

Eagle Lake Properties Owners, Inc.

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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 Annual Activities Report is a publication used to communicate with the ELPOI membership and the various agencies that have helped the ELPOI with its efforts to protect Eagle Lake. It was authored by Rolf Tiedemann and edited by Dianne Tiedemann and the ELPOI Board of Directors. Address questions and comments to ELPOI Vice President Lloyd Burroughs at Eagle Lake, HC-01 Box 126, Ticonderoga, New York 12883-9410 or Eaglake@aol.com.

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Annual Activities Report for 2000

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Greetings from ELPOI President Rolf Tiedemann;

After another active and very successful year draws to a close it's time to provide you with an update. Summarized here are the many events that took place during the past year. These events continue to shape the Eagle Lake Properties Owners, Inc. (ELPOI) efforts towards lake management.

Several key items of interest are as follows:

- The raising of \$35,000 for milfoil management.
- The inclusion of the Eagle Lake in the Federal WRDA Law for a Section 206 project with the Army Corps. of Engineers.
- The identification of the presence of Acentria ephemerella moths in Eagle Lake which is a known herbivore for milfoil.
- Membership stands at 69 %, an increase of 5% from last year.

A lake management survey is currently being drafted to gain your perception and comments on water quality and lake usage issues. This survey will help shape the future direction of lake management plans for Eagle Lake as it pertains to individual property owners, the public and New York State. The ELPOI is looking forward to your responses to the questions presented in this survey.

By the way our Sweatshirt fund-raiser brought in sales totaling over \$450. We still have a variety of sizes to choose from @ \$12.00 per sweatshirt. Call Rolf @ 716-647-2514 or email your purchase inquiry to RTiedema@greece.k12.ny.us

I hope you find the contents of this report informative and beneficial. If you desire further information regarding any of the topics contained herein please contact me at either the email address stated above or at the below mailing address.

Respectfully,

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In 1907 owners of property at Eagle Lake, Essex County, New York, organized to form the Eagle Lake Property Owners Association. In 1993, the organization was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of New York State and, in 1996, was approved for treatment under Section 501(3)(c) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The organization continues to meet and maintain the same objectives as established by its founders:

- The Re-stocking of Eagle Lake from state and local hatcheries.*
- The regulation and control of a uniform lake-level.*
- The prevention of pollution of Eagle Lake's waters.*
- The Protection of spawning beds.*
- The protection of the mutual interest and property of its members.*

The governing body of the Eagle Lake Properties Owners, Inc. (ELPOI) consists of four annually elected officers and a seven-member Board of Directors elected to staggered three-year terms of service. The officers and board members serve voluntarily without compensation and are responsible for conducting the primary business of the organization. In 2000 the Board of Directors meet three times to conduct business and the general membership met once at the Annual Membership Meeting held on July 8, 2000. Several "standing" committees met as required in 2000 and reported the following activities:

The Fish Stocking Committee tracked the annual restocking of the lake, reporting the delivery of 800 14 inch Brown Trout from the Crown Point Fish Hatchery in Essex County and 3,900 9 inch Brown Trout from the New York State DEC Fish Hatchery.

The Water Level Committee dismantled numerous beaver dams on the lake's overflow spillway and five 50' dams in the swampy area leading to the overflow in an attempt to maintain the lake level within a range of +4 to -4. This is the range level that has been mutually agreed upon between the ELPOI and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC). Maintaining this level was a challenge because of this summer's rain and the persistent beaver activity.

The Weed and Pollution Control Committee, responsible for monitoring the overall health of the lake's waters, collected lake-water samples for fecal coliform analysis, performed multiple secchi disk readings for water clarity determination and measured the water column temperature profile. Testing of this nature has been performed for more than three decades as part of ELPOI's commitment to an on-going water-quality-assessment program.

Other activities that took place during this past year are as follows;

ELPOI reviewed and distributed the final copy of its 1999 Septic Dye Testing Report (as part of a NYS Department of State Grant). Working in cooperation with Ticonderoga's Code Enforcement Officer, septic dye testing was completed on 80 % of the lake residences. ALL tested systems were found to be adequate!

ELPOI Past President Bob Stevens noted the return of a non threatening little green algae, Gleotrichia Echinulata, that floats in the water column as little balls and rises or falls in the water depending on sunlight. Bob reported that this algae was first identified in 1979.

ELPOI joined the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP), a 5-year joint lake monitoring program with the NYS DEC where citizens collect lake water samples over a ten-week period for DEC analysis. The ELPOI successfully completed its first year of sample collection.

ELPOI renewed its memberships in the Coalition of Lakes Against Milfoil (COLAM) and the Federation of Lakes Association (FOLA) organizations.

ELPOI sent representatives to the Spring of 2000 FOLA Conference and several COLAM meetings to help bring greater awareness to the plight of NYS lakes with regards to milfoil and other aquatic nuisances.

