

**East Battle Lake Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2011**

Members Present: Chuck Olson, Bob Fritz, Sue Kalseim, Barb Olson, Jan Wally, Betty Baumbarger, Eleanor Smith, Leonard Smith, and Kay Klett.

The EBL Watershed Association Board met on Thursday, September 29, 2011, at Gwendolyn's in Battle Lake. The secretary's report for the August 2011 meeting was approved.

- The financial report was presented. There were some questions concerning it. Since Webster was unable to attend the meeting, Bob Fritz will check with him. According to the report as presented, we have a balance of \$19,981.95 which includes \$4,765 in the fish stocking fund.
- A motion was passed that Bob should meet with Webster and Chuck to do a financial review
- Chuck distributed an updated Leadership Team directory.
- A motion was passed that we pay \$200 dues to Minnesota Waters.
- Fish stocking will take place this fall.
- Leonard reported that water sampling was completed on September 19. The secchi reading was 9' in the north and 10' in the south. For those of you who use the RMB Labs website to check these readings, the north is listed as #205 and the south as #204. On September 18, samples were taken from the five inlets. We are still waiting for the results.
- Four board members attended the COLA meeting on September 24. Bob, Sue, Eleanor, and Leonard reported that the presentation titled "Limnology Primer and Introduction to Data Assessment and Lake Worksheet" by Moriya Rufer from RMB Labs was very informative.
- A discussion concerning area get-togethers was tabled.
- Sue volunteered to look into the advantage of having the "Star Lake" designation.
- Steve Henry is applying for money for a shoreland improvement grant.. If this is approved, all lakes which have signed up with him will have approximately \$9000 available to lakeshore owners for restoration projects.
- A motion was passed that the Grant Team do further investigation into assessing our shoreland and other matters for the purpose of applying additional funding and carrying out our Lake Management Plan.
- The new website for the Watershed is on hold since Craig Lebakken is very busy. Bob will inform us when it is available. Any questions or comments should be sent to Bob.
- The organization's website eastbattlelake@gmail.com will be used for all directors rather than using their personal emails in communications that go to lakeshore owners. Chuck said that he would make his phone number available as a contact for the association.
- The lake mapping committee, made up of Sue Kalseim, Peggy Bochenski, and Barbara Olson, reported that they had spoken with the "lake vegetation mapper" contact. The cost would be about \$7200, and it would need to be completed in July when vegetation is at its fullest. The committee proposed a letter to all non-member-owners on the lake telling them of the plan and encouraging them to become members. An update letter will also be sent to members informing them about the vegetative mapping and thanking them for their membership. Sue reported on an email Chuck had received from Don Hickman which gave encouragement for grant-seeking. She will forward the email to us. It was suggested that the DNR be contacted to see if our lake is in queue to be mapped in the near future. The two mailings were approved.
- A motion was passed that we allocate up to \$7200 toward mapping the lake. The committee will actively continue looking for grants to help pay for the project.
- A motion was passed that we solicit money from lakeshore owners for lake mapping.
- A motion was passed that we update our lake directory. Barb Olson volunteered to work on it.

- A motion was passed authorizing Bob to work on obtaining a 501(C3)—tax exempt status for our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Wally

NO REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS ARE PLANNED FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.