

Board Meeting June 24, 2014

MacSherry Library – 7 pm

Present: Larry and Jill Partridge, Laurie Andre-Amis, Stewart Davey and Bob Lamoureux

Old minutes read by Bob Lamoureux and accepted with Stewart stating that the meeting January 16, 2013 in Watertown was also attended by Michel Parkes from Parkes Ecological LLC, with Lee Harper on the teleconference call along with Bob. Also the permit needed from the DEC for wetlands is an Article 24. May minutes were corrected.

Treasurers Report: Starting balance \$24,640.27, we incurred expenses of \$4,903, (post office, flow study, band and shore dinner) deposits of \$2,210 (dues and contributions). As of June 24, 2014 we have a balance of \$21,947.27.

Old Business:

Bob called Dale Honeyman, Alexandria Town Supervisor, regarding partnering with the GBRC to help us address issues in the Bay. Dale indicated he would issue a letter of partnership by the June 28, 2014 GBRC annual meeting. Bob will follow up with Dale. Bob sent an e-mail to Dale Honeyman copying all board members requesting that the town hall be opened by 9:30 am to allow us time to set up.

Boat Launch Monitors: Bob and Carol attended the June Alexandria Bay Town Board meeting to request permission to implement a boat launch monitoring program at the Goose Bay Town Boat Ramp. Bob also requested that the town consider providing manpower assistance, approximately 4 hours weekly, in launching this program, since the State Parks have recently implemented such a program. Bob wanted this request for partnership to be in the Town Board Meeting minutes as well as to address our issues in Goose Bay. The Board granted us permission to proceed with the boat launch monitoring program but stated that the other two issues (providing manpower and partnership) would have to be discussed in their executive session. Laurie stated that when she went to the town board meetings she followed up with requesting a copy of the minutes of each meeting she attended but to date she has not received any minutes.

The GBRC has to check into insurance for all the boat launch monitoring projects that might take place in the future at the Goose Bay Ramp. We will approach the Town to see if they can carry us under their policy.

Launch monitor training took place on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Jefferson Community College. Professor Eric Holmlund, Director, Watershed Stewardship Program (Paul Smith College), completed the three hour training session. Six people attended, four from Goose Bay and two from Black Lake. The training was educational and very informative. Professor Holmlund stated that all NYS DEC boat launch sites now have in place (effective June 2014) a regulation governing cleaning Aquatic Invasive Species from boats being launched. DEC officers can ticket boaters for noncompliance. Professor Holmlund suspects that this practice will be extended to all NYS boat launches as part of an effort to keep evasive species from spreading to other bodies of waters. There was a discussion among the board members regarding DEC boat ramps. Black Lake has one and there are a couple in Redwood.

Robert and Luann Schrader attended the Saturday boat monitoring training and live near the boat launch in Goose Bay. Robert and Luann will give a presentation at the Annual meeting June 28. Training

of any additional volunteers boat stewards can be completed by the Schrader's and/or Lamoureux's or if we get enough volunteers, Professor Holmlund will provide another training session.

Grants: Bob has not discussed items that Diane Leonard from DH Leonard Associates spoke about at our May 20, 2014 meetings. Bob will follow up with Diane before next meeting.

Flow study for the Bay was executed on June 14 and 15, 2014. Michael Parks, Parks Ecological LLC indicated that everything went as expected. Bob talked to Michael at the shore dinner and he expects to have the report completed in the next week or two. Michael will discuss the study at this year's annual Goose Bay meeting being held June 28, 2014.

Debbie Scholes was voted in as GBRC secretary at the May meeting.

Bob talked about the savegoosebay website, which is now operational, and indicated that 5 to 100 people visit the site on a daily basis.

