

Meeting notes August 21 2008
Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association
Reorganization Meeting
Finger Lakes Institute

The meeting began at 7 PM.

In attendance:

Bobbi Clifford (filling in for Secretary Mary Anne Kowalski)

Linda Hiestand

Jim Bromka

Jim Carter

Marion Balyszak

Richard Ahola

Rob Schiesser

Phil Cianciotto

Treasurer's Report - Phil Cianciotto

Treasurer's Report accepted as written

Other Treasurer Items

- **Uncashed Checks:** Phil reported on uncashed checks and suggested the checks be sent back to the senders with a letter of explanation and a renewal form for membership. Phil read a copy of a draft he has written. All in favor for Phil to send letter.
- **Payments to be Considered:** Senecalake.org domain name registration to be renewed for 5 years at a costs of \$95. All in favor.
- **PO Box and Bulk Mailing Permit** renewal. All in favor at a cost of \$175 (permit)
- **Audit** SLPWA accountant, Mike Edwards is currently preparing past due FY 06-07 tax return as well as the 07-08 return due on 10/15/08. We need these filings or we could lose our tax exempt status. Estimated cost \$550-\$600.

Kashong Point Property (Ontario County Tax Map # 161.00-1-71.000 Assessment \$63,000.) Marion gave a brief overview of the history of SLPWA receiving this property as a gift. It is densely wooded with no ROW. Question was raised if we needed insurance for liability on the property.

Board of Trustees Since SLPWA intends to wait one year to reenact the Board of Trustees, should we pass a resolution now to enable the B/T for our protection? No decision.

Member Letters

Review of letter drafted by Jim Carter to be sent to previous SLPWA members, elected officials and businesses. All in favor of having MaryAnne get text to Yates Co. ARC for printing of letter and mailing labels to be sent out between October 1- 15.

Discussion of what letter should also have: List of accomplishments in order to remind members of SLPWA history and to inform potential new members; also membership renewal forms (\$30 for single; \$45 for family; \$100 for corporate) Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will sign the letter. Perhaps list names of those that have attended a Reorganizational meeting since June. Corporate sponsorship letter will be separate.

Press Release The group reviewed a draft press release prepared by Linda Hiestand and Jim Bromka. It was suggested to add where more info can be obtained if anyone has questions. Website is not up and running, so we will use PO Box #247. Press release should go out by Labor Day weekend. Send to: FLTimes, D&C, Between the Lakes, Revielle, etc.

New Business:

Discussion: "Should/Can this group adopt a resolution to take over the by-laws and power of the SLPWA?"

No decision.

Discussion: "Should SLPWA draft a letter expressing concern over the potential natural gas drilling and the impact to the lake?"

All in favor for MaryAnne to draft a letter with a list of potential recipients of SLPWA concerns about the gas drilling impacts on Seneca Lake's water quality.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2008 at 7 PM at the Finger Lakes Institute. Please contact Mary Anne Kowalski with agenda items by September 5, 2008.