

EBLWA Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2020

Attendance: Carl & Brenda Loge, Barb Young, Mary Robar, Carol Overvold, Jenny Hilton, Patty & Tim Montague, Glenn Scott, Wayne Hilchen, Don Wiek, Char Nelson, Eleanor Smith, Greg Sieberg, Bob Fritz, & Webster Peterson.

Minutes from previous meeting read & approved.

Financial report given by Webster Peterson. Membership is down this year.

Fish Stocking report- Permit received and approved from the DNR for \$12,000 worth of yearlings, which should be around 4,000 walleyes that would be large enough to avoid significant predation. Stocking to begin any time after September 1st.

Beaver Dam- Mary spoke to Chris LeClair, land & resource director. Still a dead end. Reached out to Betty Murphy, area representative for Ottertail County, for another referral. We are still at the status quo: No permit needed to remove beaver dam, but neither the DNR, nor any other governmental department will aid in any way for that removal. We would need to make it a private venture, either through volunteers, or pay a group. Beaver trapping should go along with any removal effort as they are quick to rebuild the dam.

Henning Turkey bar-be-que event: Fliers were passed out on August 15th for the EBLWA.

Annual meeting for August 29th: Meeting will be held at Lutheran Island Camp at 4:00 PM. Registration begins at 3:15 to 3:45. Food will be provided by the Lions club in a Covid-19 safe process, with food wrapped immediately. Also chips and soda in cans. \$250 will cover the cost. 90-100 people expected. Food will be served at 5:00 PM. Time was spent on filling the volunteer spots. There is no covered shelter, and participants are asked to bring their own chair. The event will be cancelled if weather becomes an issue. Keynote speaker is Jim Wolters, Area Fisheries Supervisor for Ottertail County. Mark Ranweiler, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist for the DNR for our region, is not available to speak, but will respond in writing to questions sent prior to the meeting. Mary will purchase door prizes from local businesses.

Discussion was held as to topics and content for the Fall newsletter.

Meeting approved and adjourned at 8:00 PM.