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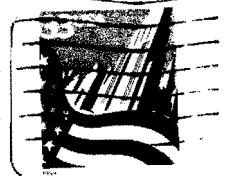
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Established in 1907 and incorporated in 1993, the ELPOI is a not-for-profit organization that serves to protect the mutual interests of its property owners and to maintain the environmental and recreational quality of Eagle Lake.

The ELPOI newsletter letter is a publication used to communicate with the ELPOI membership. It is co-authored by Caroline Baldwin and Rolf Tiedemann and edited by Dianne Tiedemann, Wendy Davis, and the ELPOI Board of Directors. Address questions and comments to ELPOI Vice President Lloyd Burroughs, Eagle Lake, HC-01 Box 126, Ticonderoga, New York 12883-9410.

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Message from the President: Hopefully every one has had a chance to review their May newsletter. Summer seems to finally be here with the recent high temperatures. I'd like to welcome you all back and say thanks to those of you that stayed the winter for looking after our precious lake. I have to admit I'm jealous that I too can't spend all my time there but I'm looking forward to returning shortly. The following information is being included for your review and planning purposes. Remember that the Annual Meeting and Picnic are scheduled for July 8, 2000. There are lots of topics your officers and I need to share with you. We've also just received terrific news! The ELPOI will be receiving \$25,000 from Senator Stafford to use towards our lake management plans! No in-kind services or matching funds are required! Please be sure to send off a quick hand written note of thanks to the senator at the following address; Senator Ronald Stafford, Room 502 The Capital, Albany, NY 12247. As always, please send a copy of your note to us for the ELPOI records. Your note of appreciation for his efforts on our behalf may help us secure monies from other sources. Enjoy the enclosed brochure on safe boating, provided compliments of Senator Stafford's office as well.. We also need two people to step forward to fill two vacancies, one for Recording Secretary and one for a Board of Directors position. We need your support in filling these positions to continue to effectively meet our goals. I'd also like you to consider whether you would like to have a purely social end of the summer picnic or get together before we all head off to our winter climes. Anyone interested in putting it together? I'm also sorry if I inadvertently created confusion regarding the status of anyone's membership dues in Part 1 of the Newsletter. The numbers mentioned there were intended to reflect last year's paid up memberships, good through June '00. Please be sure to send in your dues for this year! (You should have received your dues renewal / picnic reservations letter in the last week or so.) Remember that we have new ELPOI sweatshirts for sale! They will be available at the picnic or call Dianne Tiedemann after July 1st @ 597-3618 to buy them directly from her. They will be available all summer while supplies last! We look forward to seeing you at 10:00AM at the Chilson Community Center July 8th for the meeting and picnic. Be sure to exercise your proxy rights should you be unable to attend. We hope to see you there.

Respectfully, Rolf Tiedemann

Highlights of the Annual Meeting

July 10, 1999 at the Chilson Community Center

The July 1999 meeting was called to order by President John DiPofi.

Officers Elected for 1999-2000

President	Rolf Tiedemann
Vice President	Lloyd Burroughs
Secretary	Sharon Zankel
Treasurer	Peter Buechner

Board of Directors

The following members were elected: Rin Fraize for the remaining one year in term of Jim Deem; Cole Hickland for the remaining 2 year term of Rolf Tiedemann; Bill Allen and Jim Davis for 3 years. Continuing Board Members include Bill Knauss and Roger Wickes.

Guest Speaker - Mike Connery

Mike Connery, Town of Ti Supervisor, reported that the Town of Ti was in the process of purchasing a 15 acre tract of land at Eagle Lake, including lakefront. The tract will include the land on which the water treatment plant for Gooseneck Pond is located.

Mr. Connery commended Wendy Davis for all her work on the Milfoil problem and went on to state that the Town of Crown Point is pushing for funding for a Milfoil treatment with the Secretary of State, Sandy

Treadwell. He also noted that Senator Stafford had been asked for funding assistance. Mr. Connery suggested we sign on with the Town of Ti in passing a resolution to be hand delivered to Senator Stafford. (Rolf Tiedemann noted that we have a \$108,000 budget request in to Peter Repas, aide to Senator Stafford.)

