

ELPOI Board of Directors Meeting on July 06, 2001

Meeting, at Community Center in Chilson, began at 7:50 PM with the following present: Rolf Tiedemann, Bill Allen, Jim Davis, Pat Hyde, Lloyd Burroughs, Roger Wickes, Caroline Baldwin.

Rolf Tiedemann conducted the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the Annual Meeting on the following day: July 7, 2001.

In Rin Fraize's absence, Rolf presented Rin's notes about the ELPOI By-laws. Rin made eleven points about the By-laws. Most of Rin's points indicate a need for by-law clarification, revision, and adherence. Discussion among those present showed disagreement and confusion over voting rights for owners of multiple parcels and over the definition of record date for member eligibility. Other points listed by Rin included: certain items should be read at the Annual Meeting; the quorum for a membership meeting shall consist of a minimum of 11 members. General consensus of the Board is that a committee should be established at the Annual Meeting to review and clarify the By-laws. Roger Wickes volunteered to be on that committee.

Discussion ensued about the election of officers and board members at the Annual Meeting. Rolf was directed to request volunteers from the meeting to act as election marshals. It was agreed that it is not necessary to hold the count for an hour following balloting to permit late arrivals to participate in the voting. Rolf will present the slate of officers and if there are no additional nominations for officers (i.e. nominations from the floor), the secretary shall be directed to cast one ballot for the nominated slate. Also, election is necessary to fill three openings in the Board of Directors: two three-year positions in the regular rotation; and the two years remaining of Rin Fraize's term (Rin is resigning from the Board to take the job of Treasurer.) Since four members have been nominated and have agreed to run for the three openings, a paper ballot will be taken. Those two receiving the greatest number of votes will fill the three-year terms and the member receiving the third largest vote count will serve for two years. Those who have agreed to run for positions on the Board of Directors include Todd Condon, Cole Hickland, Jere Paddack, and John Pynn. Further nominations will be requested at the Meeting from the general membership.

Rolf will have educational materials displayed at the Annual Meeting - from SEPRO, CSLAP, surveys, etc.

Returns of the Lake Management Survey do not necessarily indicate the name of respondent. A few survey returns that were reviewed are against improving the boat ramp or raising the Causeway Bridge. Surveys will be given out at the boat ramp to encourage outside input. Volunteers are needed to tabulate the returns.

Bob Stevens will speak about Fort Ticonderoga at the Annual Meeting. Local taxpayers are permitted free entrance to the Fort. Bob will donate an historical video about Fort Ticonderoga. Members interested may participate in a drawing for the video. In recognition of work done for ELPOI, we will include in the drawing the names of Sharon Zankel and Carlos Alden.

25-30 sweatshirts remain and will be for sale at the Meeting. Rolf is giving away sweatshirts to the Army Corps of Engineers, Sen. Stafford, others.

Rolf shared emails concerning ARC work to write articles for the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Sciences, Lake George milfoil control, and from John Bolling at Congressman Sweeney's office about the Army Corps of Engineers' work with ELPOI.

Discussion followed about work of the Army Corps of Engineers with ELPOI. The Corps will fund only part of a project and most likely only on a reimbursement basis. How the funding procedure unfolds is not understood. Other resources include \$25,000 grant from NYS through Senator Stafford's office and pledges from ELPOI membership. How will ELPOI find a way to initially fund the whole project? ELPOI must research the funding procedures and requirements for projects with the Army Corps of Engineers.

In conjunction with the grant from International Paper, that company offers space in the Press Republican newspaper for ELPOI communications. Tonya Condon of IP has nominated ELPOI for a Community PRIDE Award, an award presented by PRIDE of Ticonderoga for work to improve the community. Rolf circulated a Thank You card to be presented to Todd and Tonya Condon at the Annual Meeting for their work in obtaining the IP grant.

Board members signed a Thank You card for Bob Johnson, Cornell Univ. research scientist, who examined some Eagle Lake milfoil for Acentria moths. Moths were found on the initial examination but not on a return visit and examination.

Dr. Ken Wagner has impressed Rolf as an authoritative spokesman about milfoil control. He is working with Lake George Park Commission toward APA permit for use of SONAR.

Additional funding was discussed briefly - e.g. via bumper sticker sales or a yard sale. Volunteers for a fund raising committee will be requested at the Annual Meeting.

Other announcements were: COLAM has not been functioning and Wendy will soon resign as Treasurer. Paradox Lake Association picnic is on July 22 at 1 PM; a diver will do some lake clean-up work on July 14; Todd Condon suggests establishment of neighborhood watch programs; Pat Hyde has a video about milfoil to play during the picnic; no letter has been sent to the governor yet; Pat Hyde brought copies of the monthly Boater Fun publication and suggested someone write an article about milfoil or other small lake concerns for the August edition.

Carlos Alden has established the web page for ELPOI at <http://www.EagleLake1.org> Webpage maintenance will cost \$15-20 monthly. Roger Wickes offered to donate \$100 for that purpose.

Rolf quickly listed agenda items for the Annual Meeting. The Board urged Rolf to follow the order of business for the Annual Meeting as specified in the By-laws and to limit the communication of details.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Minutes Submitted by: Caroline Baldwin