

MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL
April 18, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council met on April 18th at 7:30 PM at the home of Jean and Paul Lewis.

Present were:

Janet Andersen, President, and Two Lake Club representative
Peter Gross, Vice President
John Lemke, Treasurer, and Lake Waccabuc Association representative
Jean Lewis, Secretary
Joe Tansey, Lake Oscaleta Association and Fishing Committee chair
Ellen Bailey, Perch Bay Association representative
Paul Lewis, Lake Preservation Committee chair

President Janet Andersen opened the meeting at 7:35 PM. She thanked all for attending and Paul and Jean Lewis for hosting.

Conflict of Interest Policy Prior to the meeting, Jan Andersen distributed The Three Lakes Council Conflict of Interest Policy for Board review, in compliance with NY Charities Bureau requirements. All present signed the certification form.

Annual financial reports. Jan reported that the required reports for 2017 were filed on a timely basis with the IRS and NYS.

Membership Mailing Doug Housman has drafts for the annual membership drive mailing, Jan updated them, and Ellen Bailey agreed to review them. Doug will contact the Waccabuc Country Club to establish a date for the Annual Meeting and Potluck in order to include that information. We plan to include an enclosure on preventing transport of invasive species. We plan to mail the membership drive materials to all homes in our watershed in early May.

Newsletter Jan Andersen welcomed ideas and photos for the 2018 newsletter. Since several lakefront homes are rented during the summer, we agreed to again include material on lake guidelines that can be posted for renters.

Annual Meeting Date & Place The date of the Annual Meeting and Potluck at the Waccabuc Country has not yet been established. The Board expressed sincere appreciation for the way Kelley Housman has so successfully organized the past several pot-lucks, and all hope she would agree to do so again this year. We also hope that the terrific team of cooks would also volunteer again.

Joe Tansey proposed that the cooks and organizers of the potluck be recognized by providing them with tee shirts. That idea was expanded, and a decision was made to also provide the beaver team and other volunteers with tee shirts saying

"I volunteer for the Three Lakes." The cost can be covered in the budget line for the Annual Meeting Potluck.

Lake Monitoring Activities Jan Andersen reported that CSLAP lake water testing will continue in 2018, and she and Lou Feeney have already done the first sampling. They found that lake water temperatures were colder than usual for this time of year.

HAB (Harmful Algal Bloom) initiative Jan reported that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation is undertaking and funding a study of harmful algal blooms in NYS lakes. We hope to learn from the studies and have expressed an interest in participating if that is possible.

Petrucelli Property Mr. Petrucelli died last year and his son and daughter have inherited the property on Oscaleta Road. In 2012 Mr. Petrucelli had applied for a wetland permit to build on the property, but it was denied by the Planning Board. He also sought permission to subdivide his property from the adjacent Three Lakes Council property. The Three Lakes Council has not yet signed off on the subdivision and that may be contributing to the delay in the subdivision. Jan Andersen noted that we have no legal obligation to sign off on it, and the Board agreed that we will not do so.

Aquatic Plant Survey Upon a motion by Ellen Bailey, seconded by Joe Tansey, the Board approved an aquatic plant survey to be done by our lake manager on all three lakes in 2018. As part of this motion, the Board also approved sampling for algae and zooplankton in all three lakes this year, and agreed that Jan could sign the contract. A proposal from our lake manager to have a fish survey done was not approved.

Weed Committee Report Joe Tansey said that representatives from all three lakes are serving on the Weed Committee and they have spent the year researching various weed removal options. He reported that:

- 1) Last year's proposal to have the Three Lakes purchase bottom blankets has been abandoned, but the committee is considering providing lakefront residents with contact information for businesses that will harvest weeds and/or install and remove bottom blankets each year.
- 2) The committee will again loan weed removal tools to lakefront residents, and inform everyone of this opportunity via the Three Lakes Council's google group and our Newsletter.
- 3) They also plan to distribute educational material regarding weed growth and methods of controlling it.

Jan said that the results of our lake manager's 2017 aquatic plant survey showed a noticeable increase in plant density in Waccabuc that year.

Peter Gross noted that people are especially concerned with excessive plant growth at both ends of the Oscaleta-Waccabuc channel, making it difficult to paddle kayaks and canoes from lake to lake. He asked if bottom blankets could be

installed to reduce weed growth there. Joe Tansey explained that the company that installs and removes bottom blankets said that the Oscaleta end of the channel was too deep for them to work, and Jan Andersen added the Waccabuc end was too shallow to be practical.

