

**Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association**  
**March 11, 2009**  
**Finger Lakes Institute**

In attendance:

Bruce Adams  
Richard Ahola, Interim Chair  
Phil Cianciotto, Interim Treasurer  
James Bromka, Acting Secretary  
Curtis Eaton  
Douglas Knipple  
Rob Kriss  
Robert Schiesser

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Richard Ahola, Interim Chair.

**Secretary's Report**

The mailing lists for local governments and business with an interest in the lake are being developed in preparation for a Spring Mailing.

As of March 11, 2009, paid membership is at 179 members.

**Treasurer's Report**

Report accepted as written.

**President's Report**

Rich Ahola reported that he has prepared information on SLAP 5 for the Newsletter. He reminded members to get their articles to Bobbi for the Spring newsletter.

The Logo contest will be judged by the end of March. It will be used in future mailings and printed materials. (Copy attached.)

Rich attended the SLAP 5 meeting and reported on our shared concerns.

**Corporate and Municipal Membership Letters**

Phil Cianciotto drafted the letters to businesses and municipalities inviting them to join our efforts so that we can do the mailings as soon as the lists are prepared.

SLAP 5 (Edith Davie) has prepared a huge (800+) mailing list for municipal officials in the Seneca Lake watershed. She will share it with SLPWA but it may be too detailed for our purposes.

**Newsletter**

Topics to be included are the Casella/Flint facility and the gasification proposal; the two landfills in the water shed, Marcellus shale and lake levels. Articles and ideas should be sent to Bobbi at: [reliffor@rochester.rr.com](mailto:reliffor@rochester.rr.com).

## **Website**

It is critical to get the website up and running as soon as possible. The committee approved the expenditure of up to \$500 to have it set up as soon as possible.

## **Lake Issues**

- **Water Level**

According to reports the lake level is within guidelines based on the Hansen curve, but no one is sure who is responsible for the calculation. John Halfman will be adding lake level information to his website.

- **Marcellus Shale**

Letters have been prepared by Ed Przybylowicz and will be sent to congressional and state officials sharing our concerns. Doug Knipple has spoken to Congressman Massa about the issue.

Finger Lakes Institute is planning a meeting on Marcellus shale drilling.

- **Casella/Flint Facility**

The committee discussed the potential of heavy metal contamination in the leachate from the facility.

Jim Bromka is setting up a tour of the Geneva Waste Water facility for interested committee members.

## **Land Use Training**

Phil reported on his progress in setting up a meeting for municipal officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

**Next Meeting:**

April 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Finger Lakes Institute. Please contact Mary Anne Kowalski with agenda items by April 10, 2009.

