

EAST BATTLE LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting, July 9, 2018
At Home of Don Wiek

Call to Order by President Kennedy

Members Present: Dick Kennedy, Barbara Young, Don Wiek (2), Tom Breth (4), Glenn Scott (7), Wayne Hilchen (2), Jenny Hilton, Webster Peterson, Carol Overvold, Mary Robar

Minutes of the June 4th meeting were read. Correction of Carol's last name was noted as Overvold, not Oberland. Barb moved to accept the minutes with the correction, Tom second, approved.

Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting were read by Mary Robar. The Board does not have the designated power to approve the minutes. Next annual meeting we will ask the Association to grant the Board ability to approve the minutes. Carol Overvold was elected for area representative at the annual meeting. Wayne added additional information regarding the loon nesting platforms. There is a total of 4 platforms that were built and placed by the Henning Boy Scouts and Lion's Club. Greenagles are storing 2 of the nests. Cabling rather than rope will be necessary to secure the nests when they are put out on the ice next year. The platforms will not be removed next winter. There was a sighting of an albino loon on the lake this year. Jenny did a fantastic job with the registration process this year and she was thanked for all her work on the project. Mary will combine all the reports for presentation at next year's annual meeting.

Financial Report was presented by Webster Peterson. There are 23 more memberships and fishing stocking donations to add to the report. As a side note, the event center complimented us on how well we cleaned after the meeting (Char swept floors twice). Webster will move the \$1000 Grant Fund into checking. A few people donated to the Special Project Fund. The EBLWA has \$22,000 that isn't earmarked. The Bank won't accept the \$250 Thrivent Visa card, so this will be given to Chris Schuelke as speaker donation. Our website doesn't readily accept fish donations when entered with annual membership. They must be entered separately for PayPal to accept. Webster prefers a check with the membership form, so he can get all the information required.

Annual Meeting Reflection: The meal was received well by attendees and the donuts were a big hit. Having food available before the meeting was a good idea. Webster appreciated the kitchen. B&D Groceries took back and refunded EBLWA for the unopened supplies not used. The Henning Community Center was a good location and facility. Next year we will have someone outside or better signage for those unsure of the location. Keith did a great job on the fish report. Mary sent a thank you note to Dan Broten for his help in getting the sound system in and running. Mary will work with Webster and Dick to get the thank you notes out. Jenny will email Mary a lake directory.

COLA Report: There has not been another COLA meeting since we met last. Next meeting is 7/19/18.

Search for Representatives and VP Nominee: Area 6, west of the public access up to Linden Park, needs a representative. Wayne will talk with Jon Dreyer. A few names for VP nominees came up including the dean of students from Fergus (Barb to check), Tom Williams, Principle in Henning (Glen to check), Peggy Borchenski, previous Board member (Tom to ask), and Stacy Lung, Administrator Christ Serve Ranch (Mary to ask).

Weed Response: It would be wise to sample the inlet into Bush Hill Bay. The county recently checked septic systems and we have access to their reports. We will ask Sue to contact the DNR to meet with residents from Area 2. Barb will ask for input from other COLA representatives at the next COLA meeting. A follow-up to the weed situation will be good for the newsletter. Residents need to be confident in Board actions.

Culvert Response: We will create a committee to meet with water management personnel. Dredging the culvert will be an annual task. Wayne explained the history of Lutheran Island Camp trying to upkeep it in the past. Dick will speak with Bob Fritz regarding the culvert and the possibility of consulting a hydrologist.

Concerns:

- Area Parties: The Association will donate \$1.50/person in the area for a party. The Directory has names and phone numbers of area members.
- Watermelon Days: Discuss at our next meeting. Webster will drop off a check for our booth.
- Future Projects: We have monies for future projects. Suggestions shared were a weed survey and a welcome letter for new members.
- Member List: Should we publish a list of paying members in the newsletter?

Next Meeting: The next EBLA Board meeting will be on Monday, August 6, 2018. Location could be Wayne Hilchen's home. Carol will be the backup home if Wayne has a conflict.

Wayne moved to adjourn at 8:15pm, Barb second, motion approved.

Mary Robar
Secretary