

ELPOI Board meeting minutes, June 10, 2006

Present: All board members present except Carolyn who was still in New Mexico.

Meeting was held at Sue Barwig's camp. Picture was taken of Donna Wadsworth presenting a check to the Association from IP. The check was for 605.00.

Rolf undated the board on the status of the application for Milfoil reduction . DEC was the coordinating agency for this grant application. We were denied a grant because DEC decided that it was unlikely that a permit would be granted for use of herbicides. They looked at partly funding the application but decided they could not do so.

Rolf updated the board on the meeting in December which had many key players present. It looked encouraging at that point that the agency might approve of our approach to milfoil eradication. Rin felt the meeting was good but not as positive as Rolf's sense of the meeting. Senator Betty Little was the person who pushed legislation to get this money available in the Adirondacks. The Funds were later spread to cover all lakes in NY. She was reported to be upset that Eagle Lake project and others in her district were not funded. She has asked for a meeting in early July with reps. from Eagle Lake and Towns of Crown Point and Ti. Some board members will attend this meeting. Bob Dietrick, Town Supervisor of Ti was upset about not getting the grant and a letter of protest was sent by Town of Ti.

Rolf reported on a gift of 5000 sq feet of matting received from IP. A letter of thanks will be sent to IP for the matting and the grant.

From Carolyn's e-mail. Who owns the Lake? The state, with DEC and APA have some clear and some overlapping jurisdiction and some blind spots. Some property owners also have deeded ownership to up to several hundred feet into the lake. We are approved by both to do hand harvesting and matting. ELPOI, and towns of Ti and Crown Point are approved to do this. State does not appear to want to do much about removal of Milfoil. Mostly lip service, study and procrastination.

Rin reported on how much money is available from our existing grants and dedicated funds for Milfoil removal. \$11,200 from Grant, plus an additional \$6000 at the end of the grant . In addition we have \$6600 available that Eagle Lake residents have given for milfoil removal. We have spent \$5100 for Hooka rig and \$930 for Divers. We have about \$20,000 available if we choose to go ahead with the project.

What do we want to do regarding Milfoil removal? Motion made and seconded that we prepare a plan for removal of Milfoil utilizing the funds available. We would forward such plan to the towns for their implementation. Town would hire a coordinator to conduct all aspects of the professional work. Volunteers could assist. Discussion centered around what could really be done with the limited funds if only professional divers are used. Motion was voted down to proceed with submitting a more limited proposal to the towns . If we are going to be involved the board felt we need insurance to cover the officers and board for Liability. Andy agreed to look into the possibility of acquiring the insurance. It was noted that we had an insurance policy at one time but it was determined that it really provided no protection to us and was to expensive for the low budget we operate with. If we are going to be involved in a big project like the grant proposal the board would like some coverage.

Buoys were approved to be placed in the lake.

Jere asked for names of possible board and officers. Names given.

Motion to approve \$150.00 for a under water camera. Funds to come from ELPOI. Motion made to reimburse Rolf for floating raft expense. These expenses will be billed to the grant money. Rolf will forward expenses to Rin for processing.

Meeting set for 8 July, 10am at Barwig camp to set the agenda for the yearly meeting which will be held on 15 July.

Submitted by Jere Paddack, acting Secretary.