**Present:** Bob Hauersman, Micki Kuttler, Dee Foran, Dan Gorke, Matt Massiano, Nancy Girling, Tony Petrongolo, Jeanette Barth, Doug Kaufman, Scott Randall

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Nancy motioned to approve the December minutes and Micki 2nd. Minutes were approved.

**President Report from Dan**

President year-end message was sent via email on January 7th. Also, thank you letters were mailed to people that donated by check in 2021.

We hope to get on the town board agenda for their next meeting to discuss our 3-year plan and our need for more funding. We should communicate our plan to the PLA membership before presenting at the town meeting. Dan/Bob will compose an email that explains the Milfoil Strategy to employ the herbicide ProcellaCor. It was recommended that we should have a zoom meeting for members to give feedback and ask questions. We should also include links on our website to the ProcellaCor Manufacturer’s website so that members can educate themselves on the product.

We should research to see if the DEC will pay for the Boat Wash Station and then we can use that money toward harvesting milfoil.

Mentioned the recent dog drowning on Brant Lake due to a dock bubbler. There was an angry post on FB and Dan wanted us to be aware of the issue.

**Treasurers Report** – Matt sent reports to board prior to the meeting. He procured new general liability insurance to save money with better coverage.

**Finance –** will meet soon

**Membership** – Nothing to report

**Invasives** – We are preparing a “case for action” presentation for members, funding sources, gov’t agencies, and town of Schroon to explain the scope of the EWM problem and why we recommend the use of an herbicide and our options.

Micki suggested that we have more oversight of where we want Aqualogic to focus and harvest. Brant Lake uses an interactive app that maps invasives that we should investigate. 2022-2024 cost is about $100,000 over 3 years.

2022 cost estimate:

Plant survey $6,500

Aqualogic $70,000

Essex County may have funding that we should explore. We should try to make a presentation.

Currently, we have $68,000 in the cash account. Bob asked the board if anyone was uncomfortable with our plan or the associated cost. It was a unanimous vote of the board that we need to spend this money to get control of the invasive problem. We would like to move forward with the 3-year plan and begin taking the necessary steps to reduce the EWM population in 2022 and 2023. We will accept the 2022 Aqualogic proposal, contract a lake management firm who will help us with the herbicide permitting process, and hire a contractor to conduct a plant survey.

We should benchmark our cost and get quotes from other diving/harvesting vendors later in the year. We need to obtain outside funding through grants and increase the PLA fundraising efforts.

**Lake Management** – Tony reported that Dr. Stich should have the management plan to us soon as it is being review internally now. Tony also said that he will research algal bloom and report back to us.

**Newsletter/Communications –** Micki will send the Milfoil Strategy letter to membership via email. She will send FB post for members to watch out for this important correspondence. She will also send FB post about the Connor House Fire – Go Fund Me Page.

**Fundraising Committee** – Goal this year will be $20,000. Dee has a zoom meeting scheduled with a new volunteer team on January 31.

**Grants Committee** – Nothing to report

**New Business** - None

Nancy motioned to adjourn and Micki 2nd. The meeting adjourned at 8:41pm

Next Board zoom meeting is February 9th @ 7:00pm.