Treasurer's Report 7/1/98-6/30/98

Balance as of July 1, 1998	\$3670
Total Expenses	\$2387
Total Income	\$1608
Balance as of July 1, 1999	\$2891

* A major ELPOI expense is liability insurance for the Officers and Board of Directors. Peter Buechner is checking with the NY Federation of Lakes Association (FOLA) as to the availability of insurance that would be less expensive than the current policy.

Vice President's Report

Lloyd Burroughs has copies, from 16 members, of letters that had written to legislators and the DEC Commissioner about the Milfoil. Dianne Tiedemann suggested that parents encourage their children to write notes as well. Rolf Tiedemann stated that Peter Repas recommended letter writing as an expression of group support. In addition, Roger Wickes circulated a petition during this meeting to support the ELPOI efforts toward expression of group support.

Membership

Lloyd Burroughs reported that the ELPOI has 53 paid members out of a listing of approximately 100 names, representing 90 properties, with several properties being owned by the same individual(s). 52 members paid last year. Lloyd sent out the same letter as last year to encourage the paying of dues.

Weed and Pollution Control Committee

Rolf Tiedemann said he had not finished making the replacement beach signboard due to other priorities. He did however build and install new lightweight buoy markers for the lake. It was noted that the seasonal boat launch sign was not yet posted.

Fall water testing had not been done due to lack of volunteers. ELPOI, having applied for the CSLAP program, is second on the waiting list. Spring testing (May and June) of the lake was done by LCI (Lake Champlain Inventory) and will be done again on July 22. Our water tested at the highest quality level.

Rolf Tiedemann stated that both the Press Republican and Adirondack Guard had articles on our fight to control Milfoil.

John DiPofi commented that Paul Burroughs was taking lake temperature readings which would be used to determine SONAR application timings. Rolf Tiedemann reported that a Fall Sonar application by SePRO is in the

early discussion phase. Also Forrest Lisle commented that results would be available soon from a SONAR application done in Michigan two years ago.

Water Level Committee

John DiPofi reported the water level at +1 inch on Wednesday, June 7.

Fish Stocking Committee

Joe Muehleck reported that Crown Point stocked the lake with 600 12-14 inch brown trout. New York State put in 250 12-15 inch brown trout and 3331 8-9 inch brown trout. (Joe didn't know the source of the 1 extra fish.)

Adopt-a-Highway Program

Lloyd Burroughs reported that Paul Burroughs was willing to continue as chairman of this program. He needs help to maintain our two mile section which runs from state owned land near Forest Lisle's camp east along the lake to Moran's Country Store. Thanks to the Donnellys for their continuing help. Please contact the Burroughs to offer your help with this program.

Education Committee (No Chairperson)

Wendy Davis said that current NYS Boaters Guides and stickers for Rules of the Road were available for the membership.

There is new boating requirement: as of January 1, 2004 all personal water craft / jet ski boaters will need a boating certificate. One way to get certified is by taking a boater safety course.

Wendy advised that a Lyme Disease vaccine is now available. Check the web for information. Recycling information can be found in the back pages of the Bell Atlantic Essex County Phone book.

Old Business (Nothing to report.)

New Business

- The membership approved contributions of \$50 each to the Moses Ludington Hospital Auxiliary, Ticonderoga Emergency Squad and the Chilson Volunteer Fire Department. Mike Connery noted that the Moses Ludington Hospital is now evolving into a full service emergency facility, a 42 bed nursing home and a veteran's residency.

- The renewed NY Department of State \$7500 grant requires matching in-kind services. These in-kind services will be met from the Town of Ti (\$2000 for septic testing), NY State (\$3000 for the assistance of Jim Sutherland), International Paper (\$1000 for two environmental engineers), and from ELPOI (\$1500 of volunteer time).

