

EAST BATTLE LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting, June 3, 2019
At Home of Eleanor and Leonard Smith

Members Present: Dick Kennedy, Webster Peterson, Don Wiek (1), Barbara Young (1, COLA), Eleanor (3) and Leonard (at-large) Smith, Carol Overvold (3), Wayne Hilchen (1), Glen Scott (7), Mary Robar

Call to Order: President Dick Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from May 6, 2019 were summarized by Mary Robar. Don moved to accept the minutes as written, Glen second, accepted unanimously.

Financial Report: Webster reported income for membership and fish stocking. Checks were written to reserve the Henning Community Center for the annual meeting, pay RMB for secchi testing, and COLA membership. There is \$5185 in the fish fund. The total balance is \$22,847. Everything balances to the checkbook. Glen moved to accept the financial report, Wayne second, accepted unanimously.

Annual Meeting Planning: 9:30 (will open doors at 9:00) June 22, 2019 - Henning Community Center Set Up: The Community Center keys are available Friday evening for set up. Glen, Webster, Barb, and Dick will set up beginning at 6 p.m. Barb will bring cleaning products just in case we need to clean.

Registration: Jenny won't be at the meeting. Dick will ask Char to supervise registration. Leonard and Eleanor will help with registration. We will open the doors at 9:00 to begin registration.

Meal Plans: Wayne will ask Wayne Peterson and Gaylord Anderson to handle the pancakes. They have a lot of experience with pancake fundraisers. Wayne will oversee the pancake operations and Webster will help in the kitchen. We will ask 2-3 people to help serve. Webster will also be in-charge of coffee. Beverages will be coffee and water only. Dick will procure service ware and cups. Barb will coordinate fruit. Since Mary cannot be at the meeting to help, she will contribute fruit.

Speaker System: Dan is willing to set up the speaker Friday night so we can test it. Mary will ask Patrick to bring a projector from COLA.

Door prizes: Sue will contact Sandridge Gardens to purchase 8 planters. Wayne will give a roll of raffle tickets for the door prizes.

Thrivent Grant: Dick applied for the grant. We will have gray T-shirts, name tags, thank you cards, and banners provided by Thrivent. Thrivent thank you notes.

Signs: Dick has all signs but three. Barbara has the three other signs. Dick got all but 3 to Jenny yesterday. Mary will help put out signs.

COLA: Barb will make a summary of COLA activities for the meeting, as well as, an AIS summary. The June COLA meeting will be this Saturday morning at Thumper Pond and will cover septic and water systems. The July meeting will be in the Otter Tail City Community Center and the topic will be water quality. August is the legislative review. The annual COLA meeting will be on September 17 with the MN COLA.

Weed Survey: Mary will contact Phillip at RMD to find out the date for our weed survey. Dick was wondering who is doing our water quality testing and he will contact Sue to see who she trained. Dick will ask Sue to help him test for veligers. Sue has a rope with foot measurements.

Bog Removal: The recent large bog damaged docks. Dick suggested moving it to its origin and stake it down like they did with one several years ago. However, someone found that residents on Lake Minnetonka got approval to remove one years back. Residents on the lake contacted the game warden regarding our bog and they were given a permit to remove it. The bog was pushed by 5 boats to the public access the next morning. A backhoe was used to load the bog into dump trucks. The whole removal process took from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The EBLWA will be billed \$350/hour for the equipment used. Dick suggested asking for donations at the annual meeting. There are still a few floating bogs in the lake. Chad Shaw was the contractor.

Nominations: John Dreyer will not be available for office for 3 years. Greg Seaburg will consider VP. Mary would be willing to accept the president position if someone else would be secretary. She is not willing to perform both duties. Webster will contact Brenda or Carl Loge for the secretary position. Another suggestion for secretary is Sue. Report answers back to Dick. Webster will remain treasurer. Gary Hendrickson might be interested in representing Area 1. Barb will contact him as soon as he returns to the country. Char Nelson would like a replacement for her position, but Dick will ask her to stay on. We discussed Area representatives offer suggestions for replacements since they are more familiar with their neighbors.

Block Parties: Wayne and Don will do block party for area 2. Each area is allowed \$3.50/person for food. Don and Wayne will arrange a party on July 20th about 4pm at the Vining Park. They would like to have a speaker talk about fishing. Glen is thinking about a block party. Dick and Webster will do one for their area. Their last one was a huge success.

High Water: We are currently about 6 inches above the high-water mark. Water quality seems to be impacted. Other lakes including Stuart and West Battle are high, as well as, several lakes in the area.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 7th at 7 p.m. Carol will host. Her address is 23011 Chippewa Road.

Move to Adjourn. Webster moved to adjourn.

Mary Robar
Secretary
June 3, 2019