

Board Meeting July 15, 2014

McSherry Library – 7 pm

Present: Larry and Jill Partridge, Laurie Andre-Amis, Pam Andre, Bob Lamoureux, and Deborah Scholes

Old Minutes read and accepted without change.

Treasures report: Deposited \$4,497 Current balance \$27,224.27.

Bob contacted Dale Hunneyman regarding a letter of partnership with the town of Alexandria Bay. Bob obtained the Town Board minutes from June which Bob asked for a partnership letter. The partnership letter was discussed and it became apparent that the board needs to come up with a basic letter of partnership for interested agencies to look at and use said letter or draft their own from our example letter. Bob agreed to work on a letter.

We need to pursue partnerships with TILT, Jefferson County Soil and Water, Save the River, SELO PRISM, Parks Ecological LLC, and Dr. Farrell. Laurie has met several people who are willing to partner with the GBRC and to achieve our goal of cleaning up the bay.

Boat Launch Monitor Program: Bob and LuAnn Schrader agreed to take the lead on this program. Town gave us permission to implement the boat launch program at the Town Board Launch. The town is working on a weed disposal system that boaters can put the weeds in (and it will only be used for weed disposal). There is now a sign at the launch letting boaters know what to do to control the spread of invasive weeds. Bob stated that DEC boat launches now have the authority to fine boaters for not cleaning their boats and emptying their bilge. Also in the Adirondacks the lakes are very strict about invasive weeds not being spread. Bob will check on a NYS Sea Grant for next year. We also need to check into an insurance policy to cover GBRC activities.

Grants: Bob will talk with Diane Leonard from DH Leonard Associates about what our group needs to do to make us successful in obtaining grants. There is a \$27.5 million dollar grant from the Great Lake Basin, we have to find out if we qualify for it (web seminar on July 29, 2014 Bob will participate in).

Flow study: This study was conducted on June 14 & 15, 2014. Michael Parks issued the report on July 13, 2014 to all board members for their review. This report will be put on the website for everyone to review. When we get all the information we need, we will contact the DEC and present our results.

Fundraiser: Shore dinner was a success, \$2,567 was raised. Bob complemented Pam and Laurie for all their work.

Membership Drive: We mailed out approximately 165 applications. To date we have received seven back that could not be delivered. No update at this time. When we receive feedback we will post the results on the website. A discussion arose regarding Public Relations (there is a need for a volunteer to help with writing articles and getting information out about the GBRC and what we are trying to accomplish).

Article 24 application: Stewart is doing a follow up for the wet land application. Jessica Hart from the DEC has agreed to help with the application.

New Business:

Weed mapping: Peter Zimmer and Andrew Miano, from ESF, completed the weed mapping study July 11, 2014. Bob has requested a copy of the protocol they used to conduct the weed mapping survey for our records. Bob also contacted Dr. John Farrell and asked when we could expect a written report. Payment was discussed for ESF and Bob will wait until he hears from Dr. Farrell. The weed mapping will be repeated next year.

The grant from Senator Richie – The Senator contacted Bob regarding a \$75,000 grant to deal with the Eurasian Milfoil in Goose Bay. Hopefully we can use the money to expand our treatment area next year providing DEC approval. Bob stated we are extremely happy that the Senator has given us such an amount to start our project with eradicating the invasive milfoil in Goose Bay. He stated that we will probably need up to \$1,000,000 for the entire Bay.

Bob has contacted Robin Smith from the State Parks about having a get together in August at Krings Point State Park for all Goose Bay residence. Bob will follow up.

Laurie reported that Dave Garlock sent her information from Scott Ouder Kirk who is willing to make some glass sun catchers for Goose Bay. We could sell them on the website and at all our events. A discussion of cost – it was discussed to ask \$20 per sun catcher. Alex Moser is going to design a necklace for Goose Bay and he will sell it in his store (Treasure Island) and give us a percentage.

Bob stated we need to develop a Goose Bay Management Plan by the end of this year. A management plan would be helpful when applying for grants and seeking partnership with various organizations. The management plan would clearly define our current situation within Goose Bay and provide specific actions to be taken by the GBRC to address and resolve identified problems.

Laurie brought up having Goose Bay residents meet every Wednesday for a “Palousa” or “Rendezvous”. Everyone attending would meet out by Krings Point if weather permits. It would be from 6pm to 8pm, everyone would bring their own beverages and maybe a snack. Debbie said she would get a flier together and e-mail it to residence we have on file.

Laurie also reported that our shirts would be printed in Watertown at Check Point Graphics. It was discussed that these T-shirts could have Boat Monitor printed on the back for the people who are helping with the monitor program.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm. 1st Pam, 2nd Jill