

EAST BATTLE LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, September 23, 2015

At Cheryl Doely Home

Members Present: Cheryl Doely, Wayne Hilchen, Sue Kalseim, Jean Loge, Webster Peterson

- **Minutes** - The minutes of the last meeting were read, and all items requested last month have been placed on the EBLWA web site.
- **Membership** – There are now 168 EBLWA memberships out of about 330 property owners, a big increase from last year, for which the Board is thankful.
- **Financial Report** – Finances are good, and everything is up to date. Webster has not gotten a \$10,000 CD yet because he expects the interest rates to go up soon and will watch for the best timing to acquire the CD.
- **Area Lists** – All Area Reps have been given the property owner list for their specific area and are asked to check with each of their property owners to update their information. The Board would like to reiterate that any information given to the Area Reps will be used strictly for EBLWA and not sold. A suggestion was made that an Area Rep could make an email public distribution list of their own area to use for contacting their area people for lake issues, get-togethers, etc.
- **Newletters** – Sue Kalseim is working on getting a date when all people involved with the newsletter can get together to organize for the next year.
- **Lutheran Island Camp Culvert** – Ken Erlandson and Jean Loge are working on getting final information on the culvert.
- **EBL Fish Population** – Sue printed a 7/29/2013 Standard Lake Survey Report and EBL Historical Net Catch graphs to be placed on the EBLWA web site under a new

“Fish Population” tab. Do we want to stock perch in our lake?

- **Leadership Team List** – This list is being updated. Just for clarification for people asking:

--*Executive Board*: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

--*Board*: Executive Board and all Area Representatives

--*Leadership Team*: the Board plus Volunteers and Project Team Leaders

Wayne and Sue are checking with people on the Leadership Team to confirm their positions or request they take a position.

- **Area Rep Job Description** – Sue continues to look this up.
- **This Year’s Accomplishments** – Memberships have increased, we had a good annual meeting, and more people are more informed about EBLWA.
- **Ideas for Next Year** – We talked about going back to the Management Plan, building on what we did this year, giving more shoreline educational resources, i.e. land buffer zone plants, layouts, etc.
- **Channel Report** – Bob Fritz gave a written report, which is included with our minutes.
- **Next Meeting** – Will be determined in the spring.

Respectively Submitted,
Jean Loge

9/23/15

East Battle Lake Outlet Channel Report

In the spring of 2014 we removed one of two congestions in the outlet channel. They consisted of cattail bog that floated in and blocked the channel. The DNR permit required permission from the person who owns the shore adjacent to where we deposit the bog. We received limited permission so the second congestion remains in place today. To the best of my knowledge, we will have to remove the bog from the water and carry it away if we are to remove it at all.

About August 20th 2015, the beaver built a dam with a top elevation of 1333.3ft (that is 0.5ft below Ordinary High Water and the elevation of the lake today). If not for the dam and the bog, the lake would be close to 1332.8ft today. Some folks like the higher elevations so they can float there boat, some like the lower elevations so they have a wide beach. Nevertheless, when the channel is congested, the levels stay higher longer after the spring runoff and erode the shore, polluting the lake. This is something we should all be concerned about.

What to do about the congestions? I have no suggestions now. The water is too cold for me to work in and the channel is clogged with wild rice making it impossible to motor to the site. Even a canoe is hard to push through. Hopefully, the spring runoff will wash both of them away.

Bob Fritz
Outlet Channel Patrol