

East Battle Lake Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 2, 2004

Members Present; Charlene Ortloff, Clyde Millerbernd, Leonard Smith, Jim Wheeler, Carol Pagel, Darrell Richter, Paul Wilson, Skip Lee, Jack Nelson, Terry Nelson.

The EBL Watershed Association Board of Directors met on Monday, August 2, at the Vining Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by president Clyde Millerbernd.

All officers and directors were introduced by areas they serve.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting which had been sent to all members were approved and filed as written.

Treasurer, Barb Young was unable to attend the meeting but the treasury balance remains approximately the same as our June meeting. \$6,822.43 in the treasury... \$2,823.00 remaining in the fish stocking fund.

Membership: Clyde said it was imperative we increase our membership. There are over 400 families living on the lake and only a few over 100 are members. We need new members if the fish stocking program is to continue. Clyde called on all directors to invite friends and neighbors living on the lake to become members of the Watershed Association.

Vining Creek: Former director Lee Amundson called to say the Vining Creek was plugged up as a result of beaver activity. Clyde and the Mayor, Don Selvaag, called Double D Septic System to open the channel at the cost of \$40.00.

Tom Campbell told Clyde to, "Take care of it." Mike Koep who traps beaver was called. Also Mayor Selvaag said he would get the council together to discuss the problem.

Mason Lake: Clyde stated, "Dirty, brown water continues to flow through the fields into EBL from a channel that never should have been opened." "It is man made and needs to be plugged up." Clyde stated that it had been plugged before and Girard Township opened it as they were concerned about their road. Clyde said he would get together with the chairman of Girard township to see what could be done. Terry Nelson also told of how it had been closed in the past and was reopened in a couple of days as Girard was concerned the water would be backed up over the road. "It has been at least 9 years this association has been trying to deal with this problem" Terry stated. "Water should not be coming out of Mason lake into East Battle through this creek which had been dug out since the 60's." "The farmer who owns the land says he has no objection in closing it." Clyde said Terry Lecher, of the DNR, was not in favor of closing it as there are so many things that need to be done first.

Jack Nelson and Darrell Richter agreed to work with Clyde to see what could be done to work toward some solution to this problem.

Fish Stocking Contributions as of July 27, 2004: We have received \$9,988.00 from 156 individuals. Approximately 3,500 perch at the cost of \$1,000.00 have also been stocked in addition to the walleye fingerlings.

The question was asked; "What are the plans for stocking fish for next year?" Jim Wheeler said he told the contributors he called on it would be every other year. Darrell Richter said it was his understanding we would stock on odd numbered years. The group agreed.

Clyde said he would like to see us stock \$2000.00 in perch next time. He said, "If the nets show good perch in them the DNR will stock Walleye fingerlings instead of fry when they stock our lake next." The motion was made to stock \$2000.00 in perch in our next stocking operation. Motion was passed.

Newsletter and membership: Virginia Zachmann told the Watershed she would like to find a replacement for putting out the newsletter and keeping track of membership. Paul Wilson suggested maybe two people should be involved in doing the Newsletter and membership since it is a very big job.

Discussion followed on the great cost in time and money in sending out newsletters to over 400 people. Skip Lee suggested we might consider sending newsletters to members and businesses only. This would be a great saving if approximately 100 newsletters were sent. No action was taken at this time.

Information asking for a volunteer to write and send out the Newsletter will appear in the next newsletter. Clyde also suggested a list of all contributors to the fish stocking fund along with a strong appeal for membership and donations be placed in the next newsletter. Clyde stated checks for fish stocking should be made out to **EBL Fish Stocking Program** and could be sent to him at 21978 450 th St. Vining, MN. 56588.

A discussion followed on who would keep up membership records for us. It was suggested someone who lives here year around might be a good candidate.

Skip Lee volunteer to set up membership for now. Checks for membership should now be payable to Skip Lee instead of Virginia Zachmann. This information change should also be contained in the next Newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

Froslee Drainage Ditch

Leonard Smith reported that the water sample in front of the Froslee drainage ditch showed improvement over the past readings. A much lower reading of phosphorus was indicated than in the past. "All in all the water quality is not too bad," Leonard stated.

Weed Removal: A certain amount of submerged weeds can be removed in front of residents' property. Any thing done with chemicals would need a permit: Hydrothonal which is in common use needs a permit.

Paul Wilson said "Lake Maid" and "Beech Groomer" all need permits. Jed Anderson of Glenwood issues these permits. When application is made he comes out to look at the property and specifies what can be done. This information should all be contained in the newsletter as there have been several questions from lake residents asking about weed removal.

Lutheran Island Road: There is real concern for weeds which have never been there before. Darrell Richter said, "Not enough water passes under the road and one must have water flow back and forth to keep weeds out." It was discussed that Lakeshore Management or Land and Resource Management might be the ones to contact. Clyde said he would check with Land and Resource Management. Darrell would check on what

kind of weeds were growing.

Watermelon Day was discussed. Jan Wally will be setting up a booth to sell Watershed T shirts, sweat shirts, and caps and to answer questions about the Watershed. It was suggested that membership applications also be available at the booth.

Secretarial Expenses: Carol Pagel requested a \$50.00 slush fund to be used in the next year for preparing and sending out minutes and notification of meetings. Motion was made and passed to provide these funds.

Discussion on Purple Loose Strife beginning to creep in along the lake at the foot log on Chippewa Island was noted. **Lake Restoration.com** may have information on using Hydrothonal to get rid of this rapid spreading weed. The DNR would be the ones to contact it was suggested.

New Directors Needed: New directors are needed for area 3. Clyde indicated he would check with Ed Christopherson to see if he was interested.

Meeting adjourned: Clyde adjourned the meeting stating, "Let's put a big push out there to put more fish in this lake!"

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Pagel
Secretary