



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER



# EAGLE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS, INC.

The subtle beauty of mist rising off the lake at dawn . . .



## EAGLE LAKE NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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**SAVE THE DATE:  
ANNUAL MEETING  
JULY 13, 2024  
 10:00 AM**



# Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. Annual Meeting Agenda ~ July 13th 2024

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Sign-in sheet circulation

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

President, Keith Park, introductions

> Motion to approve agenda

**MISSION STATEMENT** - Chris Hyde

## **2023 GENERAL MEETING NOTES**

> Motion to approve meeting notes

## **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

> Motion to approve slate of officers

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Rolf Tiedeman

**BUDGET** - Rolf Tiedeman

> Motion to approve budget

**FISH STOCKING** - Zach Dorfman

## **WATER QUALITY AND TESTING**

- CSLAP: Rolf Tiedeman
- In-House Fecal Coliform: Cole Hickland

**WEBSITE** - Michael Tiedemann

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **BOAT LAUNCH**

- ELPOI actions: Cole Hickland
- Political actions: Henry Bartlett
- Signs, petition, news coverage: Jack Mulcahy
- Legal actions by ELPOI and landlocked members: Keith Park
- Potential other options post closure: Chris Hyde

**VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT(VSA)** - Chris Hyde

**BEAVER ISSUES AND LAKE LEVEL** - Dave Cerny

**MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED AWAY** - Jack Mulcahy

**LOONS ON THE LAKE** - Joanne Conley, Kathy Cerny, Adine Viscusi

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **ELPOI Name Change** - Chris Hyde
- **Milfoil Committee Update**
- **2025 Annual Meeting:** July 5, 2025 or July 12, 2025

> Motion to adjourn



# BOAT LAUNCH UPDATE

The news on the boat launch is not good.

The launch is scheduled to be barricaded on October 14, 2024.

No doubt you have seen the sandwich board signs, lawn signs and read the newspaper coverage we have obtained. We have also contacted Town, County and Fire Company officials and gained their support to keep the launch open. We have written to the Governor, our Senator and Assembly person as well as various officials at APA. We have called and met with Senator Dan Stec and Assemblyman Matt Simpson.

All we have received from the APA is non-responsive form letters. Matt Simpson did make calls to APA and DEC on our behalf but does not feel that this can be resolved through political pressure and only legal action will give us a chance of relief. As a small organization, the cost of litigation could quickly exceed our means.

We have some hope that an **Article 78** legal proceeding might offer us a chance to stop the closure and still be financially viable.

**What is Article 78?** A lawsuit mainly used to challenge an action (or inaction) by agencies of New York State and local governments. In our case, there would be an inaction to complete the carrying capacity studies of the lake.

As of 5/27/24 the Board has decided to have an initial meeting with an attorney to ask for an assessment of the merits of our case and an estimate of costs to pursue an Article 78 proceeding. Want to know the details of our position? Here is a link to a 2 ½ page letter that summarizes the negative impacts of the barrier and our position as to why it shouldn't be done. [Chairman Ernst letter March 2024.docx - Google Docs \(2\).pdf \(eaglelake1.org\)](#)

Attend the annual meeting on July 13th to get the most current update.



## ATTENTION

This site will remain open to trailered boats entering the water through Oct. 14, 2024. After that time, boat trailers will no longer be permitted to enter this waterbody from this site in compliance with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan and the Wild Forest classification of this site. Boats that can be hand lifted into the water will continue to be allowed from this access site.

# MILFOIL COMMITTEE UPDATE >>>

By Susan Clark, Committee Chair

The ELPOI Milfoil Committee has been busy gearing up for an active summer.

- **Adirondack Research** will be completing a Lake Management Plan and a plant survey in late-July or early-August. Both will help in the knowledge of controlling and treating Eurasian Watermilfoil in our lake;
- We will be implementing the **Lake Tracker Program** with Brian Greene and the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program;
- We will be looking for volunteers to install and check markers annually for milfoil growth;
- **Three important informational meetings** about the Eurasian Watermilfoil are planned for this summer. The first was on June 8, with Glen Sullivan from **Ready Scout** as the guest speaker.
- **Additional Milfoil meetings will be on July 6 and August 24**, 3pm at the Chilson Fire Department Pavilion. Refreshments provided. We are asking everyone to support these informational meetings. You do not need to be a member of ELPOI to attend;
- The Committee is continuing to work on grants to support the milfoil project;
- This project is going to require every owner on Eagle Lake to be involved;
- **Questions:** Call Susan at 845-389-7222.
- Follow us on **Facebook** for all updates @ELPOINY

