

SLPID - MONTHLY MEETING – MAY, 2012, 7 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners: Gene Fedoronko, Joe Finn, Tom Whalen. Treasurer: Mike VanPatten. Weed Harvesting Supervisor: Bob Hahn, The LA Group: Dean Long. Excused: Al McCauley, Ed Dweck.

Call to Order:

I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Acting Chair, Joe Finn.

II. **Public Comments:** Two current board members of SLA introduced themselves, Brenda Verrardi & Donna Hladik. They will be attending SLPID meetings on a monthly basis and report items of interest from SLA. They hope to increase communication between both boards. It was suggested SLPID make presentation at the beginning of the Annual meeting.

Opening bid for Fireworks Display: It was noted only one bid was received. Alonzo Fireworks bid \$15,000 for thirty minute show at 2 locations (\$7500 each show) on the lake on July 7th 2012. No rain date was indicated. Ed Dweck will contact Alonzo to confirm winning bid and inform lake residents. A MOTION was MADE by Gene Fedronko, to accept the bid from Alonzo Fireworks for July 7th date, 2nd by Joe Finn. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS:

III. Secretary's Report: (Secretary, Debbie Curto)

Minutes from the May meeting were presented for review. Secretary thanked Joe Finn for taking minutes in her absence. Tom Whalen MADE A MOTION to approve the minutes, 2nd Joe Finn, MOTION CARRIED. Mike VanPatten requested RFP be placed in multiple papers for annual Audit. It was noted Gene took the oath of office as commissioner of Stillwater, replacing Judy VanPatten. Joe Finn MADE A MOTION to accept the Secretary's report, 2nd Tom Whalen. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Treasurer's Report: (Treasurer, Mike VanPatten, CPA)

Register report and statement of revenue and expenditures were distributed. Tom Whalen MADE A MOTION to pay bills \$57727.11 as presented, 2nd by Joe Finn, MOTION CARRIED. All commissioners reviewed the monthly bank statements as well as reviewed all invoices to be paid. Treasurer presented the 2013 budget, which will be presented to the community at large at the annual meeting. MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT the treasurer's report by Joe Finn, 2nd by Tom Whalen. MOTION CARRIED.

V. Aquatic Weed Control: (Joe Finn)

Call from Jon Bennett (DEC). He stated he received an inquiry regarding the fish kill on the lake. After touring the lake with Dean Long, it was determined that the fish kill was not out of the ordinary. In addition, SEAPRO also conducted a lake tour and completed 6 dives. Joe thanked Bob Hahn and the weed harvesting crew for all their efforts with water sampling, dead fish count. Joe stated additional projects for Lake Stewards could possibly pinpoint water chestnut. Perhaps organize another water chestnut pull with SLA members. Topic could be discussed at the Annual Meeting. MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT the treasurer's report by Gene Fedronko, 2nd by Tom Whalen. MOTION CARRIED

VI. Lake Stewardship Report: (Al McCauley)

Al was not present at meeting, however submitted an email to include the following: As I have previously stated, I will not be able to attend the meeting on June 21. There are some things that the commissioners should know about the stewardship program. I have met with both Cody and Greg on a regular basis. They have both submitted their bios to be published in the Shore Line along with their photos. They have been aware of both the SLA meeting on the 19th and the SLPID meeting on the 12th, and will make an appearance at both. Bruce will put them on the agenda to give a short presentation, and I have told them that they can introduce themselves at our meeting. Cody has put together a report that he will be submitting for publication in the Saratogian.

I signed the contract with Paul Smith's and sent it back with instructions to have it sent to our PO Box once it was approved by Paul Smith's officers. Also, I received a copy of the insurance for our stewardship from Paul Smith's policy holder and delivered it to Sandy Herrick at the State Park office. Sandy informed me that she has attempted to contact us through our PO box, and each time it was returned as undeliverable. The address that I gave her was PO Box 2551, Ballston Spa NY 12020. I am concerned that there may be a problem. Secretary confirmed address as being correct and

confirmed other mail has been received at that address.

Weed Harvesting Report: (Bob Hahn)

The weed harvestors have circled the lake 1 ½ times. Plenty of Milfoil was seen. Tom Whalen MADE A MOTION to accept the report, 2nd by Gene Fedoronko. MOTION CARRIED.

Lake Level / Aquatic Weed Control Report: (Joe Finn, Dean Long)

LakeLevel 203.6. Level monitoring station is under the SLA control until it is moved to Boat Works at which point SLPID will take over and be responsible for all maintenance. It was discussed contact should be made with ENEL to discuss gates maintained by ENEL and better reporting mechanisms should be in place. Tom Whalen MADE A MOTION to accept the report, 2nd by Gene Fedoronko. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Permit Regulation Report: (Tom Whalen)

The LA Group submitted proposal for LEGISLATION FOR CONTROLLING DOCKS AND BOATS ON SARATOGA LAKE. Comments should be directed to Tom to report back next month.

The approach will be to complete the first and second tasks, and then move forward to tasks 3 and 4 or some other regulatory approach.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Task 1 Prepare Analysis of Alternative Approaches to Regulating Boats and Docks

LAG will prepare alternatives and reasoning of several approaches to regulating boats and docks. The strengths and limitations of each approach will be discussed. The legal implications, process, and implementation strategy will also be outlined.

COST: \$680 (8 hours @ \$85)

Task 2 Workshop Session with SLPID Board

LAG will attend at one (1) workshop with SLPID to lay out alternative approaches to controlling boats and docks, and achieve consensus on how to move forward.

COST: \$170 (2 HOURS @ \$85)

Task 3 Prepare Draft Legislation for the Registration of Boats

LAG will prepare the language for draft legislation that would potentially require boats to be registered on Saratoga Lake.

COST: \$1,020 (12 hours @ \$85)

Task 4 Prepare Draft Legislation for the Registration of Docks

LAG will prepare the language for draft legislation that would potentially require docks to be registered on Saratoga Lake.

COST: \$1,020 (12 hours @ \$85)

TOTAL FEE: \$2,890

New Business:

Ed Dweck met with the president of Riley Cove to consider a site for barns. Riley Cove is interested in leasing the property only.

VIII. Old Business:

Buoys: There are 6 new buoys. Rowing club has placed three and Dept of Parks & Rec has placed two. One is missing. They have been placed in the same location as last year.

X. **Adjournment:**

A Motion was made by Joe Finn to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm, 2nd by Tom Whalen, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by, Debbie Curto, Recording Secretary

