80% of Eagle Lake property septic systems were tested with in 1999. All passed. Data registered with Town of Ti and Crown Point.
- 7) Milfoil growth is impressive this year; surfaced before end-June. After discussion, the Board advised to show on the chalkboard to the Annual Meeting the figures on money promised and money needed for SONAR treatment.
- 8) Funding for SONAR - DOS grant; Rin working on APA permit; chance of money from other sources : Congressman Sweeney, Army Corps of Engineers; pledges from property owners; expense of moths and weevils for milfoil elimination.
- 9) DEC approval and non-involvement currently - Board advised Rolf to continue his careful work with DEC to get their approval.
- 10) FOLA conference - Rolf found attendance useful and suggests others attend next year. FOLA suggests doing a survey of lake residents to learn their concerns. At a later meeting, the Board will study idea of lake management plan and survey.
- 11) COLAM, formerly a valuable educational organization, is floundering due to lack of leadership.
- 12) NYS tax exempt status for ELPOI is being obtained by Bill Allen. Rolf needs to clarify the federal tax-exempt status of ELPOI with Peter B., Treasurer.
- 13) Requests for reimbursements - T-shirts, telephone, mailings, etc.
- 14) "No Parking" signs along causeway - no action on these yet.
- 15) Permit for dam management was discussed. State owns dam. NYS DEC Temporary Revokable Permit (TRP) is type of agreement ELPOI has had with state. This agreement allows ELPOI to clean debris off spillway and add or remove boards to regulate water level. NYS DEC in Raybrook suggested ELPOI could better manage the dam through the NYS Adopt -A - Natural - Resource program, a 5 year agreement. Board will consider this at next meeting with advice from Bd. member Roger Wickes.
- 16) Moment of silence will be declared at Annual Meeting for those who passed since last year: Bill Kral, George Conklin, Ruth Watters.
- 17) Picnic workers needed for tomorrow - Bd. Members volunteered to help.
- 18) Board meeting will be held after the Annual Meeting to elect a

Chairman and to decide on time of next meeting. Board suggests the meeting be in July when Bill Allen will be able to attend and that we make sure Roger Wickes can attend. Where ?

19) Lloyd B. wants the address of new resident Charles Robinson. Caroline Baldwin will try to get that information.

Rolf thanked the Board members and Officers for their work in the organization.

Rolf went over his agenda (appended) for the Annual Meeting the next day. The Board of Directors made numerous recommendations about agenda items - - advising which should be fully explained / elaborated on and which should be de-emphasized or not discussed at all. Board advice in reaction to agenda was as follows:

- 1) Regarding ELPOI donations, use language such as "Board recommends contributions to Chilson Vol. Fire Dept...." etc.
- 2) Officers reports - President's Report should be near beginning of meeting because that gives most information; Vice President will report on COLAM.
- 3) Encourage other committee members speak at the Annual Meeting.
- 4) Nominating committee should not be mentioned since there was none. Board directed that since there are 3 candidates for 2 Board positions, all 3 names would be put forward for voting - saying "these people AGREED to serve on the Board..."
- 5) No need to mention break-ins, vandalism, hurricane Floyd, 911 street naming.
- 6) Stafford \$25,000 - ask members to send Thank Yous .
- 7) Don't mention conversations with John Kelly, John Sweeney, DOS grant, cessation of help from DEC, problems of other lakes].
- 8) Announce that other funding sources have been contacted.
- 9) Thanks to Town of Ti and Crown Point for their support.
- 10) Lake management survey - Board of Directors will consider issue, not a discussion topic for the meeting.
- 11) Old business was covered in newsletter; don't mention at Annual Meeting.
- 12) Issue of jet skis may be raised at Annual Meeting - should be deferred to New Business, at which time the discussion must be contained.
- 13) New business to mention - sweatshirts are for sale; ask for newsletter sponsors; no need to mention to annual meeting the issues of raising dues, of lake management study, of liability insurance, beaver trapping, end-or-summer social.
- 14) Next year's meeting date will be: July 7, 2001.
- 15) Sharon Zankel is collecting information for lake history - mention in newsletter.
- 16) Board will work to remove beaver structure on dam: Monday, July 10 at 1 PM.
- 17) Need volunteer / coordinator for future picnics (after annual meetings.)

18) Board will consider later the idea of writing letters to newspapers.