

**MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL**

DATE: April 20, 2023

A Zoom meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on April 20, 2023. Present were:

Janet Andersen, President
Peter Gross, Vice President
Ellen Bailey, Treasurer
Jean Lewis, Secretary
T Rajwer, Lake Oscaleta Assoc.
Doug Housman, Lake Waccabuc Assoc.
John Lemke, Lake Waccabuc Assoc.
Ron Tetelman, Lakeside Association:
Bonnie Robins, Perch Bay Association
Paul Lewis, Two Lake Club
Peter Hall, Waccabuc Country Club
Errol Antzis, Waccabuc Landowners Council:

President Janet Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and thanked everyone for attending.

IRS Tax Filing. Jan distributed the IRS 990 forms in advance of the meeting for review. Spending in 2022 was appropriate to our mission. Forty percent was for stewardship (including 16% for Long Pond and 24% general stewardship expenses). The forms must be filed by May 15.

Nomination of at-large Directors. At last year's Annual Meeting officers were elected by the membership to serve for a 2-year term, and they will continue to serve. This year, the membership will vote to select two at-large Directors nominated by the Board of Directors. Paul Lewis moved the nomination of Kevin Karl and Jean Lewis. Ellen Bailey seconded the nomination, and all voted in favor.

Tarry-a-bit Stormwater project update. Jan Andersen reported that today the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation Board approved the Agreement for their Stormwater Treatment installations on Long Pond Preserve, adjacent to Tarry-a-bit Road. She distributed the Agreement in advance of the meeting and requested Board approval.

Approval: Errol Antzis made a motion that the Board approve the Agreement and authorize Jan Andersen to sign it, subject to review by our attorney. Peter Gross seconded the motion, and it received unanimous approval.

Jan said that EOH is extremely excited about this project because it will remove more phosphorus from the EOH watershed than any of its other current projects.

3LC Aerator Equipment at Waccabuc Country Club. Paul Lewis suggested that it is time for the Board to discuss what to do with aerator equipment housed at the Waccabuc Country Club beach facility.

As background information, he reported that in 1972, two aerators were installed in Lake Waccabuc by Union Carbide to explore hypolimnion aeration as a method for keeping phosphorus from entering the water column from lake bottom sediment.

- In 1975 the aerators were turned over to the Three Lakes Council. Initially there was a significant decrease in phosphorus levels in the hypolimnion, but by 2004 our testing made it clear that the aerators weren't providing any meaningful oxygen in the hypolimnion.
- Operating them was expensive - \$10,000/year for electricity, plus more to repair multiple breakdowns. So, in 2005 the Board made the decision to shut down the costly non-functional aerators.
- The aerator compressor has been housed in a shed at the Country Club beach since the aerators were installed. It hasn't been run since 2005, and its condition and value are unknown.
- Since the Club is currently in the planning stages for construction at the beach facility, Paul wondered if it is time to consider removal of the shed and compressor.

There was consensus that we would have no future need for it and are willing to have it removed. Peter Hall offered to bring this up with the Club and report back to the Board.

Clarity Committee. The Clarity Committee has two sub-committees. The Sewer Committee and the Septic Committee.

Sewer Committee Update. T Rajwer and Jan Andersen reported that the plan is currently in flux and a revised report is expected at the end of April. It is a work in progress but moving forward with the goal of removing a huge amount of phosphorus from the lakes. The project would have a very high price tag, so grant funding would be essential.

Septic Committee Update. Bonnie Robins reported that the Committee is working to gather more septic pumping data. She also mentioned the Committee's outreach plan - using press releases, mailings, and signs to distribute information about the need to pump septic tanks regularly. Jan Andersen shared the sign design, and the Board supported placement of them where they could be seen by the membership of each lake association.

Membership Appeal. Doug Housman reported that the annual membership appeal letter will soon be in the mailboxes of 470 watershed residents. It will also include information on septic systems, a reminder to pump household septics, and a list of local septic system pumpers.

Dock Guidelines. The board agreed by consensus that dock placement and size issues should be addressed by lake associations, since it is not part of the Three Lakes Council's mission.

Ongoing Activities Reports:

Geese Patrol. Jan reported that Lyn and Peter Beardsley and J Durst are currently out oiling goose eggs.

Trout Stocking. Ron Tetelman reported that trout stocking in Waccabuc will take place at the Lakeside Association Right-of-way on Cove Road at noon this Saturday, April 22. Stocking in Oscaleta will be around 1:00 at the Tansey home waterfront.

Comprehensive Plan Reminder: South Salem and Waccabuc hamlet meetings for the Comprehensive Plan will take place on May 20.

CSLAP Testing will take place as usual, including supplemental shoulder season testing.

The Newsletter will be mailed in June or July. Jan welcomes topic suggestions.

Mile-a-minute weevils will be purchased for release on Long Pond Preserve.

Aquatic Plant Assessment will take place in Waccabuc in July.

