

EBLWA Meeting Notes

July 10, 2019

- Motion to give Dick a 100.00 gift card as thanks for his 8 years of service. Motion passed.
- Minutes from previous meeting were read. Motion passed to approve minutes.
- Motion was given to give Henning Lions 100.00 for pancake breakfast at the annual meeting. Motion passed.

Discussion Points

- Improvements regarding the annual meeting were discussed. There was a desire expressed to dedicate more of the annual meeting with a focus/emphasis on East Battle Lake. This would perhaps include reports regarding the water quality, water levels, loon counts, fish stocking, invasive species etc. Compliments were given to the Lions for their great food and excellent service.
- Fish Stocking was discussed. Approximately \$5,100.00 is currently available in the account for this. Exploring multiple sources to purchase stock might be beneficial regarding price. It was suggested to find earlier articles regarding why we stock fish. It would be good to review why we do what we do. The DNR issues permits for us to stock, and has various restrictions. While we stocked perch, further perch stocking is on hold. The DNR stocks our lake, so when issued a permit, we can only stock fish that were hatched in years opposite of the DNR stocking. This means that we must alternate between fingerlings and yearlings. We can purchase a higher number of fingerlings per dollar spent than yearlings, but those fingerlings are still small enough to suffer some predation from the high northern pike population.
- Water Pollution was discussed. Nancy Heck took images with a drone of brown water coming out of the Vining Creek into the lake. Nancy contacted the MN COLA and the MN Pollution control agency. MN COLA has not responded. The MN Pollution Control Agency was contacted. A complaint form was filed with them at their request. There has been good communication with them to determine what has been causing this brown water. Possible contaminants that have been and are still being investigated are new construction, cattle, other water sources, and the high water stirring up the bottom of the creek. Increased weed growth has been noted in this portion of the lake. Nothing has been confirmed as the source of the brown water so far. The investigation is still continuing. The importance of water testing was mentioned. Clean and safe water is critical.
- High water concerns were discussed. Bob Fritz passed an article he wrote about the high-water levels on our lake. He reviewed the DNR's process regarding beaver removal. He also shared what has been done historically. It was suggested that we find a beaver trapper. We will discuss this further next time after everyone has an opportunity to read the article.
- Greg Seaburg offered to do the ice clean up after the fish houses are gone. Carl and Brenda Loge said they would also help.
- It was suggested that the by-laws be read at the next meeting. There are many new people at the meetings and it would be good to review them.
- Watermelon Day will be discussed at the next meeting as we ran out of time.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will be August 12 at 7:00 at Mary Robar's home. Her address is 45343 Bush Hill Rd, Vining.