

# **Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.**

Celebrating 112 years of Responsible Lake Stewardship 1907 - 2019

## **August 24th 2019 Board Meeting Agenda (notes, Rolf Tiedemann)**

Call to Order

Reading of Board meeting minutes from July \_\_\_\_\_ 2019 meeting, Review and Approval

Review of 2019 Annual meeting minutes

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

1. Current deposit- preview copy of treasures report (handout)
2. Changes to banking and who can sign/access.
  - Motion for changes (handout)
3. Tax/IRS Form filed
4. Thank you's for member donations (Keith)
5. Donations to EMS services to return to previous levels?
6. Who will/can distribute (in-person) donation checks, with desired photo/press PR opportunity for our ELPOI newsletter and the recipient organization for their PR? Inclusion in the Sun Times is desirable.
7. Raising dues?
8. Dollars in Crown Point "milfoil" account, what are the plans for future use?
9. Pursuit of International Paper Grant money, it can be up to 10% of EL bank account balances? Possible uses for: camera maintenance, newsletter distribution, water testing, etc...

### **DATA BASE UPDATES:**

1. Returns from Information Request Letters that we sent out
  - Good return of resident information
  - Who is to track future mailings and returned mailings – with reporting to data base person/contact?
2. What information to print and share;
  - with Officers?
  - with residents?
  - with Emergency Services?
  - (information security, will info be used for raffle purposes from CVFD?)
3. How to strip out Email address for group mailings?
  - This is an Excel Spread Sheet comma delineated- should be able to paste into an email server
  - A similar method can be used in Word to generate envelopes or mailing labels (these steps are still under development)

## **INVASIVES NEWS:**

1. New Herbicide available for use, if anyone is interested in doing the leg work-
  - **To Do:** Volunteer to follow up with Summer 2019 trials in NYS, with the company Synergy (Glenn Sullivan) (handout)
2. Invasives in our lake/community
  - Milfoil
  - Curly leaf pond weed
  - Flowering Rush
  - Purple loosestrife
  - Poison Parsnip
  - Spiny water flea (not yet in lake)
  - Others?
  - Buoy markers going forward
    - Milfoil
    - Personal swimming areas
    - Lake hazards/ rocks
3. Other Hazards: Ticks and Lyme disease.
  - Who has been bitten? Shultz, Stubing, Slade, Mulcahy
  - Lake expert- Todd Condon

## **WEBSITE:**

1. New Historical images of EL, from Blue Mountain Lake archive,
2. New images from Virginia Butterfield of Hannan's former place (now Sansone)
3. August Tractor Trailer rollover accident images
4. August storm and Poll setting images
5. "contact us page" email address changed to Keith Park/Jack Mulcahy (Keith to set up dedicated Gmail address for this) see email of 8-22-2019 for officer@eaglelake1.org "new email", if interested
6. Update officer listing.
7. Winter internet- cost reimbursement for lightning impacted equipment
8. Eaglelake1.org reached 100,000-page views this past month

## **FACEBOOK:**

1. Who is currently updating/posting it?
2. Have they been asked to continue to?
3. Will they continue?
4. Who will supply EL info going forward?
5. Are any Officers using it?

## **RECURRING ISSUES:**

1. Contact with DEC/APA for follow-up on State survey for boat launch and beach

**ToDo:**

- Volunteer to take this on?
- Follow-up with APA and DEC to say “Thank you” for adopting changes and their newest proposal.
- Who are our current and future DEC and APA contacts?
- Ask what they are doing and/or have achieved this summer towards their “review/study” of our lake sites?
- What are they planning for next year, and the year after?
- Does any of their plans tie into the redesign of the causeway, the Rt 74 water supply issue, or changes/renovation of the camping site?
- Will they allow/ incorporate/ work alongside the ELPOI? What happens if they don’t? Do we insist that we do?
- What are their criteria for data collection performed by EL volunteers? Will they accept any from us?
- Who and what data has been collected by ELPOI to date? Will it continue this season and next? How do you plan to coordinate, tabulate and present?

**Windshield Postcards (Steve)**

- Respondents contact information/ willingness to share and be used with ELPOI future communications
- Respondents willingness to make possible financial contribution to help with addressing a non-barrier situation
- Signing of a petition for support of ELPOI against proposed/possible changes
- Respondents willingness to write supporting letters
- ELPOI previous work/ efforts/ history
- APA land classifications at EL- vast disparity as to what classifications allow and peoples’ current perceptions that all land in/around Park/State can be “used equally”- Wild Forest (state land) Resource Management, (most restrictive of private land north shore), Low Intensity (middle level of restriction of private land south shore)
- Interest (visual) of boater/water user as they travel down the lake “kayak experience” (setting houses and human development 100-200 ft back from the lakes edge)
- Boat motor horsepower size ratings
- Comment in Sun Times article: by APA/DEC staff that there is trail cutting at beach, who to write rebuttal/re-futile

**FOIL requests for:**

- 1) Who/what comments were submitted for Hammond Pond (post our February 2019 foil request)- what conversation/ dialog took place between DEC/APA’ political parties
- 2) Repairs/maintenance/ownership/map drawings for State boat launch, sign changes from boat launch to boat access.
- 3) Repairs/maintenance/ownership/map drawings for State beach.
- 4) Repairs/maintenance/ownership/map drawings for State dam.

