



## SLPID MINUTES , January 16, 2020.

Town of Malta Community Center. Malta, NY

A meeting of the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District was held on January 16, 2020 at Malta Town Community Center, Malta NY. A quorum was present.

Present: SLPID Commissioners: Tom Carrinigi, Cristina Connolly, Karl Hardcastle, Kathy Simmonds, Walter Supley. Lake Manager: Dean Long, Lake Consultant: Tracey Clothier.

Call to Order: The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chair, Cristina Connolly. The Agenda was presented for review. Cristina Connolly MADE A MOTION to suspend the January 16, 2020, to appoint new chairperson and complete organization resolutions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Carrinigi, MOTION CARRIED.

Organization Resolutions attached.

Walter Supley MADE A MOTION to nominate Cristina Connolly as 2020 SLPID Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Simmonds. No other nominations were offered from floor. All in favor. None Opposed. MOTION CARRIED.

**Call to Order:** 2020 SLPID Meeting called to order by Cristina Connolly at 6:50 pm

### **Public Comments:**

New residents to the lake identified as Pat Tuz and Jon Weileaker, 648 Crescent Ave, interested in learning about SLPID and the happenings around the lake.

Lenny DiMassi (SLA Representative) extended an invitation to use the volunteer services of SLA. He encouraged any SLPID Commissioner to attend the monthly meeting of SLA. They meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the McDonalds in Saratoga. He made a suggestion of using Boy Scouts for water chestnut pulls.

### Secretary's Report: (Debbie Curto)

The November 23, 2019 minutes were presented for review. Cristina Connolly MADE A MOTION to approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walter Supley. MOTION CARRIED. The December 19, 2019 minutes were presented for review. Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cristina Connolly. MOTION CARRIED. Kathy Simmonds requested the minutes from December 11 be held til February meeting. Docufree has completed the scanning and is ready to mail the boxes back as requested. Karl Hardcastle volunteered to accept delivery of the boxes at his home until they can be placed at the SLPID garage in the Spring.

Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to approve Secretary's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Hardcastle, MOTION CARRIED.

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes
3. Resolutions

### Assistant Treasurer's Report: (Presented by Cristina Connolly on behalf of Mike VanPatten)

Register report and statement of revenue and expenditures were distributed. Cristina Connolly MADE A MOTION to pay bills \$15821.12, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Hardcastle. MOTION CARRIED.

Cristina Connolly MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT the Assistant treasurer's report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Hardcastle, MOTION CARRIED.

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting:

1. Financial Statements: Balance Sheet, Income Statement.
2. Monthly Bank Reconciliations - Approved by Commissioners, returned to Cristina Connolly to be forwarded to Assistant Treasurer.
3. Weekly Payroll Reports - Approved by Commissioners, returned to Cristina Connolly to be forwarded to Assistant Treasurer.
4. Monthly Vendor and Invoices - Approved by Commissioners, returned to Cristina Connolly to be forwarded to Assistant Treasurer.

Lake Level Report: (Tom Carringi)  
202.45 Level (1929 data).

CSLAP: (Karl Hardcastle)

All documentation has been mailed, fees paid for membership. Volunteers have signed waivers. (Neil Kramer, Bill LaMay) Reports will be sent in Excel (temp readings, oxygen readings, conductivity. Easy to use – will also do deep check at 90 ft.

Aquatic Weed Control: (Dean Long)

Dean questioned the status of the new truck inquiring if the custom work is completed. Cristina Connolly said she would call tomorrow. Dean indicated an email was sent with summary of estimated cost for Herbicide treatment. Treatment: Aquathol and Procella Cor the south end and Franklin beach area. Hydro raking costs is \$12,000 per week, water chestnut and Lilly pad removal for boating access. Walter stated he would like to see the curly leaf pond weed treated. Dean commented this is what the herbicide treatments are for in the contract, the invasives. Discussion ensued as to whether it would be feasible to add a 2nd week for the hydro rake. An issue is having availability of both harvesters. Cristina stated she reached out to the state park manager on the use of the state boat launch for unloading weeds and received permission to use on Mondays and Tuesdays. Commissioners requested that Dean pursue a second week of hydroraking. Cristina will obtain appropriate permits and insurance letter when needed. Karl MADE A MOTION to accept the Solitude contracts, 2nd by Cristina Connolly. MOTION CARRIED

Communications: (Walter Supley)

Few new posts. Effort to reach out to list, announcing website, securing email addresses. Walter would like to send a mailer for the purpose of capturing email addresses and steering them to the website. Kark Hardcastle supported Walter in mailing to the residents of SLPID district.

Safety: (Bob Hahn)

No report.

Lake Stewardship: (Cristina Connolly)

On Wednesday, Cristina is attending a full day meeting with DEC and will share the meeting information with Tracey Clothier, (SLPID consultant) Tracey will be paid to attend.

Cristina wanted to clarify with the board the direction SLPID is going in as past discussion with some is to do away with some of the programs. Cristina strongly believes the steward and education program are vital to the health of the lake and the community. They should be expanded to effectively manage current issues regarding the lake and it is necessary to have community support and knowledge of issues with public participation. As in the success of the floating classrooms and “take the pledge” programs. The SLA has reached out to her offering to help her promote the “take the pledge”. Cristina asked for the board to vote on continuing this so plans can be made.

Walter Supley MADE A MOTION to have SLPID Chair engage in setting up programs for education, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Hardcastle, MOTION CARRIED.

Cristina said new uniforms for the stewards will be needed this year and mentioned Dean was talking to her about adding a microscope attachment to the tablets this year to check for smaller invasives. Walter commented they do work and cost about \$40.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Buoys:**

There is a 200 ft no wake zone. Cristina will be meeting with Sheriff and Rowing Club to determine if the buoys should be sent out at 2000 ft. from the bridge. As discussed earlier, will need to upgrade signage at the Boat Launch, change picture on signage. Walter suggested handing out a plastic key chain with the info on it or a laminated handout. Dean and Cristina will set up the meeting in the next couple of week. The possibility of geo-fencing was also discussed.

**Dam:**

Central Rivers Powers LLC is the new owner of the dam. Dan Jones will be transferring to the new company. Dan will continue to be in place to control logs.

**Miscellaneous:**

Need to continue to discuss and decide what direction SLPID is going in and the Julie Wash letter to the board. Karl stated, not enough time and we should table it until the next meeting.

Cristina stated at the least, we should answer her back now and asked for permission to send a letter out. All agreed. Ed Kinowski (Stillwater Supervisor) sent a letter to the board re: current issues on the lake he wants to see SLPID address and the tax district. Karl and Walter asked to table discussion.

**Grant: (Tracey Clothier)**

Tracey stated the grant needs to be closed out. She will need to get an invoice from Solitude.

Walter Supley stated he was approached confidentially and told that the city of Saratoga springs is pursuing the lake as a reservoir. Cristina commented she spoke with Walter on this and called the county supervisors, the town supervisors and the mayor. This is a non-issue and not happening. Walter and Karl stated would like someone to go to the city of Saratoga springs council meeting and ask the city commissioners directly.

Walter Supley made mention he contacted Senator Jim Tedisco (49th district) asking for money for the lake steward program and was going to attend a meeting with him. Cristina commented, all politicians should be approached in an organized way and since she has been managing the lake steward program would like to be involved and as SLPID spokesperson. Tracey commented she is looking into grants available to hold off.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

Cristina Connolly MADE A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walter Supley, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Curto  
SLPID Recording Secretary