



SLPID **APPROVED** MINUTES  
February 13th 2020, 6:30 pm  
Town of Malta Community Center. Malta, NY

A meeting of the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District was held on February 13, 2020 at Malta Town Community Center, Malta NY. A quorum was present.

Present: SLPID Commissioners: Tom Carrinigi, Cristina Connolly, Karl Hardcastle, Kathy Simmonds, Walter Supley. Lake Manager: Dean Long. Assistant Treasurer: Michael VanPatten.

Call to Order: The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chair, Cristina Connolly. The Agenda was presented for review.

**Public Comments:**

Resident Pat Tuz 648 Crescent Ave, no comment. Is interested in learning about SLPID.

**Secretary's Report: (Debbie Curto)**

Public notice was published for meeting date change. Discussion for change of March's meeting was discussed. Cristina Connolly, Mike VanPatten and Carl Hardcastle are not available on March 19<sup>th</sup>. After much discussion, it was decided the meeting will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Secretary is out of town on that date. Minutes to be taken by Chair. January minutes were presented for review. Kathy Simmonds had a couple changes and requested changes be made and approved at next meeting. Acknowledgements of viewing Sexual Harassment Title VI and Workplace Violence Training (updated 2020) were received by: Cristina Connolly, Mike VanPatten, Kathy Simmonds, Tom Carrinigi, Karl Hardcastle, Debbie Curto, Dean Long. Dean Long submitted original signed contracts from Solitude dated 2/19/19 for record keeping. Letter received from Julie Wash, filed for record. Cristina Connolly responded to letter. Walter Supley requested past agendas and minutes to be sent to him to place on website.

Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to approve Secretary's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Hardcastle, MOTION CARRIED.

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes
3. Public Notice

**Assistant Treasurer's Report: (Mike VanPatten)**

Register report and statement of revenue and expenditures were distributed. Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to pay bills \$9257.53, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walter Supley. MOTION CARRIED. Mike suggested having a discussion at the March meeting to discuss a special account aka restricted account for purchasing another piece of equipment.

Tom Carrinigi MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT the Assistant treasurer's report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Hardcastle, MOTION CARRIED.

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting:

1. Financial Statements: Balance Sheet, Income Statement.
2. Monthly Bank Reconciliations
3. Weekly Payroll Reports
4. Monthly Vendor and Invoices

**Lake Level Report: (Tom Carrinigi)**

201.50 Level (1929 data). Lake is frozen, approximately 7" deep. Many ice fishermen out there.

**CSLAP: (Karl Hardcastle)**

Karl presented a registration form with a request for payment of \$230 to attend the NYFOLA Conference on May 1 & May 2 to be held in Lake George. Mike VanPatten will take care of registering and sending payment to NYFOLA.

**Aquatic Weed Control: (Dean Long)**

Dean submitted via email proposal for 2 weeks of hydro raking. Application was submitted to DEC for Herbicide treatment. We will do a mailing in March to all SLPID residents with notification of treatment. Signs will also be posted around the lake (closer to date of treatment) Cristina indicated Town Stillwater Supervisor was upset with us posting signs near Browns Beach last year. He felt it was a detriment to the residents of the town to use the beach. DEC permit mandates signs are posted.

**Harvesting:**

Dean was able to obtain Harvesting records from Bob Hahn. For the year 2019 566 loads were taken out of the lake. Mike VanPatten questioned what a load consisted of. Dean stated approximately 1000 cubic feet equals 1 load. Dean comments 2017, 600 loads, comparatively 420 loads for 2008, 620 loads for 2009. There is a lower density of weeds. Bob also submitted to Dean, number of days harvesting took place. July 22 days August 21 days. Overall for the season, Harvesting took place for 72 days averaging 7.8 loads per day. August and September were high load days, further illustrating change in weather patterns. Dean will work on preparing report showing comparisons of older years. Dean showed a picture of an AMX 1000 (hybrid transport barge and rake) this piece of equipment is customizable. Walter questioned the price of the machine. Dean did not have pricing information. He will reach out to Steve and get pricing. He will also work on getting bid documents for the equipment. This equipment would not be available to us until 2021 season.

#### BioBase:

Automated aquatic vegetation, bathymetric, and bottom hardness mapping with BioBase. Cloud servers process sonar or satellite imagery and create GIS maps for processing analysis and archival of spatial aquatic data. It will require a SD card be removed every couple days, upload to BioBase. The new Harvester has the ability to indicate when the weeds are cut. 2Transducers will cost \$6671.61 plus approximately \$2000 to mount on the machines, etc.

