

EAST BATTLE LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting, May 6, 2019
At Home of Dick Kennedy

Members Present: Dick Kennedy, Mary Robar, Wayne Hilchen (2), Barb Young (1, COLA), Don Wiek (2), Eleanor (3) and Leonard Smith (at large), Bob Fritz, Carol Overvold (via phone)

Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order by President Dick Kennedy at 7:06 p.m. Members checked in relating their winter activities.

Minutes: The minutes from the 9/10/18 meeting were reviewed. Don moved to accept the minutes as written, Barb second, accepted unanimously.

Financial Report: Statements were distributed and reviewed under direction of Dick due to Webster's absence. Contributions deposited for December 2018, Feb and March 2019 were posted. We used a good share of the fish stocking monies with \$5,185 left. Little change in the CD's. Mary moved to approve the report as presented, Wayne 2nd, accepted unanimously.

Annual Meeting: Dick secured the Henning Community Center for June 22. All other dates in June were unavailable. The rent is \$100 with another \$100 designated for the damage deposit. We will open the doors at 9:30 a.m. and begin the meeting at 10. We'll need to **change date on our pink signs. Wayne will ask Dan to help with the microphones. Dick will request an action team grant (\$250) from Thrivent.** There is a resident on the lake having an auction that day at the same time. This will be a conflict. It was decided to try pancakes, sausage and fruit this year. **We will revisit this decision at the next meeting.** Suggestions for speakers: **Phillip from RMB (Mary to contact), Sylvia Soeth from COLA (Barb will contact if Phillip not available),** Jim Walters from DNR fisheries as third choice. We usually pay speakers around \$250 for a 20-minute presentation. **Dick will ask Sue if she would contact Sandridge Nursery for 6-8 plants for door prizes. We will ask Jenny manage advertising including notices in the Henning Advocate and the Battle Lake Review. Jenny offered to send out save the date notices.** It was suggested that we put the Community Center address or directions on the Save the Date notices. Jenny did a great job organizing the registration tables last year and we would like to use that same method this year. Eleanor and Leonard questioned the area boarders, specifically 3 and 4.

Weeds: Weed surveys are important to do every 3-5 years so we have a comparison to previous surveys and stay on top of invasive species according to Phillip Oswald at RMB. Our last lake-wide survey was in 2012. Mary presented an East Battle Lake Aquatic Vegetation Point-Intercept Survey Proposal from RMB Environmental Laboratory. Wayne moved to have RMB Labs conduct point sampling at 100m lake-wide (cost of \$3,842.00) and authorize Mary to conduct water quality testing on the 3 incoming water points (Mason, Brandenburg, and Vining Creek) in May, July and September, Don/Leonard second, motion passed unanimously. Dick and another person will test for Zebra Mussels in July. We have the net for testing and the only expense will be the testing lab fees.

Call for New Officers: Dick is resigning his office of President by June 30, 2019. We need to fill his position, as well as the Vice President position. It would be ideal to have candidates at the next meeting. **Leonard will contact Greg Seaberg. Wayne suggested John Dreyer and will contact him.** Another suggestion Tom Greenagel. Stacy from the Island Camp is interested in attending meetings, however, she had a conflict tonight. Wayne, on her behalf, requested a schedule of 2019 meeting dates and

times, but we were unable to provide those tonight. Wayne also asked for a simple address/name list for Area 2. **Mary will try to put one together for him and if unable, will contact Jenny for one.**

Concerns:

High Water - Bob Fritz reported that the lake water level is high by ½ foot. The last 3 years we were close to or over high water. His concern is shoreline erosion and pollution. Floating bogs are also caused by high water and we've had some this year already. Bob contacted and wrote letters to the DNR, but they have stopped responding. The DNR says the beaver dam is the responsibility of the landowners, which include John Olinger, Greg and Roxanne Mikelson, and the DNR. He explained that there needs to be a coherent plan of what needs to be done with the beaver dam between East and West Battle Lakes. We need to keep it open to 15 feet. The Beaver dam is 140 ft long and there is approximately 1000 feet between East and West Battle. Bob and a crew cleaned it out in 2011 with a permit. Bob created an informational letter regarding this topic for the next EBLWA Newsletter. Bob suggested a letter writing campaign with copies to him to attract government involvement.

Undeliverable Newsletters – Barb was in the post office this winter and the postal worker asked if she would take the undeliverable newsletters since we gave up our PO Box. To the knowledge of those attending, we didn't give up the box and Webster is receiving membership information in the box.

Mary will stop by the Post Office to check on this.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be at the home of Leonard and Eleanor Smith, 23089 Chippewa Road at 7 p.m. on June 2nd.

We discussed Sunday afternoon meetings and possible using the Vining Community Center (cost \$100). There were mixed feelings about this change with at least 2 members saying it wouldn't work for them. Dick suggested having Jenny survey the board and see if we can get the community center.

Mary moved to adjourn, Wayne second, unanimous.

Mary Robar
Secretary