

EBLWA board meeting minutes

September 8th, 2020

Members present: Brenda & Carl Loge, Carol Overvold, Greg Seaburg, Barb Young, Mary Robar, Donald Wiek, Glenn Scott & Bob Fritz.

Carl read last month's minutes.

There was no treasury report as Webster was out of town.

Fish stocking: Mary confirmed that she had a copy of the stocking permit. She tried to call our supplier, but his mailbox was full. Carl asked if any members would be present to witness the stocking. Confirmation that there would be.

Water Testing: Emphasized importance of getting the water tested every month. The Vining Creek is getting tested at 3 different location sites. The last testing was 9/19/2020. The inlets are stable.

Zebra mussels: A couple more adults were spotted. More to be expected as docks are removed.

Dam discussion: Julie Aadland affirmed that the dam is in public waters, and no permit is needed for removal. Discussion was held that if the dam is in public waters, then again why is the DNR not addressing it. Final consensus was that we had enough to protect ourselves to have a portion of the dam removed each year without putting ourselves at risk of any legal entanglements. The communication that we did not need a permit came via both verbally, and in a written email. It was discussed that we may need to find a group to remove part of the dam, or pay to have it done, coupled with beaver removal.

Annual meeting discussion: Approximately 50 attended. Feedback from attenders was discussed. In short- good speaker, food was appreciated, and perhaps in the future, a morning meeting would be better attended.

Discussion was had over area representatives to get a map that is more accurate and up to date. Discussed an increase in the membership fee to help with mailing costs. Discussed ways of getting new members:

- 1) Direct calling
- 2) Direct mailing
- 3) Welcome packets for new residents.
- 4) Update the directory.
- 5) Maybe a committee to look at this. Carl offered to help Jenny.

It was noted and recommended that the weed survey should be done again.

Informally discussed northern pike over population. With a 10 fish limit- could be hold a fun derby?

Bob suggested a review of the bylaws, with them being read at the first meeting next year. Perhaps ultimately rewriting it to reflect the more current era.

Newsletter discussion was held. \$250 per mailing. 2 letters seemed to be the consensus as the best number to go out to all lakeshore owners.

2021 meeting time frame was discussed- mid-May seemed to be the best time frame for the first one. Maybe 1 or 2 meetings to be held on a weekend for seasonal property owner participation. Zoom was deemed difficult in 2020 as it is difficult, time was limited, and not everyone is set up for this. It is hard for everyone to hear.