

## EBLWA Meeting Notes

August 12, 2019

Fish Stocking – Clyde Millerbernd spoke and notated the following:

- DNR only stocks walleye fry in East Battle Lake. Due to predation, these tiny fry have a low survival rate.
- The next lake report from the DNR will be in 2021.
- No perch stocking will be allowed by the DNR until they have that assessment.
- We can use our fish stocking funds for either fingerlings or yearlings.
- Recommendation to stock the largest fish available from the supplier.
- Approximately \$7,000.00 is available currently.
- A motion was made to use all of the current funds to purchase the largest fish available. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Webster Peterson

- Report was passed out and reviewed.
- \$7,260.00 was used this year for bog removal.
- Discussion regarding future bogs and whether to use funds for that. No resolution was completed.
- Current report shows \$7,620.00 in the fish stocking fund. \$16,625.00 is in the general fund.
- Discussion was had in how to encourage membership in the lake shore association. Welcome packets and block parties were encouraged.
- Financial report is on the website.
- Motion was made and passed to accept the financial report.

Minutes from last meeting – Carl Loge

- Minutes were summarized and motion made and passed to accept them.

Pollution Recap – Mary Robar

- Mary spoke to the soil conservation officer. The Minnesota DNR has a program called WRAP (Watershed Restoration and Protection). They have divided the state in to 80 major watersheds. Our watershed is numbered 26 on the map. We are identified as the Otter Tail River Watershed.
- WRAP communicates with larger landowners (farmers) to help with soil conservation.
- There was a general consensus for the board to get more involved with WRAP.
- No zebra mussel survey was done in 2019. Veligers are the first stage of life cycle for zebra mussels. Testing must happen prior to July. No reports of zebra mussels have been received for East Battle Lake.
- Weed survey was completed. Report not available at the time of the meeting.

Beaver Dam – Greg Seaburg

- Dan Miller, a trapper, went back and looked at the dam that is in the creek draining from East Battle to West Battle.

- Dan said there are currently no active beavers at the dam. This is relevant as removing a portion of the dam would not immediately get rebuilt by active beavers.
- Our local conservation officer, Trisha Plautz, said that we need to get the adjacent landowner's involvement in order to destroy the dam. However, a discussion ensued where just a middle portion could be removed that is in public waterways.
- Julie Adeland (spelling?) at the Fergus Falls office can help us further. Greg will talk to her.

Watermelon Day discussed. Volunteer sheets were passed around.

Next Meeting September 9.