

July 14th, 2020

East Battle Lake Watershed Association Meeting

Members Present: Carl & Brenda Loge, Wayne Hilchen, Carol Overvold, Bob Fritz, Don Wick, Barb Young, Greg Seaburg, Mary Robar, Jennifer Hilton, & Glenn Scott.

Previous meeting's notes read & accepted.

Financial Report- Emailed to all members prior to the meeting by Webster, who was unable to attend. Noted that memberships were down this year.

Fish Stocking Report done by Mary Robar- Mary called 8 different fish stocking suppliers. Only 2 had the required year-class (yearlings), Bosek and Klug. It was determined that Bosek had the best pricing at \$3.00 per fish. EBLWA will need a new permit for stocking from the DNR, and Bosek will facilitate that. Mary will also oversee that process in order to assure completion. Motion for \$12,000 to be spent to stock yearling walleyes (4,000 fish). Motion passed. This represented most of the fund, which was \$12,222. It was noted that in order to stock yearlings, this could only happen every other year due to restrictions from the DNR.

General discussion items:

- 1) Nidaros township road repairs along 220th St. The township can't bear the full burden of repairs, so residents may need to contribute.
- 2) Michele Emerson called Mary to report a concern of poor water quality, muskrats, and weeds. Photos were sent to Jerry Wendtland, a DNR weed specialist, who reported it is "lake blight", which is common with high temperatures and rain. It will improve later in the year.
- 3) A quick discussion was held on panfish limits being reduced. The DNR, in cooperation with other lakeshore associations, is reducing the limits on sunfish and crappies on some lakes.
- 4) Discussion was held on a few motorists driving too fast on residential roads along the lake, especially in the summer when children, walkers, bikers and a much higher concentration of lake people exist. This was the result of a concern brought to Mary by a member. Ideas were to put a note in our next newsletter, and for the township to place signs.

2020 Lakeshore Association Meeting: Still tentatively planned for August 29th. A change of venue will be needed as the state guidelines prevent any large indoor meeting. One idea is to hold it outside at Lutheran Island Camp. People would bring their own chairs and food. Wayne Hilchen will check out availability and a sound system. No speaker yet confirmed. There will be another meeting in August, so a final decision will be made at that time. Mary is going to look at cost/fee for participating in a booth at the Henning Days Turkey barbeque.

Beaver Dam: Mary read the response from the DNR regarding our letter to them. The letter claims that the DNR does not hold any responsibility for removing beaver dams. In the case of the dam affecting our lake, the letter stated that no permits were needed for the removal of the dam. Mary will try and reach out to our District 4 County commissioner to see what they suggest. Mary was also going to get clarification to ensure there is no permit required for dam removal, as there was concern about the ambiguity of the language in the letter. Also, there was suggestion to get Mary Franson, our state legislator, to attend our next meeting.

Next meeting is August 10th @ 7 PM.

Meeting was adjourned.