#### Communications: (Walter Supley)

Cristina created a newsletter which Walter posted on the website. It will also be posted on Facebook this weekend. Cristina questioned whether she should continue to post on facebook and answer emails or is Walter taking over the job. Walter stated Cristina should continue to post and answer on all Facebook matters. Walter shared a post card to be mailed to all SLPID residents. He is hopeful the mailer will guide the residents to the website and they will sign up for email notifications.

#### Lake Stewardship: (Cristina Connolly)

Cristina attended a full day meeting with DEC. Issues discussed were: new aquatic invasives in the area an increase of water crest and frog bit. Weeds having a greater impact later in the season into the fall past many lake steward programs due to climate changes. Lakes following SLPIDs lead and creating their own programs for better control on managing the program and year round planning. Other topics: lake surveys, photo color changes in lake, water testing, property owners and public education, sea Planes, angler survey questions, and much more. A new requirement for Connecting the public with the environment. Language Access Kit (requirement). Cristina also had a call in meeting the Lake George Park Commission and State Parks. They are requesting Cristina attend all meetings and trainings to keep p with new state protocol and requirements. Cristina proposed to the board to pursue a seal system for boats entering and exiting the lake. This will help with efficiency at the launch and the seal which is a metal wire with clip from the engine to the trailer shows which lake the boat came out of last. The tags cost is approximately 0.39 cents. Studies show 60% of boats go in and out of the lake will come back to the same lake. Lake George uses this system. Walter Supley MADE A MOTION to pursue the seal system on Saratoga Lake, 2nd by Tom Carrangi MOTION CARRIED.

Paul Smith is conducting a 5 day training which Cristina will be attending at some point. She will check her schedule to determine when she can attend and speak with them as well as training with the LGPC/ Walter presented a sample handout for the boat launch, folded into a business card size for stewards to hand out for the no wake zone and 5MPH zone he include a map of the lake. Cristina will make changes once the buoy matter is determined. Kathy Simmonds suggested putting emergency contact phone numbers

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### Buoys:

Cristina indicated Eric Catalano sent an email requesting an additional buoy be placed at the bend north on fish creek, which is not SLPID district. Dean stated, Jim Buoy had a price of \$4300, Taylor had a price of \$4000 which includes 10 buoys, ropes, chain. Tom Carrangi may be able to get additional discounted pricing from Taylor.

Cristina, Dean and Tracey met with Saratoga PLAN. Saratoga Plan does own property on the lake and suggested they are open to help SLPID working with communities if they can.

Letter received from Ed Kinowski, Town of Stillwater Supervisor, has concerns of the public beach access. Waterfowl is staying in the area year round due to weather changes. Karl indicated in Long Island, the waterfowl is being poisoned. Karl said that he sees roughly 300 Canadian geese on the lake nightly. The Canadian Geese is primarily the reason the beach gets shut down because of the feces, according to Karl.

Ed Kinowski (Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga Supervisor) in the past asked SLPID to redraw the tax district with the many new homes and developments around the lake. Also there was a large parcel of land on Rte 423 that has been subdivided and two to three properties should be removed. Cristina will speak with Ed regarding the process on the removal.

Dean is preparing map of the sewer collection line and the SLPID District. Dean is also compiling ordinances in Water Shed district. Town of Milton and Town of Saratoga indicate storm water permits may also be necessary for all building permits. Article in today's Times Union regarding Hearn Rd Supervisor O'Connor (town of Malta) spoke with Cristina regarding land on Hearn Road in the

town of Malta threatening development and concern with run-off into Saratoga Lake from Drummond creek. He was asking if the time comes, will SLPID work with the town on submitting concerns regarding the lake protection to avoid issues of runoff and wildlife protection. Cristina mentioned discussion several months ago with Malta board member Warner was asking the same regarding Malta development along the lake and attending the Malta comprehensive meetings and giving comment.

Cristina looking at dates of May 17, with a rain date of May 25 for "Take the Pledge" presentation at Browns Beach for prevention of stormwater runoff with property owners. She is working with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Saratoga County water Quality on this. A master gardener will attend for gardening education on shoreline buffers and rain gardens, rain barrels. The county is working on updating the buffer handbook and other material for this. So far no cost has incurred. SLA has mentioned they will help to promote this.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

Cristina Connolly MADE A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, 2nd by Walter Supley, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Curto  
SLPID Recording Secretary