## MILFOIL COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

**A Basket Raffle Fundraiser is underway to help fund milfoil eradication efforts.**

**Tickets will be sold this summer for SEVEN baskets and a swimming water mat to be given away at the end of the summer.**

**See Facebook for photos of baskets!!!**



**EAGLE LAKE  
MILFOIL FUNDRAISER**

**\$10 = Per ticket**

**\$50 = Six Tickets**

**Drawing: August 24, 2024**



# MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Click here to review the 2023 Meeting Notes:

<https://eaglelake1.org/archives/minutes/annual/2020-2029/2023/2023%20ELPOI%20general%20meeting%20minutes.pdf>



## ANNUAL BUDGET

Click here to review the 2024-2025 Annual Budget:

[https://eaglelake1.org/archives/financial\\_information/financial\\_reports/2020-2029/2024-2025%20draft%20of%20proposed%20%20budget.pdf](https://eaglelake1.org/archives/financial_information/financial_reports/2020-2029/2024-2025%20draft%20of%20proposed%20%20budget.pdf)



## ELPOI NAME CHANGE

**Why do we need to change our name?**

During the process of applying for grants we found out that our name, as registered with the Department of State (DOS), is Eagle Lake **Properties** Owners, Inc. When we use Eagle Lake **Property** Owners, Inc. it does not agree with our registered name and presents a problem with grant applications. We have also encountered a similar problem with opening a bank account. We had hoped to get through the current grant and then address the name change, but it has been a recurring problem, so we need to address our name as registered with DOS.

**We need a membership vote to change our organization's name.**

The board is suggesting changing our name to **Eagle Lake Association, Inc.** We believe this is more inclusive than Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. and is in conformity with names for associations at other lakes. People will immediately know what our organization does, whereas Eagle Lake Property Owners could be a homeowners association rather than a lake association.

**To comply with our bylaws we will need to have this approved twice by the membership.**

We are letting you know about the need for the change in this newsletter and will ask for a vote at the Annual Meeting. We plan to ask for a second vote of the membership at the fall social gathering. It is possible that our proposed name will be the same as or close to another organization's name and require a second or even third choice. Suggestions for second and third choice are Eagle Lake Alliance, Inc. and Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.



# ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS >>>

After decades of tireless service to ELPOI in many roles, our **Treasurer, Rolf Tiedeman**, has decided to retire his green eye shades so he can spend more time enjoying our beautiful lake.

Likewise, **Keith Park**, who has also devoted many years of service to the lake, most recently as **President**, has decided to pass on the gavel to free up time for numerous other things.

Between the two, we are losing unbelievable amounts of institutional knowledge. Fortunately, both have agreed to be available as needed for consultation to the board. Additionally, they have agreed to continue to do the CSLAP water testing this year.

**Chris Hyde** has agreed to serve another year as **Vice President** as a service to the lake but would gladly step aside if someone else had more time and energy; Chris is a key board member but has limited time.

**Dave Cerny** and **Jack Mulcahy** each have one year left on their **at-large Board Member** terms.

**Cole Hickland** has agreed to step in as **President**.

**Debbie Meier** has agreed to fill the position of **Secretary**.

## SLATE OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: COLE HICKLAND  
VICE PRESIDENT: CHRIS HYDE  
TREASURER: SUSAN CLARK  
SECRETARY: DEBBIE MEIER  
BOARD MEMBER: DAVE CERNY  
BOARD MEMBER: JACK MULCAHY  
BOARD MEMBER: VACANT

**Susan Clark**, who has done an amazing job as point person battling milfoil, has agreed to be Treasurer.

**Vacant** - At-large Board Member

Officers: One-year term

Board Members: Three-year term



**Questions, Contact Cole Hickland:**

- (518) 339-4931
- [auditorguy@gmail.com](mailto:auditorguy@gmail.com)



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/PICNIC RSVP

## JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Return this form with your check by July 1, 2024 or bring to the Annual Meeting on July 13, 2024  
Chilson Community Center ~ Putts Pond Road ~ 10:00am

### Property Dues/Membership (Lake Property Owners Only):

An annual \$35.00 Property Due is required for each lake property. This due once paid provides that lake property with a single vote. If there are multiple owners of the property, only one person needs to pay the \$35.00 property due. During all voting opportunities, only one vote per property will be counted, regardless of multiple owners. However, by paying the dues, all owners of that property will have full Membership. If there are multiple owners of a property more than one name and associated contact information can be included in our database, this is so that all interested parties can receive ELPOI mailings, but again only one person can vote. If those other owners want to make a financial contribution to support the efforts of the ELPOI they can do so by being an associate or just making a donation. If you own multiple lake properties, then you will receive an additional vote for each lake property that you pay dues for. ALL memberships run July 1 to June 30 of the following year, so at this point all memberships need to be renewed.