Joe Tansey said that the Weed Committee tried cutting the weeds at the Waccabuc end of the channel, but found that the weeds grew back within two weeks, so that option proved to be unsuccessful.

Boat Stickers Jan Andersen reported that 574 boat stickers have been sent out so far, and that initiative will continue this year. She was pleased to announce that one boat has already been returned to its owner this year because it had a new sticker, so the process is working.

Fish Stocking Joe Tansey reported that he plans to continue the fish stocking effort this year and will publicize the date. The cost is included in the 2018 budget.

Long Pond Preserve Jan Andersen reported that the storm water basin installed by the Town of Lewisboro on the preserve property proved to be effective after the recent heavy rain event. Jan will speak with Kevin Karl, trail steward, about tree and trail maintenance this year. She reported that a large tree fell onto the trail during one of the four nor'easters, and that Kevin Karl had not yet had a chance to clear it. Joe Tansey volunteered to cut a section from the tree wide enough for walkers to get through. She will also see if Lewisboro Land Trust is interested in promoting a trail walk on the Preserve this year. Paul Lewis will contact Tate Bushell about preparing a Management Plan for the Preserve.

Many willow stakes that were planted last year to control erosion on the Preserve did not survive or thrive, so the Watershed Agricultural Council said it will obtain 5 to 7 larger trees to plant by the end of April.

Jan has ordered more mile-a-minute weevils to release on the Preserve in hopes of controlling the highly invasive mile-a-minute weed. She hopes they will arrive in early July. It will take a while for the biocontrol to have a noticeable effect.

Budget The proposed 2018 budget (attached) was distributed in advance of the meeting and reviewed. Ellen Bailey moved and John Lemke seconded a motion to adopt the budget as amended, and the motion received unanimous approval.

Adjournment Following a motion made by Joe Tansey and seconded by Peter Gross, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Jan thanked everyone for their participation at the meeting and in committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lewis, Secretary

Three Lakes Council Budget

Account balances as of	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17		
General Fund	145,246	160,800	168,640		
BEEP Fund	14,866				
Land	189,659	189,659	189,659		
Total	349,771	350,458	358,298		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Update
Income	30,711	35,607	35,101	32,000	35,000
Special donations	188,159				
FIRM OR CONTRACTED EXPENSES:					
Insurance	3,614	4,008	4,008	4,200	4,200
Taxes/Fees	454	843	611	500	625
Annual Meeting Potluck	1,931	1,488	1,276	2,000	2,000
Admin-Printing/Mailing/ Newsletter	3,788	3,019	3,676	4,000	4,000
CSLAP		1,410	1,410	1,410	1,410
NYS FOLA Dues		175	175	175	175
Lake Consultant goop/zoop		1,700	1,200	1,700	2,245
Water Testing (non-CSLAP)	621	802	1,061	1,000	1,300
Misc. Expenses	55			500	500
Website	86	1,224	50	100	100
Invasive Species BEEP Monitoring	7,095	13,719	2,941	7,200	14,624
Fish Stocking	1,975	1,950	2,000	2,000	2,000
Software	100	100	107	110	160
Goose & Beaver Control				1,000	1,000
Petrucelli					
Long Pond Preserve stewardship	4,401	4,952	901	5,000	5,000
Long Pond Preserve Security			3,032	10,000	10,000
Waccabuc Dam				1,000	1,000
Tree work (not on Long Pond)			1,300		1,500
User Survey		499			
Disputed charges	971	(971)			
Weed Committee			337		1,000
Boat Stickers			2,517		30
SUBTOTAL FIRM ITEMS	25,091	34,920	26,602	41,895	52,869
SOFT ITEMS MANAGED DEPENDING ON LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS					
BEEP Contingency				2,000	2,000
Long Pond Management Plan				5,000	5,000
Aerator Consult/Maint				1,000	1,000
Professional Conf/Meetings			259	1,500	1,500
Educational Seminars				1,000	1,000
Equipment			398	500	500
Weed Committee				5,000	5,000
Petrucelli				10,000	10,000
Biobase - plant and bathymetric				1,500	1,500
SUBTOTAL SOFT ITEMS	0	0	657	27,500	27,500
TOTAL ACTUAL / BUDGET	25,091	34,920	27,259	69,395	80,369
Income - Actual / Firm expense		687	7,841	(9,895)	(17,869)
Income - Firm + budget soft expense		687	7,841	(37,395)	(45,369)