

MINUTES
Board of Directors
East Battle Lake Watershed Association
AUGUST 15, 2012
Home of Sue Kalseim, Blackjack Drive, Henning MN

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Olson, president

Those in attendance: Betty Baumbarger, Dick Brogard, Butch Furse, Bob Fritz, Wayne Hilchen, Sue Kalseim, Jim Morse, Barbara Olson, Chuck Olson, Webster Peterson, Barbara Young

ABSENT: Peggy Bochenski, John Dixon, Russ Green, Tom Greenagel, Kay Klett, Jonalyn Lippka, Eleanor Smith, Leonard Smith, Jan Wally

MINUTES by secretary, Jan Wally, of the June 6 meeting were approved

FINANCIAL REPORT by treasurer Webster Peterson was made, some discussion and accepted for audit. Adjustments will be made for operating expenses paid out of the grants fund.

TOTAL ASSETS: \$27,062

<u>OPERATING FUNDS</u>	
Gen. Fund -	\$11,573
CDs -	<u>10,555</u>
TOTAL	\$22,128

<u>DESIGNATED FUNDS</u>	
Fish Stocking -	\$2,987
Lake Mapping -	2,370
Grant Fund -	<u>1,577</u>
TOTAL -	\$ 4,934

DECISIONS, motions passed:

1. Letter to lakeshore owners to report the Lake Mapping progress after sending the newsletter
2. Approved association membership in MSRPO, a MN lakes and rivers advocate at cost of \$150/year (recommended as more active in legislative affairs than Minnesota Waters of which we have had membership).
3. Accepted Doug Forsys volunteering as the Ice Cleanup Project leader
4. Agreed that the 501(c)(3) application be filed with appropriate fees to the IRS

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: none

PROJECT TEAM REPORTS

WATER TESTING results reported by Webster for Leonard Smith- including Vining Creek; normal - within acceptable limits for this time of the year

FISH STOCKING - even number years the DNR stocks East Battle Lake. The board has been pleased with size and quality of the fish provided in the uneven years when we pay for the fish stocking

LOON WATCH - no official report. Loons have been seen on the lake in larger numbers this year. There have also been incidents observed with eagles attacking the loons

FALL NEWSLETTER - will be mailed in October with updates about the lake mapping.

AQUATIC PLANT MAPPING - we have been told there were no invasive species found in East Battle Lake. The report by James Johnson, Fresh Water Scientific Services, by contract, is due by end of December. It is expected the report will arrive maybe in October.

It was decided that a letter updating the project be sent to all lakeshore owners. Donors will be appreciated and all will be informed that the donations are still welcomed. The letters will be sent after the October Newsletter.

OUTLET CHANNEL - the water is low, but no action is needed; the beavers are not causing problems at this time

WEBSITE - www.eastbattlelake.org

POST SEASON ICE CLEANUP - member Doug Forys has volunteered to be a the ice cleanup project leader to contact fish owners and raise the awareness of the need to remove trash from the ice during ice fishing season. *"The quality of our lake is only as good as what goes into it."*

FALL NEWSLETTER - will be mailed in October

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - There are 50 fewer members at this time as compared to 2011
Membership invitations will be included in the Fall Newsletter and the follow-up letter

NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 7 pm at the Kalseim Home.

Bob Fritz will present a demonstration on navigating the Website

Meeting was adjourned.

THANK YOU SUE for your house and your hospitality.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Olson
Secretary protem for Jan Wally