### Associate Membership (Non-Owners):

An associate membership is \$25.00 and is for people who are either family, friends, a second owner named on the property deed or other interested parties who have a vested interest in preserving Eagle Lake for future generations and want to receive ELPOI communications.

### What your dues cover:

Your membership dues and all other contributions to Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc., are tax deductible under rules governing not-for-profit 501(c)3 status. With your membership dues we try to cover a multitude of services including: beaver control, lake level management, annual lake water testing by both CSLAP (analytical) and additional non-CSLAP (fecal) entities, donations to local emergency services, as well as many other items, full details are in the treasures report given at the annual meeting and posted at eaglelake1.org. The officers of ELPOI serve in a voluntary capacity. If you can make an additional contribution toward these efforts, we would greatly appreciate it. Please indicate your intention to donate on the membership form as an additional donation.

**Property Dues** -\$35.00 per property **Y or N**  
Name on tax map associated with property I.E. trust, personal name, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lake property ID number (see ELPOI map or number that is on the address label) or lake address dues are for: \_\_\_\_\_  
If paying for additional lake properties owned, duplicate this form and complete it for each property.  
Above address is: **Year-Round Seasonal** circle one  
Off lake or seasonal address \_\_\_\_\_  
Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
If you want additional family members/ owners associated with this property to be included in our data base, provide their full contact information on a separate sheet of paper- include a note of their affiliation/ relationship to the property.

**Associate Membership** -\$25.00 **Y or N**  
Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
The property you are affiliated with (name of owner(s)) \_\_\_\_\_  
Your address contact info \_\_\_\_\_  
Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
**Returning Sponsor** -\$120.00 **Y or N**  
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Business sponsorship includes Member/Associate dues)  
**New business? Y or N**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Chris Hyde cdhyde1@gmail.com prior to sending in dues

**Picnic July 13 @ Noon**, please **RSVP**:  
Sandwiches, soda, water and place settings provided; *covered dishes, desserts, etc. are encouraged by attendees!*  
# Adults x \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# Children x \$6.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Additional Donation(s):**  
Courtesy donation Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dues amount from left:**  
Amount carried here \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Payment Information:**  
**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name on Check:** \_\_\_\_\_

Checks and **Electronic Checks** payable to: Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc  
Mailing address: Keith Park, 31 Barkwood Lane, Clifton Park, NY 12065

### Annual Meeting Member Proxy

Please check with the person you are designating as your proxy to verify they are a member that has paid their dues. ELPOI Officers can/will carry your proxy vote if asked. Complete and return this form with your dues to have your proxy counted.

I, as a member in good standing of ELPOI, (i.e. I have paid or will pay my annual dues prior to July 13<sup>th</sup>) do hereby designate (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, who is also a member in good standing, or who is another owner of record of the same membership parcel of said corporation, to vote and act on my behalf on all matters that come before the meeting to be held on July 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNUAL LOON COUNT

Eagle Lake is fortunate to be home to a thriving loon population. Since 2020, Eagle Lake residents have participated in the Annual Census coordinated through the **Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation**. In the past four years, 7-8 loons have been observed annually. The Annual Loon count is always held on the 3rd Saturday of July, from 8:00 - 9:00 am. This year's count will be on Saturday, July 20.



In past years, Joanne Conley, Francesca Fonda, Kathy Cerny and Adine Viscusi have participated in the count. Deb Meier will join the count this summer.

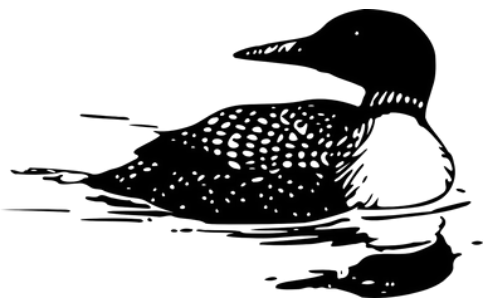
## LOON FRIENDLY LAKE CERTIFICATION

Since Eagle Lake has a healthy loon population, a small group has organized to pursue a Loon Friendly Lake Certification, a program that promotes community-based environmental stewardship to better protect loons and their aquatic habitats.

