

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THREE LAKES COUNCIL  
October 17, 2007**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on October 17, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the home of Jack and Betsy Sinnott.

Present were:

Jack Sinnott, president, Waccabuc Landowners Assoc. representative

Janet Andersen, vice president

John Lemke, treasurer; Lake Waccabuc Assoc. representative

Jean Lewis, secretary

Kevin Karl, alternate delegate Lake Oscaleta Assoc.

Alayne Vlachos, South Shore Assoc.

Shannon Robinette, Two Lake Club

**GOALS, MEASUREMENTS, INITIATIVES**

Jack Sinnott reported that following the Board work session held on June 6, 2007 the Executive Committee re-worked the Goals, Measurements, Initiatives document, incorporating input from the Board.

Jack emphasized that the document provides measurable goals for Three Lake Council initiatives. Since it is a working document, it is subject to change and should be reviewed regularly. He asked if anyone had alterations or additions to suggest.

Jan Andersen noted that, in addition to benefits mentioned by Jack, the document also serves to remind us of what we have accomplished.

Now that our current initiatives are spelled out in the document, all agreed that the next step is to seek more volunteers to carry out the initiatives. There were no additions or changes made to the document.

**LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Jan Andersen reported on the activities of the Three Lake Council Lake Management Committee:

1. New lake manager

On August 1, 2007 we sent out RFPs (requests for proposals) to three companies: ENSR, Allied Biological, and EcoLogic. Each company was asked to comment on how they would approach the tasks listed in the RFP, and to give cost estimates for each.

Cost estimates received from all three companies were far higher than anticipated. A decision was therefore made to spread tasks out over several years, and to draw up a task list for just 2007-08.

The Executive Committee and Lake Preservation Committee decided to hire Allied Biological as our new lake manager.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, Paul Lewis, Jan Andersen, Jack Sinnott, Jean Lewis and Lou Feeney met with Chris Doyle of Allied Biological. Chris was given a copy of all our lake data, and there was discussion of possible action plans. Following the discussion, Chris went out on the lakes with Paul Lewis, Jan Andersen and Lou Feeney. Algae samples were taken and will be evaluated.

Allied Biological will submit a proposal with costs for:

- Writing up and delivering a report on the lake data gathered in 2006
- Collecting and analyzing algae and aquatic plant data.
- Offering guidance on testing lakes during the winter months.
- Giving an educational seminar on the 2006 test results and possibly on aquatic plants.
- Evaluating the aerators and why they failed to work.
- Continuing lake testing in 2008, with the costs to be finalized later.

Chris strongly supported continuing with the CSLAP testing and applauded the Council's strong volunteer involvement and educational efforts.

After the proposal is received it will be reviewed by the Lake Preservation Committee. A contract will be drawn and approved by the Executive Committee before it is signed.

2. On-going work by The Lake Preservation Committee includes:

- Final CSLAP testing for the season, taking place next weekend (Oct. 20-21).
- Monthly lake water sampling to continue throughout the winter months.
- Paul Lewis will continue to do stream sampling during storm events.
- Sediment sampling was done by a paleolimnologist from the DEC.
- Some East of Hudson funds were allocated for designing and installing a mechanism to slow down stormwater run-off on Twin Lakes Road by the Oscaleta-Rippowam channel. The Town of Lewisboro will do the work as part of the EOH matching funds requirement. The work has not yet begun, and Paul Lewis is considering redesign of the project.

3. Other Lake Preservation Committee projects include:

- Web site content review and update
- Facilitating interface between the committee and Lewisboro's newly hired Townwide Lake Manager.
- Recruiting volunteers for 2008 for CSLAP testing and plant sampling.
- Continuing with phragmites abatement at the Two Lake Club beach area.

## **FINANCIAL/MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

John Lemke reported that to date, we have 154 members and associate members. That contrasts with 140 members last year and 170 members in 2005.

**Bank balance** as of 10/17/07 \$26,441.45

### **Expenses:**

Administration (newsletter & postcard printing, mailing, decals)	\$2,259.26
Cedar Eden final payment (2006 expenses – lab tests)	384.00
Dues (FOLA)	745.00
Insurance (BOD insurance with CIMA )	1,055.00
Picnic costs	1,796.55
Taxes (School to 01/08 & property)	<u>342.18</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,911.99

### **Dues & Contributions:**

Dues	\$7,700.00 (154 members & assoc. members)
Contributions	<u>8,335.00</u> (59 contributors)
TOTAL	\$16,035.00

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## **YEAR END FUNDRAISING**

Jack Sinnott will write an appeal letter and include information about the new lake manager and our priorities for 2008. The theme will be aquatic plant management.

## **BOAT STICKERS**

Alayne Vlachos reported a flurry of activity following distribution of the Newsletter, but all is quiet now.

## **WEBSITE**

Shannon Robinette reported that there about 150 “hits” per month, but many are from her or members of the Lake Preservation Committee.

John Lemke asked if the website could be made interactive so that people could sign up for the picnic or membership on-line. Shannon replied that this is possible, but it would not be cost effective for the small number of people who would use the website in this way.

During of the meeting two questions arose that should be addressed by John Hogan, (WCC rep):

1. Do WCC members who keep privately owned boats at the club get boat stickers?
2. What water testing is the WCC required to do at their beach? What do they test for?

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Lewis, secretary