

KEUKA LAKE OUTLET COMPACT

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Minutes of Meeting held in Barrington
July 26, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman John Andersen.

Members Present: John Andersen, Merton Plaisted, Tom Chadwick, Myron Baran, Norman Snow, Sam Pennise, Jim Multer, Leigh MacKerchar.

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Paul Bauter, KWIC Manager; Christine Haesche, KWIC Office Manager; Peter Landre, Agent, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Al Wahlig, KLA; Edward Balsey, KLOC Gate Manager (& Acting Secretary); Wayne Ackart, Town of Jerusalem Engineer; Tom Wolanski and Ford Ritz, Clough, Harbour & Associates.

On a motion by Jack Snow, seconded by Tom Chadwick, the minutes of the May 24, 1999 meeting were approved.

Finances: There were three outstanding bills that needed to be paid. A motion was made by Jim Multer, seconded by Myron Baran to pay the bills, carried unanimously.

Managers Report: The lake level this date is at 713.55 ft. above sea level and dropping slowly.

Sediment Basin: Tom Chadwick distributed copies of a 10 year estimate to clear the sediment with and without the basin. Being smaller than the channel itself, the basin would probably have to be cleaned an average of two times per year versus every couple of years to dredge the channel. Average costs worked out to \$5415. per year with the basin and \$2850. per year dredging the channel. It was noted that DEC might encourage the Compact to install the basin anyway to prevent future plugging of the channel. Sam Pennise noted the DEC stated in their letter of 7/23 that the KLOC is obligated to keep the channel clear. He asked where that mandate came from. Peter Landre thought it was in the original charter. Tom Chadwick said several people he talked to questioned the effectiveness of the sediment trap. Sam Pennise noted the one in Hammondsport fills up quickly and additional spoils flow across it and into the lake anyway. John Andersen will check with Paul Schmeid of DEC and set up a meeting to discuss the obligations and duties of both KLOC and DEC to the channel. Peter Landre suggested getting Les Travis involved as well.

Lake Level: Dr. Al Wahlig discussed a request from the KLA asking the Compact to maintain a higher lake level into the month of September. Ed Balsley noted the gates have not been operated since Memorial Day weekend but the level is still slowly dropping because of the extremely dry weather. Sam Pennise motioned the summer level be extended an additional six weeks with further review to be done later if conditions warrant, seconded by Jack Snow. After a short discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

Trail Letters: John Andersen noted the unfortunate letter from Robert Jensen that got into the newspaper regarding water recreation on the Outlet Trail and the reply sent by Bill Weber. No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes by Edward Balsley, Acting Secretary