

Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

❖ July 3rd, 2007 ❖

Present: Jere Paddack, President; Rolf Tiedemann, Vice-President; Tonya Condon, acting Secretary, Rin Fraize, Treasurer; Lew Zankel; Jim Shultz, Lloyd Burroughs, John Pynn, Andy Belkevich

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by President Jere Paddack at the Burroughs home.

Old Business: Minutes from the June 16th, 2007 meeting were reviewed and **the following amendments were made:** Rolf Tiedemann would be reimbursed \$189.61 for 2,000 Eagle Lake postcards. Jim Shultz agreed to sell the Eagle Lake mugs and postcards at the annual meeting. Rin and Carol Fraize have since donated their used grill to ELPOI. Both Boards approved jointly applying for the eradication grant with the assistance of ELPOI, and for the permit in use of an herbicide. Rolf reported that Bill Preston of the NYS DEC indicated that the \$10,000 permit funds from Senator Little's office can be used as matching funds for the eradication program. Donations of \$2,525 and pledges of \$750 and 400 hours have been received. The ELPOI Board approved adding the \$2,525 cash donations to a CD coming due on 6/19/07. The water level is at 2", so another board was placed in the dam by Paul and Lloyd Burroughs, with the assistance of Rolf Tiedemann. **The following sentence was removed:** It was understood that the grant may be submitted for \$110,000 if both Ticonderoga and Crown Point were in agreement. Rin Fraize made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Lew Zankel seconded the motion. Motion approved.

As of 7/3/07, 27 memberships and 1 associate membership have been paid. This is lower than last year at the same time. More are expected to be paid at the annual meeting. A follow-up appeal letter will go out to unpaid people sometime after the annual meeting.

In continuing to plan for our annual meeting, Jere Paddack presented a draft agenda for the meeting. With minor changes, it will be presented as in the past. The minutes from last year's annual meeting will not be read this year, but rather the membership will receive paper copies to review. This should take up less time and allow for more new business. Also, Jere is continuing to look for two people who are interested in filling the upcoming ELPOI Board vacancies.

Financials: Rin Fraize reviewed and explained the current financial statements with the Board. Andy Belkevich made a motion to approve the financial statements as submitted. John Pynn seconded the motion. Motion approved. In planning the budget for next year, it was determined that donations to local service groups continue at their current levels, except the gift to Moses-Ludington Hospital which will be discontinued at this time. John Pynn made a motion to approve next year's budget. Lloyd Burroughs seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business: The ELPOI Board thanked Rolf Tiedemann for his work on the completion and submission of the 2007 NYS DEC Aquatic ISEG Program grant for our Eagle Lake Eurasian Water Milfoil Eradication Project. The ELPOI Board had approved submitting the grant for \$100,000, but the grant was ultimately submitted at the \$110,000 level. Board members present at the June 16th meeting were concerned that Rolf Tiedemann and Jere Paddack made the decision to change the amount without the Board's approval. Andy Belkevich made a motion to support the \$110,000 amount and stand behind the grant as submitted. Jim Shultz seconded the motion. Motion approved. Rolf Tiedemann then reviewed the grant with the Board and provided CD copies to those who wanted them.

Lloyd Burroughs discussed the need for the Board to work through their differences and not let miscommunication get in the way. Jere Paddack inquired what each Board member required in terms of making decisions in a timely and accurate manner. The primary contact form for important decisions needing immediate response would be by phone. E-mail would be used in other situations. John Pynn noted that when responding to e-mails, Board members should not repeat the original message in their response. This makes e-mails extremely long, requiring much download time. Most Board members agreed they would like to see less paperwork, especially technical data. It was agreed that if no response is received in ten days, it would be considered a positive vote for whatever action is being considered.

Rolf Tiedemann made it known that at present, the ELPOI Centennial postcards and mugs are in Syracuse and may not be available for sale at the annual meeting. Rolf will do his best to get them here in time. Rolf was also contacted by The Post Star regarding ELPOI's Centennial. The article should appear in the paper any day now.

The Board agreed that a special ELPOI Centennial cake be served at the annual meeting. Andy Belkevich will provide enough cake for 50 people.

Lloyd Burroughs inquired whether any work will take place this summer regarding milfoil removal. Rolf Tiedemann did not anticipate any work at this time. Lloyd believed that continuing to ask the membership for donations toward this endeavor without showing any progress would discourage gifts. Serious consideration was made to do a "demonstration effort" if the grant decision is received by early August. Rolf will let the membership know what they can do in regards to matting in front of their own properties, and also that 10 buoys are ready to be assembled and placed in the lake indicating problem growth areas of milfoil.

John Pynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy Belkevich seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was officially adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The annual meeting will be Saturday, July 7th at 10:00 AM at the Chilson Community Center.

The next regular Board meeting will be Saturday, August 4th at 10:00 AM at the Paddack camp. This date may change if the grant results are not yet known.

Minutes taken and submitted by acting Secretary Tonya L. Condon.