

Lincoln Pond Association Annual Membership Meeting
August 3, 2013 Minutes

President Gerry Zahavi called the meeting to order at 9:45 am, welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Introductions Officers, directors, and members introduced themselves.

Minutes from last year's meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report and Budget

- As of June 30, 2013 the balance was \$2886.
- As of Dec. 30, 2012 our new fiscal year end, the balance was \$2580.60. It increased because the town split CSLAP for 2011, we rotated out of CSLAP for 2012, and revenue from t-shirt sales.
- Last year 39 camps joined the association. This year to date 32 camps have joined.
- Jeff then shared some responses he got from dues request notices.
- Budget for 2014 projects \$1170 in expenses. This includes CSLAP, NYSFOLA, Domain name, mailing, brochure printing, Educational Box by the boat launch, and \$ to resupply t-shirts. See treasurer's report for more detail.

Presentation by Margaret Bartley, Etown Supervisor

- Margaret reported about the micro storm, 4 inches per hour, which occurred in E'town at the end of June. Damage is estimated at \$300,000. Hurricane Lane was totally washed out, and there was other damage along the Bouquet.
- Margaret then shared articles, maps, and photographs of the Pond. Did you know about the Lincoln Pond Hotel after which the pond is named, when electricity first came to the pond (1941), that the early dam was wood construction in the center and concrete on the edges. This is just some of the information she shared with us. Margaret presented us a booklet with the articles etc., so contact Debbie at 942-5933 or lincolnpondassociation@gmail.com if you want to see the booklet. We will also be putting the material on the website, www.lincolnpond.org.
- Emergency service for the pond is provided by Essex County, not Elizabethtown.
- State of the Economy in Elizabethtown
 - Between 2000 and 2010 the population decreased 18%
 - "Have Children" - the population is aging. Jobs are hard to come by...
 - E'town survives because it is the county seat.

Lake Quality and CSLAP/NYSFOLA Report – Wayne Johnson

- Back in CSLAP(Citizen's Statewide Lake Association Program) this year. They started rotating some lakes out for a year as there are too many member lake associations(135) for them to do the lab work for all lakes each year.
- Wayne again attended NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Associations) meetings this year.
- Wayne briefly explained the different tests he does.
- Weeds seem denser in some areas.
- One resident expressed concern that more people could come here to avoid costs at Lake George, spreading more weed problems.
- Is bladderwort killing the milfoil?
- Moths do seem to still be around. Not clear how much the moths are doing.

Kingdom Dam Reconstruction Project Update – Gerry Zahavi shared a report from Tom Lincoln

- Work will begin in the fall of 2014.
 - Steel anchors will be put in to resist sliding
 - Upstream face of the dam will get a new layer of cement.
 - Downstream the concrete will be removed, replaced, or repaired as needed.
 - Cofferdam will be put in upstream to minimize drawdown. Boat docks should be okay.
- Surveyors will be around in August of this year. *****
- Submit questions or concerns to Gerry at lincolnpondassociation@gmail.com and he will pass them along to Tom Lincoln.
- We will email out as soon as a detailed plan is available this fall and also post it on the website.

Elections

The terms for President, Gerry Zahavi, , Secretary, Debbie Maxwell, and 2 directors, April Spilling and Wayne Johnson , were up this year. All were unanimously re-elected.

Broadband Access

- Last October Gerry and Doug attended the Forever Wired Conference in Potsdam.*** There have been success stories in the Western Adirondacks with fiber optics.
- Gerry and Jeff got us written into a grant, but the grant was unsuccessful in getting funding.
- We are in a difficult position because we are between two areas - E'town and the Lake Champlain Area that are already getting high speed. There are not enough users out at the Lake to make it commercially viable for a company to bring us broadband service.
- The Association Board will keep looking for ways to get broadband here at the pond!

Road Clean-up – Thanks to all who participated in the cleanups, one before and the other after July 4th. More hands are always welcome.

Garage Sale - People from around the pond participated in the E'town Days Garage Sale. Those who gave items kept 50% and donated the other 50% to the Elizabethtown Community Hospital Auxiliary (who allowed us to use their grounds for our tables). \$82,50 went to ECHA. Thanks to all who donated or helped with the table.

Road Conditions

- Wayne Johnson continues to coordinate the work on Lower Pond Way. All the collected money has been spent. The road seems pretty stable.
- Twin Brooks is also okay. Jeff Wright has taken over the work on that road.

- Speeding is still a problem along Lincoln Pond Rd, especially on weekends. The Sheriff's Department and State Police have been responsive. Others can help by also calling the Sheriff and the State Police about the problem. We are on the waiting list for one of the county's portable speed signs.

T-Shirts

- There are a few left from the last order. Contact Judy Schwarz if you are interested in them.
- There is a minimum of 12 t-shirts to place a new order. Judy will take orders and when there are 12 will actually place the order.
- If you would be interested in long sleeve shirts, glasses, mugs, or whatever else let Judy know and again if there is enough interest we will go ahead.
- Contact Info for Judy:

Fish and Wildlife

- Mergansers with 8 babies (ducklings)
- 2 or 3 pairs of loons
- Fishing tournament - Winner had 4 pound perch***. 105 people registered for the tournament. Fishing remained good after the tournament.

New Business

- Doug is interested in putting a package delivery box near the mailboxes. Twin Brooks already has a box about 100 feet in on Twin Brooks Rd. They don't have a key. Others can use it too or Lower Pond Way might find a location partway in on their road.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Maxwell
Secretary

For your information, our website is: www.lincolnpound.org. The minutes, treasurer's report, and a recording of the meeting will all be posted on the website.