

Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. Annual Meeting

Celebrating 114 years of Responsible Lake Stewardship 1907 - 2023

July 8th 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Keith Park at 10:20AM

Good to see all ... Keith

Sign in

General Business:

Vote to approve agenda, motion accepted and approved.

President Keith Park introduces himself.

Mission statement read by Chris Hyde

Approval of 2022 General meeting notes, motion accepted and approved.

Election of board officers:

Keith Park president, Chris Hyde vice president, Rolf Tiedemann treasurer Jack Mulcahy, Cole Hickland and Dave Cerny on the board. Motion to accept, all in favor, none opposed, Approved.

Volunteers Needed:

Looking for newsletter editor and Secretary

Treasurers report:

Rolf Tiedemann: Income and expenses reported, WE ARE SOLVENT. Significant donations made and reported on and their expenditures for ELPOI. Millfoil seed money in the town of Crown point account still there and possible use for future projects. 58 Members paid for 2022. Explained proposed budget for 2023. Donations from Sylvamo discussed as well as the difference between the Donation and a Grant. Consultants time for Boat launch legal action also discussed. Discussion of extensive background work done to make the ELPOI website work and the database of property owners. Motion to send thank you notes to 5 people, then move to send to all donors, seconded and approved. Discussion of newsletter distribution paper vs. electronic brought up by Zach Dorfman.

Motion to approve treasurers report, seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion of donations from us to other not for profits discussed, retaining our donation to Chilson Fire dept as we use their facility but eliminating our donation to others. Motion made, seconded, all in favor. Zach Dorfman offered to cover donations to others, Crown Point Fire department and Ti

emergency service. Motion to eliminate donations rescinded, motion to continue donations covered by Zach Dorfman made, approved. Discussion of new option for Fecal testing at greatly reduced cost presented and discussed and effect on budget if new in-house testing works well.

Fish stocking: Jack sent discussion to Zach, 3920 Brown trout stocked from 2 different fish hatcheries.

Water quality and testing: CSLAP discussed, new testing 4 times a year, report is on the website.

Website: Michael Tiedemann discusses the doing's on website, page views, usage, Thank you to Roger Wickes for hosting the causeway web camera,

Old Business

Cole discusses the new FECAL testing lab he found and is using and he result and plan to move forward with it. Dianne Tiedemann mentioned to all that if anyone experiences swimmers itch to please report it to her as CSLAP is looking for that information.

Beaver issues:

Beavers! Dave spoke of work done and past history, water is at +3, 9 beavers removed by the trapper last year, this year 3 have been removed and the cost of doing this as well as the cost savings incurred by Dave's ability to check traps and help the trapper with the process. No beaver debris over the winter.

Speed signs:

Cole discussed the work done to get us to the point where we are able to get the signs, and the cost of getting them that will be for us to fund, the town will not help out with that cost. Specific's to requirements discussed. Forrest Lisle discussed the posted speed limit and how that has been reduced in other areas, Cole discussed why this has not been done on Rt 74, the problem with having a place to pull drivers over, Keith mentioned the fact that speed limit has been examined and determined that enforcement was the issue. The fact of Rt 74 being a trucking round was mentioned as well. Cole discussed the process to having the signs installed and requirements. Discussion about how our mission statement covers installation of signs and how trucks ending up in the lake as a result of excessive speed covers that. Gofundme was brought up for covering the costs, Keith mentioned the issue with the Gofundme, Rolf spoke of costs from the aspect of our annual budget and what expenses may be coming up for the boat launch. Issue to go forward IF we have to pay for them, motion made to move forward with signs if we have to pay for them, none in favor, all opposed, motion not approved.

Causeway bridge and lighting:

Keith discussed the project as being done, the final streetlight installation, headroom, Rolf mentioned the excellent communication from the project leader Peter Reale. Debbie Mulcahy brought up the idea of sending a thank you note to Peter Reale. Forrest Lisle brought up the problem with no shoulder space on the causeway for any pedestrians, Keith answered that the bridge project did not have funding for widening the causeway and that only the bridge is wider as it needed to conform to current regulations.

