

MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL
DATE: July 2, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on July 2, 2008 at the home of Betsy and Jack Sinnott.

Present were:

Jack Sinnott, President
Jan Andersen, Vice president
Jean Lewis, Secretary
Lake Oscaleta Assoc.: Kevin Karl
South Shore Assoc.: Alayne Vlachos
Two Lake Club: Jan Andersen
Waccabuc Landowners: Dan Kleinman
Lake Preservation Committee: Paul Lewis

WELCOME!

Jack Sinnott opened the meeting by extending a hearty welcome to Dan Kleinman who is the new Board member representing the Waccabuc Landowners Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Lemke was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following report dated July 2, 2008:

January 1, 2008 starting balance	\$ 32,261.00
(compared to \$13,011.06 on 01/01/07)	

Expenses:

Administration	\$ 1,712.99
Lake Manager (for seminar & 2006 report)	\$ 3,550.00
Property taxes	\$ 72.29
Water testing	<u>\$ 1,114.94</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 6,450.22</u>

Receipts:

Contributions received in 2008 from '07 appeal:	\$ 3,800.00
Contributions received from '08 appeal:	\$12,645.00 (110 Contributors)
Weir Farm Prints	<u>\$ 1,320.00</u>
TOTAL NEW RECEIPTS	<u>\$17,765.00</u>

Bank Balance as of July 1, 2008	\$45,374.26
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MEMBERSHIP

Jack Sinnott reported that approximately 130 people have become members to date this year. More are expected to join before the annual meeting/picnic.

He reported that two septic tank cleaning companies, Kaiser Battistone and Vogler, have donated a free septic tank cleaning (up to the value of \$400). All residents who have renewed their annual membership or joined by June 30th will be eligible to win this service. A drawing will be made at the annual meeting/picnic.

LAKE MANAGER'S REPORT

Paul Lewis reported that the State of the Lakes Report presentation made by Chris Doyle in May was recorded and presented on the Lewisboro cable TV Channel. The presentation is available in either CD or DVD format for anyone interested in borrowing it.

NEWSLETTER

Judy Hausman and Stephanie Harding reported to Jack that the newsletter has been printed and folded and will be in the mail by this weekend. Jack said that this issue is full of interesting articles, and thanked Jan Andersen for writing many of them. He also thanked Judy and Stephanie for handling the editing and production of the Newsletter.

CSLAP

Jan Andersen reported that this year, for the first time, lake water testing was done every month during the winter. Starting this spring, testing is done every two weeks by a committee of volunteer water testers. Eight tests on all three lakes will be done over the spring and summer months, and two of the eight have been completed. Surface and deep water testing is being done on all three lakes.

WEBSITE

Jan Andersen has set up a new Three Lakes Council website with assistance from Dan Welsh. She has established that the website server will keep a back-up of the material posted, and asked the Board's opinion regarding when to "flip" from the old website to the new website. The consensus was that this should be done soon, because several Newsletter articles refer the reader to material posted on the new website.

Jack Sinnott stated that Jan has done most of the legwork in setting up the new website, and thanked her for a job well done. He said that while our old website contained much good data, the new website is more user-friendly and flexible. Key people in the Three Lakes Council will now be able to post or update information.

LAKE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Paul Lewis reported that our new lake manager, Chris Doyle of Allied Biological, is coming to take water samples from all three lakes on Monday, July 7th.

The plan for this summer is to identify and conduct a detailed mapping of all the macrophytes (aquatic plants) on the three lakes.

Jan Andersen reported that she has been removing curly leaf pond weed from Lake Waccabuc. She was pleased to report that Sara Horowitz called and reported the presence of this invasive

plant as a result of reading the article printed in the 2007 Newsletter which encouraged residents to report invasive species on their lakefront.

FISH REPORT

Kevin Karl reported for Joe Tansey that 300 brown trout were stocked in Lake Oscaleta this year. Lakes Waccabuc and Rippowam were not stocked because they lack sufficient oxygen to support the fish. Joe Tansey is considering other types of fish to put in Lake Waccabuc. Any decision in this regard must first have Board approval.

All present expressed appreciation for the creel survey being conducted by the Fish Committee. This will be done under the guidance of Chris Doyle of Allied Biological.

COMPLAINTS

Jack Sinnott reported that he has recently dealt with two complaints from residents:

1. A complaint that non-native ducks (one black and two white) were released at the Dickens' waterfront. Jack phoned Richard Dickens and stated that putting ducks on the lake runs counter to our goal of reducing phosphate levels coming from waterfowl. Richard Dickens agreed that he would remove the ducks from Lake Waccabuc, and would not do this again.
2. Another resident reported the presence of a 50 horsepower motor on a pontoon boat on Lake Waccabuc. Jack tracked down owner of the motor, Mr. Jacobson, and informed him that the Town Ordinance specifies that no motor larger than 25 horsepower can be placed on Lake Waccabuc. Mr. Jacobson agreed to remove the motor from the lake.

COMMENTS

Sara Hartley wrote Jack Sinnott a letter suggesting that we establish a septic tank cleaning fund to assist families with septic tank issues when there is a financial need. Our Board discussion regarding this concept raised both concerns and possibilities, and prompted a lengthy debate. The discussion was tabled without resolution, but will be discussed further among the Executive Committee and the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lewis, secretary