

EAST BATTLE LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting, September 10, 2018
At Home of Wayne Hilchen

Call to Order by President Kennedy

Members Present: Dick Kennedy, Barbara Young, Don Wiek (2), Wayne Hilchen (2), Jenny Hilton, Webster Peterson, Carol Overvold via phone partial meeting, Keith Klett (for Clyde), Mary Robar

Minutes of the August 6th meeting were reviewed. Wayne moved to accept the minutes, Jenny second, approved.

Financial Report/Fish Stocking: Webster distributed the Financial Report. The Grant account is closed. Checkbook balance is \$13,311.67. There are 4 CD's worth a total of \$18,001.71. \$8,000 are set aside for fish stocking. Future project \$205. This leaves \$23,148.38 available for use and this does not include fish stocking funds. All bills are paid. We have 137 memberships. These are good until next May. Keith will have Clyde check with DNR about stocking left over yearlings this year if they are available. Mary moved to approve the financial report, Wayne second, unanimous approval. Webster suggested spending up to \$3000 for stocking. The fish stocking plan was approved unanimously

COLA Report: The general COLA meeting was in August. There was attendance by 20 of the 41 lake associations. The COLA Board meets all year long in Fergus Falls and all are welcome to attend. Their website is updated every few weeks. They will highlight a lake association each month. Dead Lake was featured this past month. Highlights from the report were provided by Barb. In September the meeting will be a tour of shoreline projects in the county. Mary Robar will attend the tour on September 15th on behalf of EBLWA.

Watermelon Days: Webster donated their pop-up awning so we didn't have to buy one. The schedule worked well and there was good response. T-shirts would be a good idea to consider in the future. At our last meeting it was mentioned we should do something for the Henning celebration in July and we will consider that next year. Mary hasn't been able to get a thank you to Gary Spies and receive his contact information. A card will be delivered.

Weed Response: Mary talked with representatives from Minnesota Pollution Control, DNR Fisheries, COLA, and RMB Labs. We have been advised to test for phosphates, nitrates, and ortho phosphorus; E Coli (optional) in the Vining Creek that flows into the "Bush Hill Bay" area. Mary proposed we test this fall and again next spring. In addition to this testing, the proposal also recommends the following based on the Weed Survey of 2012 and the Lake Management: (1) Jerry Wendlandt to present to Area 2 residents in October if he schedule allows, (2) Conduct annual aquatic invasive plant surveys and communicate results to lake owners at the annual meetings or newsletter, (3) Plan a lake-wide point-intercept vegetation survey in 2019 (as recommended in 2012) and communicate to members, (4) Review our Lake Management Plan in 2019. Mary agreed to conduct the water testing and facilitate the other items. The board unanimously agreed to approve the proposal.

Newsletter: The board suggested the following items for the October Newsletter: weeds, watermelon days, a membership application, COLA planting for shoreline, and any other interesting articles from other associations. Jenny will work with her team to publish the newsletter. It would be nice to have it out the first of October.

Representatives and VP: Barb suggested we possibly change meetings to Sunday afternoons to get more people on the EBWLA. We will consider this for next year.

Other Concerns:

- Webster approved spending some money on refreshments for the Area 2 weed meeting.
- Barb wants us to think about expanding memberships to businesses, farmers, people who are property owners since we are a watershed association, not a lake association. The associate was originally formed to address run-off from feed lots. We will discuss membership next year.

Barb moved to adjourn at 8:00pm.

Next Meeting: April, 2019

Mary Robar
Secretary