#### New Business:

Shore Dinner: Laurie stated that it was a success because we made money. We made \$2,567, after spending \$1,800 for the food, \$200 for the band and \$220 for the ad in the TI Sun. We still have to put in a thank you ad which will cost approximately \$90. The silent auction was the big money maker making about \$1,600. The 50/50, tee shirts, and soda brought in \$500. The raffles accounted for the remaining funds. Laurie thought because people paid \$30 for the shore dinner, they didn't spend as much on the raffles. We made only \$10 per meal on the shore dinner. We thanked Erin Dulmage for donating the 50/50 raffle money back to the organization. Laurie didn't think the time and effort put into the event was worth repeating an event like this in the near future. She felt that last year fundraiser at the Dancing Dog was lively and fun and it raised more money. We had free music, free beer and hot dogs for only a dollar. It was brought up that the weekend of the shore dinner was a busy weekend (bikers weekend, graduations, Bold Castle fun day, etc.). Larry thought everyone at the shore dinner had a good time. Laurie wanted to thank the two girls from SELO PRISM for setting up a table and talking to people about invasive species as well as handing out brochures. Bob will send an e-mail to Rob Williams thanking the girls for their display.

Membership drive: Carol and Bob sent out the membership mailing to approximately 165 people. Larry indicated that five of these envelopes, to date, were returned because of incorrect mailing addresses. Bob will look up addresses to see if we sent them out wrong. The addresses come from the town clerk's office. The board discussed having a form that will be available on the website noting the levels that people gave (Blue Gill, up to Muskellunge). It was discussed and approved.

Weed mapping: Bob contacted Dan Kelting, Director Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program to discuss weed mapping in Goose Bay. He indicated they would be willing to assist us in this endeavor.

Also contacted was Michael Parkes, Parkes Ecological LLC who also indicated interest in completing the work.

Dr. John Farrell, Director Thousand Island Biological Station ESF, was asked if he had any graduate student that might want to help with the weed mapping. He called back and said he had a student that would be available to complete the testing. Dr. Farrell stated that the cost would be a donation.

A discussion ensued and it seems that the board was in favor of using the student from the Thousand Island Biological Station ESF. Bob will contact Dr. Farrell.

Stewart has completed the preliminary protocol for our vegetation study. It was e-mailed to Larry, Jill, and Bob for their review and feedback.

Contract for Flow Study (completed by Parkes Ecological LLC) The GBRC paid \$2,600 for the flow study with the remainder being paid upon completion of the report. Copy of contract can be obtained by request, contact Bob Lamoureux.

Open for questions: Carol asked the board to consider having an extra person to help with publicity. Bob – President, Stewart - VP, Larry and Tony – Treasurers, Jill and Peg – Membership, Nadine – Board Member, Laurie and Pam – Fundraising/publicity. Laurie and Pam would like help with the publicity. The new person could be a non-voting member. A discussion followed and it was decided that a new member would be helpful.

Senator Ritchie called Bob and wanted him to send a write-up on what we were doing in the Bay. She asked Bob to send it to Jim Reagan and periodically send Jim information on what is happening. Bob kicked off an e-mail to Mr. Reagan and Senator Ritchie. Bob also sent an e-mail to Addie Russell.

A discussion ensued about how to handle the time all volunteers spend, completing boat inspections or weed harvesting, since it is not tax deductible. This is considered an “In Kind Donation” but can be used in support of a grant application in lieu of our group’s expenditures to rectify the situation in the bay. All money received for membership and donations continue to be tax deductible as well as donations of material gifts like stamps and other material items. We need to get clarification on “In Kind Donations” before moving forward. We will have to keep track of both tax deductible gifts and “In Kind Donations”. A spreadsheet can be created to track these items.

Laurie needs pictures that were taken at the shore dinner for articles in the TI Sun.

Laurie also stated that she has met people who are interested in our cause and want to be partnered with us. One is Gail Honeyman, Hearts for Youth, Martha Grimes and Melinda Comstock at the Historical Museum is very interested in knowing more about our organization, Kathy Morris is on the River Hospital Board and would like to partner with us. Laurie suggested that she would like to invite them to our meeting and then maybe have a coffee hour with them so they could ask questions on a one-on-one basis.

Bob brought up the IJC request to contact government officials and let them know that you are in favor of implementing Plan 2014. Information regarding the plan and who to contact can be found on the IJC or IWLC websites.

Meeting adjourned 1<sup>st</sup> Jill 2<sup>nd</sup> Laurie 8:45 p.m.