- The Board of Directors is waiting for the site specific environmental impact statement final report. Rolf

Tiedemann reported that the Board spoke to Jim Sutherland in reference to the Sonar demonstration project. Other solutions to the Milfoil problem, such as the introduction of carp, have been investigated but none targets Milfoil as selectively as does Sonar.

- Mark Bennett, of the Town of Ticonderoga Code Enforcement Office, Rolf Tiedemann and Jim Davis will be performing the voluntary septic dye testing. Ti Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Wagner will work with the owners of failed systems. Forrest Lisle questioned the septic dye testing project and considerable discussion ensued. The septic testing project is being done to determine if pollution from septic systems is adding to the Milfoil problem. Ticonderoga Town Supervisor Mike Connery reiterated that the Town was not going to be heavy handed with problem systems. The DEC and APA consider septic testing critical. Showing we have good systems will help get the needed grant.

- Pollution caused by wildlife and motor boats was also discussed. Control or elimination of 2-cycle motors may be needed, as in California.

- After the 1998 end-of-summer storm, there were questions about the 911 emergency telephone system, especially on the north side of the lake. Mike Connery reported that Crown Point is not on the 911 system. Calls from the 585 exchange go to the Ticonderoga dispatcher.

- Rolf Tiedemann thanked Jim Davis and his son for removing the beaver dam from the spillway dam. It caused the winter water / ice level to be +21 inches.

- Burglaries were reported at the camps of Forrest Lisle, Susan Hoag, Pat Hyde, George Martin. Antiques seem to be the main target. Susan Hoag reported that the Westport Barracks were handling their robbery. Mike Connery said that the Town police do monitor up to the town line. The Queensbury barracks of the State Police are seeking owners of recovered items from Schroon Lake area.

- Forrest Lisle believes there are interrelated problems of trash along the highway, cars being allowed to park on the road's edge by the causeway and possibly the robberies. Bill Knauss noted that year's ago Graham Davis had moved large rocks along side the highway to preclude parking, but that these have disappeared. Roger Wickes will contact the DOT to determine if parking is allowed along the state right-of-way and the Board of Directors will work with the Town of Ti to pass a resolution on behalf of ELPOI to eliminate the problem parking.

- The State Police received a letter expressing ELPOI's desire for road traffic enforcement. John DiPofi praised the troopers for their excellent job in controlling speeders. Rolf Tiedemann announced that letters were sent to Wal-Mart and International Paper alerting their truckers to the increased population along the lake during summer months.

- Barbara DiPofi had contacted the DEC about dogs at Crown Point Beach. Dogs do not need to be leashed but must be under control. Permits are required for any camping of 3 or more days or 10 or more people. Camping is prohibited within 50 feet from a road, trail or body of water, except where designated by the DEC. All garbage must be removed. If there are any problems please make a formal complaint to the DEC.

Highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting

July 17, 1999 at the home of Lloyd Burroughs

In attendance were: President Rolf Tiedemann, Roger Wickes, Bill Knauss, Cole Hickland, Sue Barwig, Sharon Zankel. Rolf Tiedemann presided over the meeting.

- The Board approved the creation of a new position, Correspondence Secretary. This position will coincide with the Recording Secretary position currently held by Sharon Zankel. Sue Barwig was appointed for the position and subsequently voted in

- It was agreed to that a letter of thanks would be sent to Sue Hoag for recording the minutes of the 1999 ELPOI annual meeting.

- Standing Committee updates:

Weed & Pollution Control Committee – It was determined that Cole Hickland and Jim Davis would serve as committee co-chairs.

Water Level Committee – The future makeup of this committee was yet to be determined. Lew Zankel would be approached as a possible committee candidate.

Education Committee – the search is on for a chairperson.

Fish Stocking Committee - Joe Muehleck has offered to continue as chairperson.

Nominating Committee - Rolf Tiedemann requested the ELPOI membership endorse such a committee. Roger Wickes will check the constitution and by-laws on this point.

Department of Transportation Liaison - Ruth Cummings will be asked to continue.