## How to get greater community involvement in the future

- From community residents
- From resident, non ELPOI member Floyd Barwig as he is very interested
- Newspaper articles/interviews/letter to the editor?
- Appearance at local town board meetings for EL information dissemination?
- Continued contacting of State Representatives?

## Planning for possible future need for legal defense

### 2. Newsletters

- ask Steve Phelps to do again in 2020, and beyond?
- Do in house?
- Other volunteers for this task?
- Gathering and providing author information throughout the year
- Future printing, as IP is no longer providing, and distribution costs,
- Include pre-addressed and stamped return envelopes in the future?  
Approx. 25 requests were not returned

### 3. Adopt a Highway

- Who will take over from Tonya?
- Do we continue?
- Completing this activity was supposed to be registered yearly with DOT-  
don't know if this was ever completed
- Picking up leftover supplies from Tonya and their future storage

### 4. Fecal water testing

- Importance/timing/site location(s)
- bottle pickup
- sampling
- drop-off
- report recipient
- posting results to web

### 5. CSLAP

- Importance/timing/site location
- Who to continue performing/heading this up in future?
- Registration of paperwork and cost
- Sample collection- training- processing- shipping etc.
- 2019 sample collection of bottom algae at Paddack's
- 2019 concern by Hoag's for bottom algae at Fox Island

### 6. Beaver Trapping

- importance

- Permits (correct permit) is copy on the web: who to notify and check posting
- Trapper contact: who are we using?
- Have we been in contact with trapper recently? Do we know his interests, his restrictions, his permit status, did he do anything that still needs compensation for?
- Location points of beaver activity/ current conditions?
  - At spillway dam-
  - Outflow channel-
  - Other locations- who's property and have we been in contact property owner to assist with control as beaver will travel back to dam

#### 7. Dam Maintenance

- Board install/ removal-
- Who
- When
- Spillway board repair
- Contact with DOT crown Point for debris removal

**ToDo:** Volunteer to follow up with Beavers, Jack?

#### 8. VSA (volunteer steward agreement) for dam

- Last renewal
- Renewal interval
- Named persons on form and keeping up to date
- Is document on the web
- Who to track going forward?
- Year end reports, are they required?
- Who to check if they are and complete?

#### 9. Picnic

- food/prep volunteer thank you notes including Chilson VFD for use of community center
- cost of picnic supplies
- reimbursement of costs for supplies- to who

#### 10. Reminder Letters for late dues.

- Who to draft?
- When to send?
- Combine mailing with any additional content?

#### 11. Causeway Replacement, other RT 74 road work

- Causeway plans and design updates

- Request addition of a dry hydrant located as part of causeway replacement to replace one at chlorination station with Ti water money
- include Radar speed signs as part of design
- include Webcam feed- set by DOT to monitor construction or set by ELPOI – hosted by?
- Follow up with recent occurrence of truck rollover

12. RT 74 speed and radar speed signs

- Current status
- Thank you's
- Police and supervisor follow-up
- Request for 2020
- NYS police follow-up
- Essex County Sheriff follow-up
- DOT foil for information for previous speed surveys (what were criteria, and results)
- Review of foil

13. 2020 Annual Meeting and Picnic

- Set date
- Reserve Chilson Community Center
- Recruit volunteers for picnic preparations

14. Additional board meeting for end of season

**NEW ELPOI ISSUES:**

1. Reduction in officer number from 7 to 5
  - Reasoning
  - Process to complete
2. Route 74 water supply issue, latest newsletter.
  - Decommissioning of gooseneck pond and dam and pipe line removal
  - Using EL as a water supply
  - Fire hydrants (dry vs wet) locations. need for, advocacy for these?
3. Officer handbook
  - Need for?
  - What to include?
  - Who to write?
  - Target completion date?
4. Officer and board member reading of and familiarity with EL by-laws
5. Annual calendar of needs for ELPOI
  - What to complete

- When, by whom
6. Roberts Rules of Order for conducting meetings and record keeping
  7. Plaque/recognition guidelines
  8. Contact with Ticonderoga and Crown Point supervisors
    - Updates on, and support for opposition to changes at boat launch. CP Bay beach, recreation area, campground
    - Updates and feedback for changes to water on Rt 74
    - Support for causeway replacement
    - Thank you for radar speed signs
    - Request deployment in 2020
    - Request for Ti police patrols in 2020
    - Concern for amount of tax assessment increase on EL compared to rest of town as published in Sun News
  9. Saturday August 17 storm
    - Tree down on NYS RT 74
    - Power pole damage and replacement of 2 poles
    - Tree damage on Fox Island
    - Other damage
  10. August truck trailer rollover accident
    - Conditions surrounding accident
    - Property damage
    - Fuel spilled
    - Ongoing effort to mitigate ground contamination

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