**PRESENT**: Commissioners: Ed Dweck, Joe Finn, Gene Fedoronko, Tom Whalen, Cristina Connolly, Weed management crew: Bob Hahn, Treasurer Mike Van Patten, LA Group, Tracey Clothier

Also in attendance: Ralph Pascucci (incoming commissioner, Town of Saratoga 2016), David Wallingford (incoming commissioner, county at large 2016).

Not present: Secretary, Debbie Curto

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ed Dweck, Chair.

Public Comment: None

## **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from previous month were presented for review. Gene Fedoronko MADE A MOTION to approve the minutes Tom Whalen 2nd.

**Treasurer's Report (Mike Van Patten):** Total cash \$420,138.25 Total net income \$251,599.38 We are on target comparable to other years. Gene Fedoronko MADE A MOTION to pay bills Tom Whalen 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Lake Level: (Gene Fedoronko)

-Lake level is currently at 203.2 has been up to 203.8 . The 11<sup>th</sup> of month the dam was opened and lake level dropped down to 203.2. Gene is going to call to close the dam and try to keep the lake level at 203. Gene stated that Dan, the dam keeper has been very cooperative, helpful at keeping the dam regulated.

#### **Aquatic Weed Control Report: (Joe Finn)**

Mark from ACT said, last treatment will be July 31 weather permitting. Mark is taking samples and sending to Seapro and DEC. Mark is anticipating the last treatment and samples on the  $31^{st}$  of July then the signs can come down. The harvester for the water chestnuts are expected to be on the lake the  $21^{st}$  and  $22^{nd}$  of July, weather permitting. It will take  $1\frac{1}{2}$  days to complete job. Mark from ACT took a look and confirmed that there are not as many water chestnuts as last year. Joe Finn asked Bob Hahn to have two weed harvesters at the site to make sure all chestnuts are picked up and none left to float.

Larry Eichler from the Freshwater institute needs a dock space for 1 night coming up end of August. David Wallingford offered his dock.

## **Lake Stewardship (Cristina Connolly)**

Lake stewards have had inconsistencies with their scheduling. There is not good communication between Paul Smith's and the regional supervisor or the stewards as there are conflicting answers on why special projects are not getting done and scheduling at the launch is not consistent and left without stewards on duty. Planning on meeting with lake George association for information on their program and perhaps slpid forming own steward program next year. Everyone agreed to wait until next meeting to pay the second half of the bill to Paul Smith's. Ed Dweck is going to call Eric Holmlund at Paul Smith's

to discuss. Gene Fedoronko MADE A MOTION to not pay the second half of the bill and wait until next meeting to discuss further, Tom whalen 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# Weed Harvesting (Bob Hahn)

Everything is in good shape. They are on their second time around the lake and ready to go back to the North end again. Derrick Osborne, lake steward helping for the week on a harvester, worked 7-2 one day. Reason, had a meeting at Brown's Beach, did not say why or what the meeting was about. Derrick will not be back to help as stated he has special projects he is working on for the steward program.

## Permit report (Tom Whalen, Tracey Clothier)

Tracey- Dredging- We are waiting on the permit from DEC for Browns beach dredging. Brown's beach had no permits drawn from DEC when work was done, now with SLPID's permit process SHPO is involved as the entire area is historically sensitive. We are waiting on SHPO to release a letter that there will be no effect, then Army Corp. of Engineers will issue permit. Looking for an excavator to do the job has been very hard as all are so busy this time of year and booked out until fall. H &M excavators, Don King, gave a price or \$15,165.00 for ½ day work and is 6 weeks out and agreed to do the job. Tom Whalen, Gene Fedoronko, David Wallingford suggested calling North Valley Construction, Adam Cross, to get a price quote for the job. Tracey Clothier will write a memo of understanding with Ed Kinowski, Town of Stillwater Supervisor, that SLPID is doing the work and wants permanent access except for special occasions, at which time Brown's Beach will notify SLPID 2 weeks prior of the occasion.

Boat wash station- Budget is in Albany, still waiting.

Chloride levels- CSLAP is adding it into our protocol this year. There are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> week samples, This day was the 3<sup>rd</sup> week sample. We can purchase computers for the town salt trucks at about \$500 each. We are collecting data with the samples and the possibility of grant money.

Grant to update the watershed plan – Has to be the municipalities on the lake to push the grant or the county could sponsor the application. Tracey Clothier will ask the county to sponsor and the application is filed in November for next year.

Tracey Clothier will contact Bob Eastman who has a photography business for a quote on a lake surface use assessment to count boats on lake and on property around lake.

#### **Storage facility- Ed Dweck**

Security System is installed and not on. The fence for files to be stored safely may go in 1-2 weeks from now. Bob Hahn will look for pallets for the base.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING** 8:45 p.m. by Tom Whalen, Gene Fedoronko 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Submitted by,

Cristina Connolly for Debbie Curto