

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: David Wallingford, Tom Whalen, Karl Hardcastle, Cristina Connolly, Treasurer Mike Van Patten

**Not present:** Ralph Pascucci Town of Saratoga, Secretary, Debbie Curto, Bob Hahn, Supervisor, Tracey Clothier, LA Group.

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m. by David Wallingford, Chair.

**Public Comment:** None

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Presidents Report (David Wallingford):** City of Saratoga Springs will be reinstating funds to SLPID and giving SLPID \$5,000 annually beginning this year 2016.

SLPID will be getting a \$13,000 refund from USGS. The previous board approved an annual payment to USGS of \$21,000 then also continued to pay quarterly bills. USGS caught the mistake.

David Wallingford met with President, CEO of Saratoga County Chamber regarding possible funding of fireworks for 2016. Since the winter festival was cancelled this year it is possible the funding could go to the fireworks.

An SLA newsblast went out mentioning SLPID money being reinstated from the city of Saratoga Springs asking SLA members to attend meeting and giving out wrong information. David Wallingford contacted Sharon Urban (SLA) asking for any future SLPID information going into new articles be authorized first by the SLPID chair for correctness.

**Treasurer's Report (Mike Van Patten):** Total cash \$158,717.08. We are expecting County check and amounts due from the municipalities around mid march. Total assets - \$846,402.15, Liabilities - \$14,592.27. Total net income \$13.10, which will turn around next month. Aquatic Weed Control is named Solitude Lake Management. Karl Hardcastle MADE A MOTION to pay bills Tom Whalen 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Lake Stewardship (Cristina Connolly):** Agreed to go with Steward program mid may if early warm weather or latest Memorial day weekend through Labor Day keeping cost down. David Wallingford will speak with Blue Neils on a proposal for this and discuss on off weather days not using stewards or they work on other SLPID projects, such as news articles, press releases, etc. If Blue has a proposal together SLPID could vote on it via email to get the program going.

**Lake Level: (Ralph Pascucci):** Lake level: 201.4 and rising.

- **Aquatic Weed Control Report: (Karl Hardcastle)** David Wallingford had an idea which would entail hiring another person for July and August to use the small machine to go behind the large machines for pick up of any loose weeds. Tom Whalen suggested looking into selling the machine instead and that Ballston Lake or Round Lake may be interested. David Wallingford will make contact and see if they are.

-Karl spoke with Bob about proposed ramp, Bob feels and it is agreed, that the ramp will not work for SLPID, the bottom line is it will still be too shallow and silt will fill in around area. Karl feels personally he does not see the feasibility in it.

-If the town of Stillwater is agreeing to dredge at no cost, why not try as the LA group already did the schematics. We will pursue dredging and give it a try.

-CSLAP is all taken care of Karl has all of the equipment.

Weeds: Charges for the RPI services will remain the same for this year. Ralph will submit the bill to the next meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:05**

**Submitted by**

**Cristina Connolly for Debbie Curto**