Folks that have passed away:

Jack was happy to report that were all still here

Loon Report: Dave reported that loon count was on average of the 6-7 last year and no nesting pairs this year.

New Business

BOAT LAUNCH: Keith gave overview about the closing of the boat launch to trailered traffic and the APA decision that was made and conferred to us on February 1st this year. Issues we have found that were not taken into consideration by the APA as well as the preferred decision that was made by the APA in the 2019 UMP to study the lake and launch that was not properly addressed. Keith mentioned the letters that were send to the APA and their responses, the affect this will have on residents and their families going forward. What we are doing was discussed by Keith as well as what the Eagle Lake board is doing starting with the hundreds of hours Rolf Tiedemann has spent with researching the APA documentations and contact of government officials.

Rolf discussed some of the inconsistencies with the APA's handling of the UMP and Eagle Lakes coverage in that and things that were not done and procedures that were not followed.

Cole distributed paper and pens for members to write letters that we will mail to the APA and related his expertise in working for the controllers office and how such letters that were written to his office were received and responded to. Bullet points on the handout given for ideas were discussed. Comment made to send letters to DEC as well. Forrest Lisle mentioned an alternative plan to open a private launch somewhere.

Chris Hyde spoke of a Plan B, obtaining land somewhere for a launch, Eagle Lake has very few locations to do this and many more questions about who is in charge of such a launch and the fact that the APA will need to let us do this. Chris mentioned the specifics of private launches on other lakes that have them. Keith mentioned the pitfalls of a privately owned launch and the liability and cost to ELPOI if we owned land to provide a launch. Jere Paddock made comments about his landlocked situations and possible compromises with the APA. Rolf made further comments on possible launch sites before introducing Henry Bartlett.

Henry Bartlett:

Henry addressed the membership and offered suggestions on working with the legislature and the next level of the 4 legislative committees, that have oversight of the APA, Encon, the senate and assembly tourism and parks committee, the senate and assembly environment committee, Henry presented us with a letter he drafted and read to us for distribution to specific individuals in the governor's office and legislature. Henry presented a list of all the members of the four committees. Some additions to the letter were suggested such as including ADA compliance and Fire department access. Motion to allow Henry to go forward was made, seconded and all were in favor.

Postcards and Gofundme:

Chris Hyde presented postcards that he made up to leave on vehicles and with people at the boat launch to raise awareness. Chris also spoke of the petition of support signed by about 1800 people so far. QR code for Gofundme link, not yet live was explained. Chris passed along some historic information about the boat launch.

Rolf spoke about website layout and finding things and looked for more input as to better ways to make information available in better ways. Rolf also spoke of the need for folks to contact their own legislators even if they are out of the way. Jere Paddock thanked the officers and board for their work on this issue.

Sign Campaign:

Jack Mulcahy has obtained a large number of yard signs for distribution and available to residents. Jack related the fact that there a lot of people out there that have no idea that the launch is being closed. Debbie Mulcahy related that area businesses are being supportive of our campaign and allowing us to display signs at their businesses. Chris Hyde spoke of the representative picture being used of the barrier at Garnet Lake and the very different situation at Garnet Lake. Rolf added that we are getting support from other town and county supervisors and also spoke more about the reasons that the APA is closing the launch to trailered traffic and ideas behind their action and the fact that these concerns are not an issue at Eagle Lake. Rolf spoke of the subject of the studies the APA did on carrying capacity, and what that is and why we are well below any threshold for having too many boats on the lake.

Jack introduced us to a fundraiser Debbie is doing on the web and the particulars of that.

2024 Annual meeting:

Dates discussed, either the 6th or 13th, opinion was to keep it at the weekend after the Holiday weekend, the 13th if the facility is available from the fire department.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved 12:40PM

President Keith Park

7/16/23