

Paradox Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes 10/12/2022

Present: Bob Hauserman, Micki Kuttler, Ryan Ragland, Teanna Fullen, Sandy Courneen, Doug Kaufman, Scott Randall

AGENDA

Introductions of new and existing board members to each other: Since all new members were not present, this item is tabled and will be revisited at the November meeting.

Review of September 14, 2022, Board meeting minutes: No comments or questions regarding minutes. Micki motioned to accept the minutes. Seconded by Sandy.

President's report-Bob Hauserman:

- The Board has been meeting monthly for updates about invasives instead of sending information back and forth by email. Occasionally there are things that require quick action, and for those items we may be contacted by email, but for now monthly board meetings have been effective and will continue.
- Scott, Matt, and Bob will pick up the "Danger" and "No Wake" buoys still on the lake and put them in the storage unit.
- Teanna volunteered to be present when the Schroon Lake folks take down the Rte. 74 boat wash tent before storing it for the winter.
- Bob will take down the mildewed boat wash/steward tent and dispose of it since it is no longer usable.
- On October 5th Bob and Matt attended the Schroon Lake Town Budget Committee hearing and presented our request for an increase in funds from \$6,000.00 last year to \$15, 000.00 this year. We may need to increase that amount due to the estimated cost of the ProcellaCor treatment.
- During the winter, it will be important to acquire member names and contact information from the various Paradox Lake beach associations to inform them that the plan to eradicate milfoil includes the use of herbicides.

AWI, DEC - Bob proposed a position for a board member to act as the PLA *primary contact* to the DEC and AWI throughout the year. The surprising discovery of the boat launch expansion project several years ago is a good example of why this position is needed.

Lake Stewards: Micki commented that Vicky Grey, our lake steward this year, is eager to return yearly.

Vicky asked about the possibility of having a porta- potty on the site for next year. Currently the camp bathroom facility is only open until Labor Day but the boat wash station functions until Columbus Day which is well beyond that. Bob hoped she communicated the need for one to her primary contact at AWI. Teanna said she thought a bathroom facility would be required at the boat wash site.

- In previous years AWI provided a steward position 40 hours a week. We were fortunate that they provided a steward 7 days a week in 2022.
- The question was raised about a steward's legal rights to refuse entry to the lake for anyone refusing to get their boat inspected and washed. Our main concern is if they have previously been on a lake such as Lake Champlain, they might carry unwanted invasives into our lake. Schroon Lake passed an ordinance stating lake stewards have a legal right to refuse access to

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the lakes without a boat wash and inspection. PLA needs a copy of this ordinance and determine who a steward would call in difficult situations.

- We (PLA) need to send thank you notes to our stewards who worked numerous hours this summer. Hopefully, we can get their names from the AWI as they act with caution when asked to release personal information. Bob will contact their supervisor to get their names

Current Issues:

Milfoil Update and other components of the surge:

End of season summary of this year's efforts-Nancy is absent and there is not much to update now except late September, Liz Reid scouted the bay where Severance Beach and Paradox Beach Associations are located and did not find much milfoil. Knox Beach and an area to the south had a few scattered milfoil plants, but Grosvenor Bay where *Aqualogic* and volunteer divers removed plants earlier now had more plants. Unfortunately, we have seen this in other places, too. When plants are removed, some come back, then plants are again removed and more come back... a never-ending process- especially in deeper waters where the plants are well established. Next year we need to keep these areas on our radar and visit them more frequently.

Solitude Lake Management- Glenn Sullivan is the project manager for *SLM* who deals with lake management and milfoil and Brian Greene of *APIPP* deals with aquatic invasives and the research on lake invasives. We've spoken with both of them regarding scientific studies that shed light on how EWM grows and spreads but both have indicated that there is little info available despite the fact that EWM has been an invasive nuisance plant for a long time. We will need to conduct our own research to answer those questions.

Other Business: A question was raised about removing the sign at the campground. Doug asserted the sign at the campground is permanent and should be fine through the winter. Unless someone thinks it is fading there is no reason to take it down.

ProcellaCor treatment update-Bob sent a memo to the invasives committee last night summarizing information he learned when on the lake with Tony Petrangelo and Glenn Sullivan that will be sent to board members.

The highlights of what they learned:

- The permit system for herbicide treatment within the Adirondack park is relatively new.
- The former APA manager of the process retired and there is a new manager to interact with.
- We're learn a lot more about the permit application requirements now from Glenn Sullivan – definitely a learning curve for the process.
- The plant surveys probably have enough information for the *Narrows and the Inlet Bay, but not enough for the Inlet Creek, Grass Island, or the channel of Nawita Inlet.*

Glenn managed the permits for Lake George and Minerva Lake and will be helping us with our permit application. More lakes are applying for permits. We may need to split our treatments into consecutive years. This has definite budget implications for 2024.

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Our Connection to SLA steering committee: The Schroon Lake steering committee concerns itself with the health and protection of the SL watershed. Since Paradox Lake is upstream from SL, we are therefore part of that watershed. Present at these meetings are people such as representatives from the Town Board, SL Association, Warren County Soil and Water, Warren County reps who write grants, etc. Bob will attend the meeting in mid-November.

Sub-committee membership/leadership:

- Discussion of beaver dams on inlet brook and implications-Sandy reported the damage the beavers have done to the Inlet Creek. Further along the creek on Letsonville Road, there are several dams that are also impeding water flow. We may need to test the water for e-coli. An Inlet Committee was suggested to conduct research about controlling the beaver population in both the creek and the lake.

Committee Gaps: Need Committee Members or a Board Member to lead for the following:

- The Finance Committee works over the winter to put together a budget for next year.
- AWI and DEC Relation building -new committee
- Lake Management -need a board member
- Fund Raising Committee-Teanna needs members
- Inlet Committee-needs board and interested members

Routine Business Updates:

Treasurer's report-Matt

- Member contributions were up 41% compared to last year. Fundraising was successful and helped boost our bank account.

Grant Committee-Bob reported that the grant from *Aqualogic* was \$7,000.00 less than last year. We should be in good shape if we get the increased funding from the town. Bob saw an article about a grant opening from the DEC. Susan Brown investigated and found It has not been activated yet.

Communications-Micki

No newsletter last month and there will be a new one soon. Ryan will get Micki a list of all raffle winners and donors to be included. Sandy volunteered to develop a thank you letter for donors.

- Next month's newsletter will include a list of all our committees, and a description of each and its membership.
- Micki needs photos of new members of the board.

This zoom call has been recorded and will be available for anyone who wants to see it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Courneen,

Recording Secretary

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