

Lake Iroquois Association

Board Meeting

Thursday January 9th

Present: Chris, Ernie, Jack, Roger C, Shannon, Pat, Bob D (calling in)

Minutes from December 2019: Roger C move, Jack 2nd. Carried unanimously

Financials December 2019

Balance Sheet & Profit-Loss: Discussion of what towns have allocated to LIA. Richmond will cover the 2019 plant survey. Chris just received that invoice and will get it to Judy Rosovsky (Richmond CC). Roger C moved to accept, 2nd Ernie. Carried unanimously

Actual Budget YTD Comparison:

Budget for 2020: RC will pull out \$30K from Williston; add \$200 for membership dues in income & add \$200 to membership dues under disbursement for Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce. For review – no action necessary.

Discussion of current membership situation and membership mailings.

ACTION ITEM: Create a handout for greeter station to remind people about LIA membership

Milfoil Mitigation Committee Review:

Report on Meeting with Kara -Solitude, Misha- VTDEC, Oliver VT Lakes and Ponds outcome (Chris)

Good meeting; application process is underway but have a lot of work to do. Kara and Chris will be working closely to make it happen. Looking at submitting the application during first 15 days in Feb. Per Misha there is a possible 180 day review process. Misha has already had several phone calls from opponents, including VT office of Toxics Action Center, asking if the state has received the permit application yet. Question was asked as to who is paying them, as four other lakes have used ProcellaCOR this summer and this group was not involved. We don't know why this is the case.

Based on what Misha said, the permit may be approved, but it may well be appealed. Chris's sense from meeting also is "if we do our job, it will be approved". Bob D asked about finding a totally independent scientist who could weigh in on this? Roger C will talk to Dave Horn about this and see what his thoughts might be. Shannon suggested Dave Trevithick's wife works at UVM and might be a possibility. Some concern about Kara's time and availability so Chris sent

her a note today laying out a plan for what she needs from us and what we need from her to get the application done. Only info she requested so far is the final plant survey which Chris received today and has already sent to her. Chris also indicated that the cost to do 40 acres would be around \$60K but this figure doesn't include the required testing or mailings. Chris feels that we'll be moving forward quickly on this.

Also discussed holding several informational forums about the permit application early in February.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Roger C will call Dave Horn and Jack will call Center for Rural Studies to inquire about an independent scientist who could assess ProcellaCor.**
- 2. Schedule informational meetings for February**

Specific tasks for Permit Application:

Addresses for required abutters' mailing: Jack has Hinesburg and is in process of getting Williston. Technically speaking LIRD is the abutting landowner, but we will include those properties adjoining the LIRD land on the lake. The only Richmond abutter is Carol Dell and possibly Alison Sackett (NOTE FROM PAT: We already have their addresses on the LIA list). St. George does not touch lake but we should notify the two properties that are on lake side of Oak Hill Rd, even if their property doesn't actually touch the lake. Kara will need this list by end of Jan. There is specific wording for the notification letters and they will provide that to us.

Press Release Writer Needed: Jane C suggested a ghost writer to create press releases that we could send out. Need to get a lot of info out. Some info that would be useful: narrative format of testimonials from other lakes that have used ProcellaCOR.

ACTION ITEM: Roger C will write up testimonials from other lakes into a narrative form

Stuffing Envelopes and Mailing of Notices to property abutters: must have this ready to go out the same day the permit application is submitted. Will probably be less than 200 letters to send. Pat can handle this once we have the addresses and the wording of the letter.

Plan B, if we don't get permit or it is delayed: Bob D asked: Are we going to do DASH this summer? It is an unknown right now. But as part of the Grant in Aid last year we included DASH. Roger C and Bob D have started to work on grant which is due in early February, so if we're going to include DASH, they will need help with information to include in grant. NOTE: per Misha, we will need a Plan B in case permit is approved and then appealed as it would delay use of herbicide. Our intention is to do 40% of the littoral zone with herbicide if we get approval. If no approval, will need Plan B.

ACTION ITEM: Ernie will edit narrative from last year for the DASH. Bob D – will send it to him.

Meetings with town Selectboards (Chris)

Chris has a couple of meetings scheduled for Feb but since twin grandsons are due in mid-February, he will need someone to back him up in case he is in California. Chris will send out dates for these meetings. Eric Wells who is assistant town manager for Williston does a public access program and he has invited us to do a show with him. Just need to schedule a date with him

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Chris will send out dates that he has booked for town SB meetings. People need to volunteer to back him up in case he is out of town.***
- 2. Chris will send out link from last night's Hinesburg SB meeting.***

Report on Website Redesign and LOGO redesign (Pat)

Need Approval on LOGO (re)Design: Roger C thinks it looks like an alligator. Ernie likes it. Suggested tweaks: shrink down the pointy part of logo. Ernie moved to accept, Jack 2nd with beak tweaked to remove the alligator. Shannon moved to amend the motion to add the green to the mountains. Roger C 2nd. Motion carried

Web Design Update: all liked the addition of the orange highlight color. Roger C moved, Ernie 2nd to approve design. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM: Pat will communicate requested tweaks to Paul Hansen

Municipal Funding Requests update (Chris)

Hinesburg: SB cutting down on all allocations last night, so decreased our allocation from \$15K to \$7500. This will be in the budget, not a separate vote at town meeting. Part of the cutting was that they were cutting everyone plus they said we aren't far enough along in the milfoil project for this year. This is for FY21.

Other Business and Discussion on Items not on the Agenda

HPH Fundraiser: Need someone for this Sunday, the 12th, to hang out in front and talk to people. Material stays there and Chris will drop some more off on Saturday. Jane C & Bob D are scheduled for the 19th and Jeff & Pat on the 26th.

DATE of Next Milfoil Action Committee Meeting: Chris will email group about this

Jack noted that he is on agenda next Thursday for Richmond CC meeting.

Budget item (Shannon): ice out challenge will need several items for the ice out challenge. Also will need someone who lives on the lake to monitor the clock. Ernie volunteered to monitor this.

Next meeting Feb. 20, 5:30 to 7:30 (NOTE: Next meeting date changed to Feb. 6 after the meeting due to imminent arrival of Conant twins)

Adjourned at 7:38pm

Submitted by Pat Suozzi