



Echo Lake Protection Association

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**Website coming in April:
Please email Cindy with
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For NorthWoods camp, classes
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www.northwoodscenter.org

Echo Lake Association Newsletter February 2008

Highlights from Annual Meeting Notes: July 2007

Officers: Marysue McCarthy elected to replace Peter Engels as Vice-president.

Milfoil Prevention: copies of full report available on request & on the website.

The Fishing Access was staffed from May 28 through September 2, 2007: 6:00 to 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. A total of 231 boats put in at the access. Forty-three percent of boats that used the Echo access had just come from, or frequently used, lakes infested with Eurasian Watermilfoil. We had 2 confirmed cases of boats with milfoil launching at the access; subsequent inspections of the access area and lake perimeter by certified Vermont Invasive Patrollers (VIPs) have not revealed any milfoil infestation.

Thanks were extended to volunteers: George Thompson, Maryann O'Brien, Patty Lennon. Welcome to Paula Keenan milfoil inspector alternate with Cheryl Hryckewicz. We have five certified Vermont Invasive Patrollers from trainings offered by Vermont Lakes and Pond and hope to have more members trained in 2008.

Cheryl, Felicia Woolsey & Nancy Tessier arranged a successful lakeside milfoil prevention education session for Charleston school children, and the 2007 Town Meeting voted \$500 to support the association's prevention efforts. We voted to seek support again in 2008.

In other lake news: Access staffers have conducted a Creel Survey in partnership with Vermont Fish & Game biologists this year in an effort to up the level of fish-stocking in Echo. Eric Stevens & Peter Engels bi-weekly water monitoring in collaboration with Vermont Natural Resources Department continues to yield pristine results. Several members volunteered to attend upcoming meetings of the Memphremagog Watershed Council--an effort by Vermont Natural Resources to assess and maintain optimal water quality in the Memphremagog watershed.

Under **New Business**, members discussed how to inform renters & visitors about lake association concerns and how to raise more funds for ongoing projects. Among ideas were: encouraging members to donate, over & above dues, to support milfoil prevention, to increase the dues (\$30 for families, \$15 individuals), increase the membership, have an "ice-out" contest, and sell copies of a revised Echo Lake map.

The Echo Lake Milfoil Prevention Project wants



YOU

To pay your dues

**To donate extra to increase fishing
access staffing to 12 hours a day,
Tuesday thru Sunday**

**To volunteer—attend a watershed meeting, a
milfoil prevention workshop, staff the access
or survey the lake for milfoil—if we catch it
early, we can get rid of it!**

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Income/Expense Report For Year Ended December 31, 2007

Outside Revenue Sources	
Aquatic Nuisance Grant-in-Aid Grant	2,519
Watershed Grant	3,982
Local Funds	
Volunteer Contributions	5,132
Town of Charleston	500
Donations	315
Total Revenue and Support	\$12,448
Program Expenditures	
Personnel Salaries	4,761
FICA, etc.	446
Administrative overhead	781
Insurance	250
In-Kind Personnel	5,132
In-Kind Services	315
Supplies	529
Travel	82
Milfoil education/ mobile information table	110
Advertising for position	42
Total Project Expenditures	\$12,448

Happy New Year, Echo Lake Folks!

- Here are my 2008 dues. (\$30 family \$15 individual)
- Here's an extra donation to increase inspection hours at the access to cover full days (\$160 - sponsors 1 hour of paid staff time for 14 weeks; \$80 - sponsors 1/2 hour)
- I volunteer to work at the access or survey the lake for three hours
- I volunteer for training, meetings, etc.

My Name & contact info:

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Highlights from January 08 Board Meeting

Cindy reported that Grant applications for 2008 milfoil prevention efforts are on schedule. The Anticipated budget for next year, including maintaining and expanding the milfoil and water quality initiatives will be \$19,174.

2008 Watershed Grant request is \$4000. Notification: early March.

Aquatic Nuisance Grant request is \$4050 Notification: early May.

Charleston request is \$500.

To reach the \$19,174 total—which includes expanded fishing access hours--ELPA must raise an additional \$1,860. Fundraising ideas are: encourage milfoil prevention donations (see coupon, below) ; have a raffle/auction; a rummage sale.

Echo Lake Map Mary Kenison and Jean Wilson will update and have it on sale this summer

Anticipated Collaborations:

NorthWoods, for milfoil prevention school education efforts; state agencies and Seymour Lake Association for more trainings, Memphremagog Watershed Council around water quality issues, Vermont Natural Resources for shoreline survey.

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