Updated information on the activities of both FOLA and COLAM was provided to the membership at the annual membership meeting and in our newsletter.

ELPOI volunteers continued their efforts to keep Route 74 free of roadside trash and debris since 1994 through the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

ELPOI member Todd Condron has offered to work with the membership during 2001 to investigate membership interest in establishing a neighborhood watch program.

The ELPOI membership again voted to support the work of the Ticonderoga Emergency Squad, the Chilson Volunteer Fire Department and the Moses Ludington Hospital Auxiliary by making a financial donation to each organization.

ELPOI members met with the folks at the NYS Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to secure the necessary information to go forward with the process of completing the paperwork for the APA permits for milfoil control.

ELPOI continued to provide lake critical data to Allied Biological, the lake management firm under consideration for milfoil control.

ELPOI continued its information sharing process with both Paradox and Schroon Lake, lakes that receive the water outflow from Eagle Lake.

Several ELPOI members met with Anita Deming from Lincoln Pond, New York, about the Acentria Moths in Lincoln Pond and how they might relate to milfoil control in Eagle Lake.

Dialogs were started with Cornell Researcher Bob Johnson regarding the subject of biological control. These communications resulted in a November Milfoil plant sampling with the results showing a viable Acentria Moth and Weevil population in the center of the lake. This discovery will warrant further investigation in 2001.

A dialog was opened between US Congressmen Sweeny's office and ELPOI's President in hopes of securing federal funds for milfoil control on Eagle Lake. This initiative led to working with John Bolling, Congressman Sweeny's Aide, and secured Eagle Lake's inclusion in the WRDA legislation presented before Congress in a recent legislative session.

Dialogs between ELPOI and Senator Stafford's office helped secure a \$25,000 grant from the Senator to be used for milfoil management in Eagle Lake.

Senator Stafford's office supplied ELPOI with education materials on NYS' boating rules for distribution to our members.

ELPOI sent out two newsletters this past year to update its membership on issues facing the lake and the efforts being made to resolve them. The 'annual' newsletter is scheduled to be published later this year to further inform the membership of ELPOI activities.

Ongoing dialogs were continued with town supervisors Mike Connery and Dale French who oversee the issues facing the towns of Ticonderoga and Crown Point as they relate to our lake and its community.

Ongoing open dialogs were continued with the NYS Department of Transportation about both the current resurfacing of and anticipated future reconstruction of Route 74 alongside Eagle Lake's shoreline.

ELPOI completed the necessary paperwork to have the cleaning of debris from the outflow spillway and the adjustment of the water level covered under the NYS DEC's Adopt-A-Natural Resource Program.

Work is underway to prepare a membership survey on their perception of quality of life on Eagle Lake and areas that need to be addressed.

Worked with Mary Arthur Beebe and the Lake George Association to try to move the "Demonstration Projects" for Eagle Lake and Lake George ahead.

Established a web page at www.Homestead.com/Eaglelake1/files/index.html for sharing information related to Eagle Lake and its surrounding community.

ELPOI accepted its NYS tax exempt letter so that with it the ELPOI can purchase supplies as a tax-exempt organization.

ELPOI held its Annual Membership Meeting, with all lake residents invited, to conduct and hear general membership business.

ELPOI invited all lake residents, their friends and guests to the Annual Picnic / Fund-Raiser for a social good time.

Sweatshirts were designed and printed for our members as a means of fund-raising and showing association spirit.

ELPOI members investigated several grant sources for available funding to help defray the on-going costs for communications and education. Under present consideration is a possible grant through International Paper.

An up-to-date mailing list of all lake property owners continues to be maintained.

Distributed the revised lake property owners maps, listing all property owners and their relative lake location, to all lake residents and local emergency service providers.

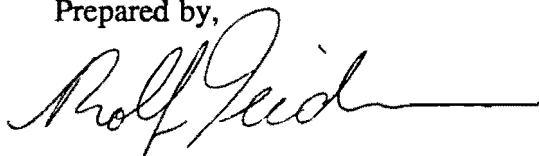
ELPOI established an email listing of all lake property owners to make communication easier and faster.

ELPOI sent a welcome letter to those people who purchased properties on the lake this past year and gratefully welcomed all of them as new members.

Recognized 58 paid members and 3 associate memberships. These 58 members represent a total of 69 percent of the lake property owners eligible for membership, an increase of 5 percent over the 1999 membership.

It is with the support of ELPOI's membership and the generous, outstanding efforts of the many volunteers who give their time to ELPOI's on-going projects and activities that this organization continues to meet its objectives and to maintain the health and natural beauty of Eagle Lake and its community. Thank you everyone!

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rolf Tiedemann", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Rolf Tiedemann
ELPOI President