- Newsletter - All felt the newsletter should continue. Rolf Tiedemann will ask Caroline Baldwin to help. Rolf Tiedemann would like to see some "human interest" type articles in the newsletter, e.g. on fishing.

- The traditional TRP Dam Control Permit expired as of July 12, 1999 and an alternative permit has been proposed by the DEC. The paperwork for this is on its way and will be subsequently reviewed.

- July 24 was the date set for dismantling the beaver dam. If trapping is necessary, ELPOI will pay the local person previously engaged or, if unavailable, Cole Hickland will do the trapping.

- Rolf Tiedemann reported that dye tests had been conducted on 15 properties, of those, none had failed the test.

- It was felt that the creation and distribution of a Milfoil information brochure might raise awareness of the Milfoil problem and generate support of ELPOI's objectives. Sharon Zankel offered to create a draft brochure.

- Rolf Tiedemann reported articles mentioning ELPOI's struggle against Milfoil have appeared in the Press Republican and Ad Guard, an on-line news service.

- A petition for the treatment of Milfoil was signed by nearly all attending the July 10th Annual Meeting. Next steps are obtaining more signatures from lake users, including visitors, and the sending of the petition by early Fall to the following elected officials: Senator Stafford, Supervisor Connery, and Congressman Sweeney.

- SEPRO consultant Tom Hebert, of Capitol Link, will contact Congressman Sweeney on our behalf for the purpose of seeking federal funds.

- Twenty ELPOI members have sent Lloyd Burroughs copies of letters they sent to elected officials concerning Milfoil treatment. Several people reported receiving generic responses.

- Rolf Tiedemann reported 12 additional member pledges for Milfoil treatment, including one for \$10,000.

- A motion to reimburse Rolf Tiedemann for approximately \$200 worth of expenses, related to conducting business on behalf of the ELPOI was passed. These expenses included updating the bouy markers, phone calls related to milfoil questions and other business.

- Consensus was not to pursue the matter of burned out streetlights along Route 74 at this time.

- Ms. Zankel indicated she was still interested in acquiring old photographs of Eagle Lake and related historical material.

Highlights of the Round Table Discussion between ELPOI and SePro & DEC Representatives

*August 5, 1999 held at the Chilson
Community Center*

Approximately 20 Eagle Lake residents attended a round table discussion with Bo Burns, Aquatic Plant Specialist with SePro. Several DEC aquatic scientists, including Dr. Jim Sutherland also attended. The group discussed many of the milfoil control options available to us and what was in the best interest of the lake. Bo also addressed the use of carp as an alternative to Sonar and indicated they might be effective in some locations but that milfoil is not this fish's first choice food. He and many others present would NOT recommend they be put in this lake. Bo Burns said Sonar is the best choice for treatment of Eagle Lake. Many comments were made regarding the overall quality and health of the lake and its current state of excellence. Many individual's questions were addressed in a spirit of open discussion and information sharing.

Highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting

August 21, 1999 held at the Tiedemann Camp

In Attendance were: President Rolf Tiedemann, Vice-president Lloyd Burroughs, Treasurer Peter Buechner, Recording Secretary Sharon Zankel, and Directors Roger Wickes, Jim Davis, Rinaldo (Rin) Fraize, Cole Hickland, and Bill Knauss. Absent were board members Bill Allen and Corresponding Secretary Sue Barwig. Carlos Alden III sat in as a guest. Rolf Tiedemann presided over the meeting.

- Past-president John DiPofi was invited to the meeting and presented with a plaque recognizing his service to ELPOI.

- Rolf Tiedemann was elected Board Chairman.

- Rolf Tiedemann reported on the following Standing Committees and other Activities:

Weed & Pollution Control - Cole Hickland contacted

the Fresh Water Institute for information on water testing.

Water Level - has no chairperson but the following volunteers have offered to help out at this time; Lew Zankel, Rolf Tiedemann, Paul Burroughs, Carlos Alden, Peter Buechner, Jim Davis, Rin Fraize, Cole Hickland, Jerry Paddock, Ed Rheal and Peter Stone. The beaver dam at the spillway was removed by Rolf Tiedemann, Lew Zankel, Forrest Lisle and Rin Fraize. A permit for trapping the beaver has been applied for and is expected shortly.

