

Lake Committee Meeting August 18, 2015

Present: Maggie Q, Susan V., Elayne D., Lois L., Rob W., Deborah G.,

Absent: Rosina A., Joan S., Gary M.

Meeting Begun: 9:00

Agenda:

1. Review of July Minutes

2. Report from Board

(A)**Testing of sediment** – (The Bd has asked the LC to oversee sediment testing. Elayne will contact Larry Butlein, who took samples two years ago, to ask if he can take samples again from the sediment *and* from Peck's land. If he agrees, volunteers will have to pick up the equipment from the lab in Albany and also drop off the samples after they are taken.

Lois will also ask Allied how much it would cost for them to take the samples and analyze them.

(B)**Contouring sand bar** – The Board decided not to pursue contouring the sand bar because it would **not** increase the depth of the lake, and would most likely make a larger swath of the lake shallow

(C)**Dam** – The LC recommends that Rosina, who was not present at this meeting, may want to speak to the Bd about C.T. Male.

3. Observations Post-Nautique and copper sulfate treatments

LC will begin to write a yearly "After-Treatment Report" including observations about the lake as well as temperature, rain, sun. No one officially assigned this task.

Because the surface of the lake is scummy following treatment for milfoil (Nautique), Allied recommends follow-up algaecide treatment as soon as possible. We all agree.

4. Partnerships for grants

The LC tries, whenever possible, to obtain government grants to help pay for costly treatments to maintain a healthy lake. To obtain such a grant we have learned that we must partner with a governmental agency. We have learned that we cannot partner with NYS Soil and Water. Debby will contact Jeanne Mettler on the Copake Town Bd to explore the possibility of partnering with the Town of Copake. The next opportunity to apply for a NYS grant is June 2016

5. Task List – Tabled

6. Update on dredging (Rob)

Maintenance will be prepared to begin the project Sept 1. Dredging is scheduled to begin the 15th.

***Lois - Unanimous recommendation to the Bd** that TSPOA purchase a small motor boat for varied tasks, such as skimming scum or removing trees from the behind the island where the weed-harvester cannot go.

7. Report on welcoming committee (Maggie and Susan)

The committee is chaired by Howard Blue. They have developed greeting letter and a fact sheet. They visit new homeowners in person and give them an informational packet produced by the LC.

8. Review of Lower Hudson Lakes Conference attended by Lois and Susan –

Like a mini-NYSFOLA – at Lake China Pond, Kent at Sedgewood Club; more than 50 attendees.

Chris Doyle – Presented the best way to photograph plants for identification – on white background, etc. **(Susan will forward info on photographing)**

Attachment – Material from the conference (Lois and Susan)

9. **Lake Assoc mtg** The TSPOA LC is hosting a small Lake Assoc Mtg August 14, 2015
(Lois, Debby, Elayne, etc)

10. Fundraising

T-shirt fundraiser – sold 32 shirts = \$400 (Maggie)

Plant Sale - \$225 (Elayne)

Raffle - \$240 on 50/50 raffle (Susan)

Total: \$865.

New Business:

The LC will explore if the sand and salt mixture is the safest thing to put on our roads.
(Elayne, Debby)

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 AM Next Meeting: Sept 12; 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted, debby goldberg