### Requirements of the program include:

- Completion of four training sessions;
- Two-three lakeshore clean-up days;
- Provide Adk Center for Loon Conservation brochure to lake residents and rental properties to educate visitors about loon-safe boating and recreation practices;
- Place "Help Protect Loons" signage at boat launches;
- Install and maintain a Fishing Line Recycling Container (we have one at the boat launch and one at the picnic area);
- Collect and recycle lead fishing tackle.

### CAN YOU HELP?



**LAKESHORE CLEAN-UP #1**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024**  
**10:00 AM - NOON**  
**CONTACT JOANNE CONLEY FOR DETAILS**  
**TEXT OR CALL 518-744-7896**

## New York State Parks and Recreation

Requires that all motor boat operators, regardless of age, will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2025.

### Find out where to take a course:

<https://parks.ny.gov/boating/safety-courses.aspx>





All boaters operating any kind of motorized watercraft in the Adirondack Park and within ten miles of the Blue Line are required to possess certification that, before launching, their vessel has undergone measures to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species by following the Clean.Drain.Dry. standards.

- **CLEAN** any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting boats.
- **DRAIN** all water holding compartments including ballast tanks, live wells, and bilge areas.
- **DRY** boats, trailers and all equipment before use in another waterbody.

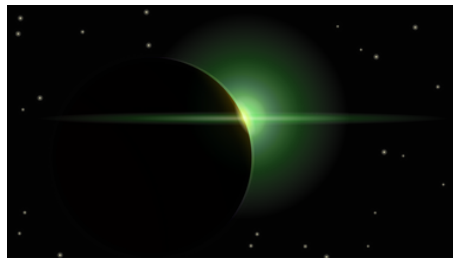
**DEC Resource page, including an interactive map showing inspection and decontamination sites:**

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<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/invasive-species/aquatic/prevent-spread-of-aquatic-invasive-species/clean-drain-dry>

## ECLIPSE AT THE LAKE

By Keith Park



I went to the lake the day before the total eclipse to avoid the traffic issues, but traffic was already getting busy. Eclipse day was fantastic, It was sunny, warm, and 59 degrees when the eclipse began. Whoops of excitement were heard about the lake when totality occurred, which lasted about one minute. Some folks were out on the lake in boats to observe. During totality, it got quite dark and the temperature dropped to 52 degrees. It was a sight to behold. As soon as light returned I made haste for I-87 only to be thwarted by traffic control that was holding traffic on Rt 74 to facilitate a smooth transition between Rt 9 and the Northway. Still, the slow trip back was well worthwhile for this once in a lifetime event at the lake. Video to be posted on eaglelake1.org

## END-OF-SUMMER PICNIC

Last year's Labor Day weekend picnic was so well-received that plans are underway for a repeat performance.

If you missed the picnic, it was held on Labor Day Saturday at the beach. Burgers and hot dogs were provided and everyone was asked to bring a dish to share.

A date for the 2024 picnic will be discussed at the Annual Meeting and will be announced on the ELPOI Facebook page.



**Grillmaster Dave urges you to join us!**

### MERCHANDISE FOR SALE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING T-SHIRTS AND DRINKWARE

*Sale*



If you can't be at the Annual Meeting, Contact Deb Mulcahy [djdmulcahy@gmail.com](mailto:djdmulcahy@gmail.com)

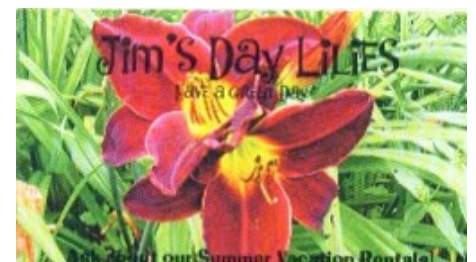
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Shultzes, Network Bandwidth and Camera Support  
Zitos, Network Bandwidth and Beaver Dam Clearing  
Wickes, Causeway Camera  
Zach and Adine Dorfman, Sponsorships  
Many members also made donations above and beyond their membership, which is very appreciated.  
**THANK YOU!**

### DAM AND BEAVER UPDATE



- Dave Cerny reports that yes, indeed, there are beavers at the dam.
- Lake water level is high at this point due to the beaver dam.
- VSA (Volunteer Stewardship Program) application is awaiting approval.

**FOLLOW ELPOI ON FACEBOOK FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE HAPPENINGS @ELPOINY**



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**PLEASE HELP US  
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