Education - Forrest Lisle offered to serve as Chairperson of this committee.

Nominations - Committee makeup is still to be determined and pursued.

Public Relations - Lloyd Burroughs will be ELPOI's PR specialist and spokesperson.

Adopt-A-Highway Program - Paul Burroughs will continue as Chairperson; he needs the support of many others.

Department of Transportation Liason - Ruth Cummings has volunteered to continue in this capacity.

Newsletter - Caroline Baldwin has agreed to continue her word magic.

Thanks were expressed to the above members.

Old Business

- Rolf Tiedemann reported the septic testing program was approximately 80% complete with mostly favorable results; two parties are in the process of correcting problems that were owner identified prior to the voluntary testing program. Of 90 properties eligible for testing on and around the lake, four were vacant, one property owner refused testing, three were deferred to a future date, seven were not tested and have not returned phone calls or otherwise indicated future interest. One property owner would agree to the testing if ELPOI would provide a letter stating that participation in the septic survey does not indicate approval of the use of Sonar. The Board agreed such a letter would be provided.

- ELPOI has traditionally operated control of the spillway dam under a DEC issued temporary revocable permit (TRP) which recently expired. Checking with the DEC for an extension, it was recommended by the DEC that we convert our permit to an Adopt-A-Natural-Resource Permit. Roger Wickes reviewed this new permit and at the moment recommends retaining the TRP as most appropriate. He is concerned that the new permit at a future time might put ELPOI in a position of responsibility for replacement or repair of damages to the dam. This needs to be looked into further. Rolf and Roger will pursue this item.

- Lloyd Burroughs reported on her follow-up meeting with Mike Connery regarding several

topics previously discussed with him: On the matter of the Town enacting a resolution to support the eradication of milfoil in Eagle Lake, Mr. Connery said he would refer the subject to the Town Board. On the matter of seeking a scenic byways designation for Route 74, Mr. Connery said he would like ELPOI to gather complete information, including ramifications, and route same to him. On the matter of obtaining monetary support from Essex County, Mr. Connery advised it not be pursued as there is much competition for money among the lakes. On the matter of the Town of Ti providing substantial funding toward treatment of Milfoil, Mr. Connery said he did not think the Board would support a sizable expenditure for the benefit of just one section of the town.

- ELPOI will send letters of thanks to the police for the heightened Rte. 74 traffic control this summer.

- Petitions in support of the eradication of Milfoil were left for public signatures at Moran's Antique Shop and at other locations. They will be sent on to various elected officials as necessary.

- Identification of additional sources of income was explored such as: garage sales, creating and marketing a historic publication on Eagle Lake, raising dues, raising the price of the annual picnic which has traditionally served as a small fund-raiser. Savings might be realized if the ELPOI liability insurance were shared with another organization. Peter Buechner will explore this issue. It is hoped by now that ELPOI members realize that their contributions to ELPOI are tax deductible because ELPOI is a not-for-profit organization with 501 (C) 3 status and that all pledges are welcome and greatly appreciated.

- Roger Wickes gave an update on the Rte. 74 parking issue. Roger said installing No Parking signs near the causeway is not a town issue but one that would require consideration by the NYS DOT. Roger will send a letter to request the signs from DOT.

- ELPOI will send a letter to the NYS DOT requesting additional speed control signage for the Rte. 74 curve east of the causeway. Sharon Zankel has offered to do this.

