

**Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Celebrating 100 Years of Responsible Lake Stewardship 1907-2007**  
❖ **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007** ❖

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Jere Paddack called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM at the Burroughs residence.

**PRESENT:**

Jere Paddack, President; Rolf Tiedemann, Vice-President; Rin Fraize, Treasurer; Lloyd Burroughs; and Chryl Pynn.

**ABSENT:**

Tonya Condon, Secretary; Jim Shultz; Andy Belkevich; and Jack Devaney.

**APPROVAL OF 7/3/07 MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes were reviewed. Rolf wants the corrections made to the last meeting minutes reviewed and wants these minutes posted on our ELPOI website. Rin moved to approve the minutes as amended. Rolf seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes revised to "town" boards and permit to use herbicides.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Roster changes have been made to Patterson address on page 8 and Shultz phone number page 10.

Due to a problem with CSLAP funding, testing will be deferred until September. Two samples will be taken at that time.

The next Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Rin made a resolution to adopt Annual Resolution Mission Statement changes. Motion seconded by Rolf.

Rolf said there was nothing new to report on the grant. The DEC review team hopes to have a decision made by the end of September. Brian Houseal of the Adirondack Council has offered to write a letter of support, but it has not been received yet. Rolf will follow-up with him.

Per Rolf, Renovate is preferable to SONAR for the treatment of milfoil. At a previous meeting with Senator Little, DEC Staff and members from the ELPOI Board, the DEC staff and the Senator suggested that we pursue use of this new herbicide. It is faster acting, more selective and has “less baggage” associated with its use. The position taken by the Adirondack Council is that all other methods should be tried first and herbicides should only be used as the last resort. The Council has registered a letter of concern with the DEC over the registration and use of Renovate in NYS. Rolf followed up on this with Tim Sinnott of the DEC who is working on the registration team. According to Tim Sinnott, most comments regarding registration of products in NYS are based on fear. Renovate is not fully registered in NYS – waiting for approval from NYS DEC upper echelon.

Allied Biological has been retained to complete the required DEC herbicide use permit paperwork. The completed draft permit application information has been shared with both Town(s). The APA, at our request for their herbicide use permit documents, has generated an additional supplemental information request (SIR) form for the use of herbicide with-in the park. The APA form was received by ELPOI and will be reviewed and shared with Allied Biological for their completion. As part of the SIR the APA is also requiring a Tier III plant survey of the entire lake. Glen Sullivan from Allied Biological submitted a proposal to conduct the Tier III survey for \$7,500. We don't know how much of the previously received \$10,000 grant has been spent by Allied Biological to do the necessary DEC permit application paperwork. Lloyd requested that Allied Biological submit a bill to the ELPOI Board before we proceed. Rolf said that the APA is also as part of their SIR is requiring treated areas to be curtained off, but according to the pending NYS DEC use document curtaining is NOT required. Rin suggested that Dr. Ross Whaley, Chairman of the APA, be provided with an update. Chairman Whaley had made comments regarding the need for continuity across agencies at a prior conference that ELPOI member Rin Fraize attended. Rin will follow-up on this with a letter to Mr. Whaley. Rin would like to attend a meeting with the APA, NYS DEC and Betty Little to discuss the matter with the outcome hopefully being that the DEC would pay for the tier 3 survey.

A dialog about trying matting for this year to demonstrate that ELPOI is not just looking for money and not doing anything took place. Rolf indicated that he did not feel that this would be real practical considering how late into the season. He did say that he would check with Steve Stubing as he has been doing some hand harvesting in front of his own place and seemed interested in helping out with a larger part of the project. A motion was made to have Rolf ask Steve Stubing since he is a diver, if he would be interested in placing a test mat in front of his property. Lloyd seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Rolf presented a newspaper article regarding a drowning that occurred on the west coast resulting from entanglement in milfoil. This article, shared with us by member Carlos Alden, shows that milfoil growth, if unchecked, can be hazardous to lake user.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rin reported that \$3,994 has been collected from ELPOI members so far towards our milfoil removal project, with 400-800 hours pledged. Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, the company that member Leland Loose works for has provided an equal match to his contribution, it was suggested that an acknowledgement/thank you be sent noting this.

To date 50 people have paid their 2007 annual dues. Annual dues will remain at \$25 for 2008.

There is \$3,037 in ELPOI checking and \$550 on hand. Rin would like to put \$2,000 into a CD. One CD is maturing in 12/07. All were in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Member Leland Loose, through a letter to the Board, requested that the ELPOI board look into/ discuss the possibility of banning the use of jet skis/ personal watercraft PWC. This request was made after witnessing several of these crafts being operated in an unsafe and /or neighborly way in front of his residences this past summer. Discussion regarding this resulted in the following: Rin proposed that the Town of Ticonderoga would need to be the one to pass an ordinance to ban jet skis from our lake since the ELPOI Board is unable to do so and has no ability to enforce it. Rolf said he would rather educate people regarding the use of jet skis at this time rather than ban them. Rolf felt that he was not ready to penalize everyone who might benefit from the efficiency found in using a small PWC to get around the lake for the inability of a few to follow basic rules that are already in place. Several tickets were written this summer to a few of the PWC users on EL for not having a proper safe boating course card. Rolf would like Leland Loose to write an article for the newsletter. Issues of speeding boats were also addressed. Lloyd also suggested an article be put in the newsletter stating the concerns, license requirements, patrolling of the lake, and boaters being checked. Any reactions to the articles will be brought up at the 2008 annual meeting. If the membership felt that more formal enforcement of existing safe boating rules was warranted we could ask the DEC to provide more visits to our lake. Rin made a motion to accept these proposals. Rolf seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Rolf said that in July, he learned from Leland Loose that someone had put an herbicide (suspected of being a derivative of the outdated herbicide agent orange) into the lake. Leland indicated that testing he had seen confirmed this, and through testing they (party unknown) were able to trace it's introduction point back to the causeway, no official confirmation of, or time for this introduction of this product has been able to be obtained at this point, even though a request to Leland has been made. Concern was expressed about those who rely on lake water. It was agreed that the Board should notify the membership.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Rolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 AM. Motion seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes taken by Chryl Pynn