Beaver Debris Removal Expense. T Rajwer requested that we amend the budget to include \$400 for equipment needed for beaver debris removal. This includes a new rake and a floating mat to carry sticks from the channel to the roadside removal site. They will be stored where they are secure and not visible from the road. Ellen Bailey moved approval of the request to amend the budget. John Lemke seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The updated budget is attached to the minutes.

Annual Meeting. Jan Andersen reported that the Annual Meeting will take place on August 12th at the Waccabuc Country Club. Details will be included in the Newsletter. **Volunteers are needed** to help organize and help out at the pot-luck that precedes the Annual Meeting.

Next Meeting. Our next scheduled board meeting will be the Annual Meeting, August 12.

Adjournment. Upon a motion by Jean Lewis, seconded by Peter Hall, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lewis, Secretary

3LC Annual Budget - Board meeting April 20, 2023

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	Notes
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Income					as of	4/15/2023	
Membership & Donations	\$32,163	\$42,102	\$43,561	\$59,500	\$ 40,000	\$ 5,751	2022 - 218 members, 2023 - 14
Investment income	\$ 126	\$ 93	\$ 28	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 3	
Expenses							
Lake Studies							
CSLAP	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410		
NYS FOLA Dues	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175		
Lake Consultant Goop/Zoop	\$ 1,326	\$ -	\$ 2,490	\$ 1,841	\$ 1,332		sample, no report
Water Testing (Non-CSLAP)	\$ 3,049	\$ 504	\$ 513	\$ 2,658	\$ 3,000	\$ 254	shoulder season sampling
Watershed Plan	\$ 2,517	\$ -					
Implementation of Watershed Plan*	\$ -	\$ -					Shoreline planting education, basin inserts
Equipment*	\$ 700	\$ -					For water testing
Stewardship (3 Lakes Only)							
Fish Stocking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,150		\$ 1,450		
Goose & Beaver Control	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 400		added 4/20 for beaver committee
Waccabuc Dam	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 500		
Tree work (Not on Long Pond)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,150					
Channel tree removal	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 6,400	\$ 3,500		
Boat Stickers	\$ 11	\$ 11	\$ 11	\$ 1,272	\$ 13		
Aerator Consult/Maint*	\$ -	\$ -					
Equipment*	\$ -	\$ -					Safety equip for Long Pond
Petruccelli*	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 10,000		In case land is offered for sale
Septic studies actions					\$ 5,000	\$ 98	Septic / sewer outreach
Stewardship (Long Pond Only)							
Long Pond Preserve Stewardship	\$ 508	\$ 51	\$ 57	\$ 4,426	\$ 520		500 mile a minute weevils
Long Pond Preserve Security	\$ 5,918	\$ -			\$ 7,500		hire police patrol
Long Pond Management Plan*	\$ -	\$ -					
Long Pond EOH legal					\$ 25,000		
Invasive Species							
Invasive Species Monitoring	\$ 11,926	\$ 5,399	\$ 6,230	\$ 7,253	\$ 8,436	\$ 1,926	Wac =6510, Osc & Rip report = \$7702*25%
Education & Outreach							
Annual Meeting Potluck	\$ 1,187	\$ -	\$ 1,839	\$ 2,205	\$ 2,500		increased costs
Newsletter / Stewardship Mailings	\$ 2,231	\$ 4,686	\$ 2,085	\$ 2,259	\$ 1,000		Most goes to septic outreach
Website	\$ 1,076	\$ 12		\$ 984	\$ 15		domain
Software (GIS)	\$ -						
User Survey	\$ -	\$ -					Placeholder, likely free, some mailing?
Professional Conf/Meetings*	\$ 710	\$ -					likely to attend virtually or in person
Educational Seminars*	\$ 91	\$ -					Pay speaker(s)?
Overhead/Administrative Expenses							
Insurance	\$ 4,411	\$ 4,570	\$ 4,629	\$ 5,421	\$ 6,500		Increasing costs
Taxes/Fees	\$ 523	\$ 577	\$ 536	\$ 708	\$ 741	\$ 94	Real estate + NYS Charities +PO Box
Admin-Printing/Membership/ Fundraising	\$ 2,384	\$ 892	\$ 2,774	\$ 1,688	\$ 1,800	\$ 143	2021 includes Anniversary book costs
Software (Quickbooks/Zoom)	\$ 50	\$ 140	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75		Zoom membership - renew
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 59	\$ 122	\$ (151)	\$ 50	\$ 35	M&T & Benevity Fees
Misc. Expenses		\$ -			\$ 1,000		Contingency
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 41,701	\$19,635	\$24,096	\$38,623	\$ 81,916	\$ 2,549	
Income - Total Expenses	\$ (9,413)	\$22,560	\$19,493	\$20,902	\$ (41,891)	\$ 3,204	

* Denotes "soft items" - managed depending on organization resources and volunteers