

Save Hyde Lake Association

Minutes of July 3, 2005 Meeting

11:10 President Joyce Brunet opened meeting

I. Minutes of last meeting

II. Treasurer's Report \$688.98

III. Old Business

1. Stream Restoration began 2/22/05 by US Fish & Wildlife Service - Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program
 - just in time as the old beaver dam broke, loss of some lake water
 - project completed in 3 weeks
 - Thanks to Bob Funda & Steve Wilson for their participation in program, help & support
 - Thanks to Jeremy Dollinger, Eagle Boy Scout Troop 509 for planting over 1,000 shrubs for erosion control and adding clay amongst the rocks at the new spillway
 - \$10,000 cost to us, \$10,000 picked up by the US Fish & Wildlife Service
2. Water Level
 - Fluctuation occurs due to break in old dam, beaver activity, amount of rainfall & sediment deposition
3. Hyde Lake Management Committee
 - met 9/04 with focus on water quality, weed management, fish management

IV. New Business

4. Water Testing Data - 3 years of data - ('02,'03,'04)
 - Phosphorus increasing which promotes weed growth; still relatively low compared to many other lakes
 - Coliform peaks at high use times (after July 4, Labor Day) & runoff from heavy rain storms
 - Septic, lawn fertilizer, storm run-off, grass clippings, geese, etc. contribute to levels
 - Also results from storm runoff from entire watershed
 - discussed need for property owners to create buffer zones to reduce the runoff into lake
5. Septic System Upgrade Program
 - 10 grants available to reimburse 25% of cost, up to \$10,000 to upgrade systems
6. New York State Federation of Lakes
 - Joyce attended annual state conference in Hamilton 4/30-5/1
 - attended workshops on water quality, storm run-off, watershed management, buffer zones
 - weed management - different methods - vacuum out by roots, weevil, bio-manipulation
7. Weed Management
 - for chemicals - new DEC regulations include a weed management survey and plan
 - 3 main methods Biological - weevils, biommanipulation through food chain zooplankton - fish
 - Chemical - herbicides - need permit - unlikely since Hyde Lake flows to Perch Lake
 - Mechanical - harvesting - vacuuming
 - grants for weed management - likely to require that we address the source = water quality
8. Educational Goal - educate ourselves and neighbors
 - Develop best practices: run-off buffers, watershed management, septic and grey water
 - Websites - list distributed and some relevant literature
9. Water Testing
 - Jefferson County Federation of Lakes grant has enabled us to do testing but grant is almost out of \$ yet we need to continue testing annually to have baseline testing to qualify for grants
 - *Motion - unanimous - yes- to continue testing this year
10. By - Laws - need to revise
11. T-Shirts available \$13, Sweatshirts \$20, Hats \$15
12. Other Topics
 - discussed recent fuel oil spills
 - suggested yearly letter for fundraising to all property owners on lake
 - *Motion - Letter to all property owners on lake to donate amount of their choice to Save Hyde Lake Association (include results and future goals) unanimous approval - yes
13. Next meeting - TBA - perhaps can invite people who helped with the restoration project - we'll use website to announce date for next meeting