

**Board Minutes**  
**Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association**  
**October 15, 2009**  
**7:00 PM**  
***Geneva Ramada Inn***

**Present:**

Bruce Adams  
Kate Bartholomew  
Jim Bromka  
James Carter  
Phil Cianciotto  
Brent Dugolinsky  
Linda Hiestand  
Robert Kayser  
Mary Anne Kowalski  
Bobbi Clifford  
Ed Przybylowicz  
Rachel Treichler

**Absent:**

Richard Ahola  
Douglas Knipple

**SLPWA meeting schedule:**

Phil Cianciotto proposed that the SLPWA membership meet the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at Finger Lakes Institute. These meetings might include reports from the issues committees, guest speakers and listening to the concerns of the members.

The Board would meet after the membership meeting, the first month of the quarter (ie. Jan, April, July, and Sept.) from 8:30 - 9:30 PM.

Executive committee meetings will be held as needed.

Jim Carter moved to approve the proposed schedule; Bob Kayser seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**Administrative Assistant Duties and contracting process:**

This discussion was tabled.

## **Committees:**

Phil Cianciotto proposed that, in addition to the Executive and Finance/Audit Committees, the following committees , be established:

### **Standing committees to be headed by a BOD member:**

- a. Annual meeting, including nominations for the board: Jim Carter
- b. Membership and Annual Fund Campaign: Kate Bartholomew and Brent Dugolinsky
- c. Spring and Fall membership/community educational workshop(s): Jim Bromka and Kate Bartholomew

### **Issue committees or working groups to be headed by members at large or BOD members:**

Based on the responses to the survey at the annual meeting, members identified the following issues as key concerns. Issue committees will be formed to research the issue and develop educational outreach to the members and government officials regarding the protection of Seneca Lake and the watershed. Board members who will help organize and possibly chair the committees are listed after each. The chairs will be determined:

- a. Marcellus Shale Gas drilling (Bruce Adams, Kate Bartholomew, Ed Przybyłowicz, Rachel Treichler)
- b. Lake Level monitoring (Bob Kayser)
- c. Landfill Leachate and impact of landfills on the lake (Doug Knipple)
- d. Municipality watchdog regarding decisions that might impact the lake
- e. Maintenance of water quality for drinking and recreational uses, impact of lawn and garden chemicals, run off from farms and other agricultural uses that add nutrients to the lake. (Jim Bromka)
- f. Proper disposal of pharmaceuticals and drugs

Ed Przybyłowicz moved to accept the recommendation. Kate Bartholomew seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Secretary will draft an announcement to members requesting volunteers for these committees, as well as informing them of the next meeting. This information will be sent by email, if possible.

## **Marcellus Shale**

Phil Cianciotto asked if SLPWA should file a formal comment to DEC regarding the release of the draft 9/09 SGEIS On The Oil, Gas and Solution Mining Regulatory Program. Jim Bromka moved to file a comment. Ed Przybyłowicz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Members were asked to forward bullets describing the specific issues that the drilling presents to Seneca Lake to the Secretary

who will compile a draft for review. Comments are due to the DEC by 11/30/09, so please submit suggestions to the Secretary by 11/04/2009.

Kate Bartholomew noted that due to public pressure DEC has agreed to community hearings. One is scheduled for Chenango Forks on November 12 and one in Corning on November 18.

### **Honorary Membership**

Jim Bromka suggested that we consider honorary memberships for individuals that have been of service to SLPWA, by providing expertise or speaking. After discussion, this was tabled.

### **Fall 2009 LakeWatch newsletter**

Bobbi Clifford agreed to compile the LakeWatch newsletter. Articles are due to Bobbi by November 1. Phil Cianciotto suggested that we include brief biographies of board members and asked that those be sent to Bobbi by the deadline.

### **Attendance at other meetings**

Phil Cianciotto and Rich Ahola will be attending the NYS Federation of Lake Associations on October 24.)

### **New Business**

Jim Bromka is attending a . He requested approval for \$100 support from SLPWA. (Anyone remember who moved and seconded???)

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

**Next meetings (Nov 19 and Dec 17 at FLI at 7:00 PM)**