New Business

The following annual resolutions were passed:

- ELPOI will, per agreement with the DEC, strive to maintain the lake level between plus 4 and minus 4, with 0 being the desired level.
- Membership dues will remain at \$25 per year. A dues increase for 2000 will be reviewed next year.
- The cost of the annual picnic will be raised to \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

- The Times of Ti will be the organization's official newspaper.
 - Albank will be the organization's official bank.
 - Duties of Officers will remain the same.
 - The ELPOI will continue to maintain a contingency fund of at least \$500.
- Inasmuch as the \$108,000 member item sponsored by Senator Stafford was denied, Rolf Tiedemann followed up with Senator Stafford's Aide Peter Repas who indicated member items usually do not fund entire projects but are used as seed money to gain matching funds. Rolf Tiedemann will check back with him in the Fall.
 - Rolf Tiedemann stressed the need to focus on the Milfoil issue, but also emphasized the need to develop a lake management plan inasmuch as Milfoil, after treatment, may reappear in 3-5 years. Sharon Zankel suggested ELPOI seek publicity for the problem through major publications. Rolf said he would send out the list of his contacts (public officials) to Board Members and requested all make calls and write letters to keep the problem in focus.
 - The DEC Department of Fisheries was contacted and stated that they are not opposed to the use of Sonar. This is good news for us. Unfortunately they don't perceive milfoil to be as problematic in Eagle Lake as we might.
 - Rolf Tiedemann and Rin Fraize reported that a very brief meeting opportunity with Assemblywoman O'C. Little at the Ticonderoga Country Club was insightful and a stepping stone to further communications.
 - In his efforts to make contact with the Schroon and Paradox Lake Associations, Rolf Tiedemann learned that the Schroon Lake group had successfully hand-harvested and matted a milfoil bed of approximately one acre in size. Rolf believes that it is a good idea for the three lake associations to maintain open lines of communications. An appropriate contact for the Paradox group has not yet been identified. Lloyd Burroughs will follow through on this.
 - Rolf Tiedemann has been in touch with Tom Hebert of Capital Link, a Washington, DC lobbyist hired by SePro to encourage funding for aquatic plant control. Mr. Hebert indicated that he had not yet been able to contact Congressman Sweeney about federal funding on our behalf, but would continue to try.
 - Rolf Tiedemann tried to contact John Kelly, Special Liaison between the DEC and the APA, but calls were not returned to date.
 - Rolf Tiedemann reviewed several articles from NYS FOLA and suggested requesting the group's permission to publish extractions of an article on the benefits of belonging to a lake association in the ELPOI newsletter.
 - Wendy Davis will continue as Lake representative to the Coalition of Lakes against Milfoil (COLAM) however COLAM's level of activity was in question.
 - Peter Buechner reported that all bills had been paid except the COLAM dues.
 - Rolf Tiedemann reported receiving a DRAFT copy of the SEIS (Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement) which lists all details of the proposed milfoil control project related specifically to Eagle Lake. Wendy Davis was reviewing the draft and Forrest Lisle had completed a review and submitted comments. Others present were urged to review the material and offer comments. Comments will be included in the final edit of SEIS.
 - Rolf Tiedemann presented a contract received from Allied Biological wherein ELPOI is advised SePro anticipates a 5% increase in the cost of Sonar and suggests the contract be signed to lock-in the lower price of the chemical. Roger Wickes reviewed the document and concluded it is a proposal, rather than a contract. Roger advised against signing the document because the DEC should be the lead agency in the Sonar application project. It was also noted that it states Allied Biological is the only authorized applicator through 1999. This raises a question as to whether the field is becoming competitive. Rolf Tiedemann will follow-up with Allied Biological and Jim Sutherland at DEC.
 - Rolf Tiedemann mentioned the insurance policy and ELPOI's 501 (C) 3 status should periodically be reviewed. Rin Fraize volunteered to review the insurance policy and Bill Allen is continuing to work on obtaining the state tax certificate for the ELPOI.
- Other**
- Mr. Tiedemann will file the septic survey paperwork with Jim Sutherland at DEC and with Wayne Wagner, Town of Ti Code Enforcement Officer.
 - The permit to trap beaver had been obtained and Mr. Hebert of Chilson Hill will set the traps.
 - Paul and Lloyd Burroughs were thanked for their water testing this past spring. To avoid liability, the ELPOI will not test for drinking quality water.