

ELPOI Board Meeting 6 July 2004

Present: Rin Fraize, Sue Barwig, Andy Belkevich, Jere Paddack, John Pynn, Rolf Tiedemann

Absent: Todd Condon, Cole Hickland, Caroline Baldwin

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Minutes were recorded by Sue Barwig.

Milfoil Survey Report

Rolf distributed the latest report of his son Michael's study on the presence of milfoil in the lake. The report includes maps identifying the milfoil areas. It was stated that the smaller milfoil patches are harvestable.

The Board passed a motion to formally thank Michael Tiedemann for his study and to acknowledge Scott Davis for his help.

The Board passed a motion to send a letter of thanks to International Paper for their grant in 2002 that helped fund purchase of the GPS used in mapping the milfoil stating that Michael's report available upon request.

Nominating Committee Report

Board terms of John Pynn and Cole Hickland end with July, 2004 Annual Meeting. John Pynn agreed to run again for a second term. Wendy Davis declined to run for Cole's position. Rin will ask Cathy Cerny if she will join the Board. Officers have agreed to remain one more year. Nominations from the floor will be received at the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Jere reported that, as of the end of June 2004, we have \$1917 in the checking account and two CDs of \$2606 and \$3150. Interest on the CDs is lower now, 1.5%, than the former 4%. With 35+ owners paid to date, not all dues have been received. Jere requested that any bills be turned in to him as soon as possible.

Because there has been little beaver activity this year, only \$60 incurred for relocating two beavers.

"Bottom Line" ELPOI underspent last year's budget, despite higher donations (\$550) to service groups. During 2004/05 expected income will be lower due to reduced dues, from \$25 to \$20.

Water Quality Report

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Water samples, taken bi-monthly for 12 weeks, are submitted to CSLAP (Citizens' Statewide Lake Assessment Program.) The clarity of the water is between 6 and 7, with 10 being perfect. E coli in the lake remains at 1-2 count for the four measured areas.

Conferences

A water quality conference, entitled "Developing Effective Strategies for Managing Aquatic Invasive Plants and Nutrients in Lakes and Streams" will be held August 9-11, 2004 at Paul Smith's College. The Board approved funding, at \$35 each, for attendance of three people. Rin and Carol attended the "Adirondack Water Quality Control Conference" at Adirondack Community College in June 2004.

Grant M000036

Rin reported receiving, for ELPOI, a DEC mailing in regard to the \$25,000 Grant # M000036. The grant response information gave "45 days to submit a program narrative and budget." However, the information indicated that the Grant response could be extended another 45 days which was requested. The Board agreed that the package should be given to the Town of Ticonderoga for response.

While Rin believes there will be no problem securing this grant from DEC, ELPOI may run into some snags with the APA. Considerable discussion ensued as to what a potential plan/program would entail: Most of milfoil is within Town of Ticonderoga.

What area (s) would be harvested first?

Who would do the harvesting?

How would the milfoil be disposed of?

The Board agreed to ask the Town of Ticonderoga (and possibly Crown Point) to handle the funding. Rin has already told the Town of Ti that ELPOI does NOT have liability insurance.

The Board agreed that this Grant #M000036 should be discussed at the Annual Meeting on July 10, 2004.

Agenda for Annual Meeting of ELPOI on July 10, 2004

- 1) Approval of Minutes of 2003 Annual Meeting
- 2) Nominations to the Board
- 3) Annual Report of the President
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Old Business
 - a) definition of "member," using Caroline's August 2003 definition as a basis of discussion
 - b) discuss by-laws
- 6) New Business
 - a) Milfoil and Grant M000036

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.