

Seneca Lake Pure Waters Assoc., Inc. - Minutes - 8/11/2009

Meeting began 7:15 p.m. at Finger Lakes Institute

In attendance:

Bobbi Clifford

Rob Kriss

Jim Bromka, acting Secretary

Rich Ahola

Bob Kayser

Doug Knipple

Phil Cianciotto

Jim Carter

Bruce Adams

Jim Bromka took the notes in Mary Anne Kowalski's absence.

Discussion on taking board nominations *from the floor* or not at the upcoming business Meeting.

Jim Bromka made a motion to abide by the organization's by-laws as written.

Seconded by Doug Knipple. More discussion. Motion passed. **No nominations from the floor will be taken at the Aug. 26th mtg.** We have 14 interested persons for the new board per the nominating committee. Chairman Rich Ahola suggested 15 members be the Max.

Bob Kayser will continue to review our current by-laws and advise us on any proposed improvements/changes for the newly elected board this fall.

Phil Cianciotto was commended for doing an exceptionally fine job at his responsibilities as Treasurer for SLPWA over this past year

Bob Kayser will handle the Press Release that will go out ASAP re: Annual Business Mtg./Banquet

Set up for dinner will begin at 5:30 (8/26) with Phil Cianciotto., Jim Carter, Rich Ahola, and Jim Bromka. Reception begins at 6:00 with a cash bar. Wine to be served during/with the meal

Chairman Rich Ahola will be the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Jim Carter suggested separate tables be set up addressing our current issues being addressed by our group ie: leachate, gas wells, lake level, etc. with a spokesman there to comment.

Bobbi will do name tags for the (14) nominees PLUS Prof. Halfman, Marion, and the two Speakers

Jim Carter and his wife will be at the reception table check in members, distribute election ballots and name tags and collect money from those paying at the door.

Cards will be at every table for attendees to tell SLPWA what their issues and concerns are so we can be responsive to our community. "If people know they are being heard, that generates ownership", Bobbi Clifford. referring to our SLPWA organization.

We need a digital projector for the laptop Ron Bishop will bring as part of his presentation. Doug will inquire through Hobart & Bob Kayser through the hospital (if needed)

Hazlitt Winery will be the exclusive supplier of wine for the evening and needs special recognition for it. If we run short on wine, we will approach the Belhurst for additional. Bruce will ask Hazlitt for a couple more cases.

SLAP 5 would like 5 minutes to explain their organization.

Every member of SLPWA who participated on the reorganization committee will receive awards (certificates) – Mary Anne and Bobbi will make up awards

8:00 p.m. Jim Bromka will do the intro for the guest speakers prior to their presentations. (20 mins each)

Rich will close out the 8/26 evening (9:00)

Unofficial end of mtg. at 8:10 p.m. (Bobbi left)

Discussion continued on three other topics:

1. Proposed Seneca Meadows, inc. expansion of the new Meadow View clay mine. A public scoping meeting is scheduled for 8/19 at Waterloo Holiday Inn with the NYS DEC. Doug Knipple and others intend to go. Concern is over the 153 acre expansion and its adverse effects.
2. Seneca Lake lake level and the Seneca Falls Power Corp. situation. Bob Kayser who is involved in the matter, will write a position paper from SLPWA's perspective with Rich Ahola's review/approval.
3. Doug Knipple is concerned as to not having access to the City of Geneva's FOILED info on their wastewater treatment plant's effluent documentation. He has made a few visits to City Hall with non-positive, mixed results

If we have trouble with any "FOILed" information requests, Special Note: Robert Freeman with NYS Open Government (Albany) is good friend with Rich Ahola {Good to know!}

Meeting officially ended at: 8:40 p.m.