

Eagle Lake Lakeshore Board Meeting

August 23, 2025

President Tam Fjoslien called the meeting to order at 8:59 am at the Eagle Lake Park Shelter.

Attendees: Gale Harrington, Mary Ann Wiedeman, Craig Andrews, Rick Peterson, Ruth Gallagher, John Kiefat, Tony Wright, Carol Rinehart Hepper, Gary Johnson, Kelly Hepper, Tam Fjoslien, and DuWayne Witt

Introductions were made to open the meeting.

One addition to the agenda was a letter from Bob Finley regarding a neighbor's yard light that is shining brightly into his cabin and asking the Board to intervene in the issue. Board members agreed that this dispute is not something we want to get involved in.

Another addition was a suggestion by Craig Andrews to have the LID and ELLA annual meetings on the same date. This will be brought up for discussion at the annual meetings of both groups next year.

The secretary's report was read by DuWayne Witt and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Ruth Gallagher and John Kiefat. A donation of \$500 will be made to the Ashby Fire and Rescue Department and \$500 to Faith Haven. The report was approved. Ruth and John wish to resign from the treasurer's position, but will finish up through the end of the calendar year, December 31. Cory Wrenn has agreed to take over the treasurer's position effective January 1, 2026. A motion was made and approved to appoint Cory as treasurer.

Carol Hepper resigned as the social coordinator. Karen Andrews will replace her.

Membership numbers were given by Craig Andrews: 105 members have paid their dues. Last year at this point there were 141 paid members.

There were no Directors reports.

Gary Johnson gave a water report. Water clarity was 27 feet in July and 21 feet in August. Water level is up .4 ft since the ice out.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. The boat parade had 60 participants.
- b. Of the 120 beach towels that were ordered, 93 were awarded to parade participants or sold.

- c. Kelly gave a LID update from the July 12 meeting. Craig Andrews and Dean Kloos were elected to the Board. The culvert replacement is planned for this Fall. A new budget was approved which includes a \$50 assessment on 2026 property taxes. The new assessment is to provide a fund contingency. The \$2000 that ELLA loaned for the LID startup still needs to be repaid. A lake weed survey will be conducted next year to establish a base line. LID will be doing a weed and invasive species survey yearly. LID will join COLA. Liability coverage will be obtained. The plan is to promote a no wake zone next year of 200 feet from shore. Wake boats will also be looked at. Next year there will be three positions open for election, two for full time residents and one for seasonal.
- d. Feedback from the Eagle Lake annual meeting was to have two microphones at the meeting, one for the presenter and one for use by attendees asking questions. The Ashby Fire and Rescue attendees didn't make a presentation but they did answer questions.
- e. A donation for new parking signs by the park was made and additional signs may be put up next year.
- f. The concert on the lake was held and included live music and food trucks.
- g. The question came as to what do we want to do with the lake history that Karen Johnson is collecting. Put it on the website, publish it?

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Rick Peterson is the new president and Ryan Rettig the new vice president.
- b. 2026 meeting schedule: June 13 for the first Director's meeting, June 27 for the annual meeting, and August 22 for the second Director's meeting.
- c. Ideas for a speaker for next years annual meeting: one idea was to have someone from Battle Lake speak, for example a Chamber of Commerce person. Rick to check on this.
- d. Wake boats will be a big issue as these boats keep getting bigger.
- e. Update the map and directory in 2026. Tam and Craig to spearhead.
- f. ELLA membership fees will remain at \$30. Discussion will continue concerning a picnic or some other activity.
- g. Looking for ideas for using donations made to ELLA.
- h. The township will not provide any more porta potties due to the misuse.
- i. The road resurfacing is on schedule for this Fall and will go all the way around the lake.
- j. The boat parade for 2026 will be July 4 with July 5 the backup date. The parade time will be 1:30 pm. Awards will be determined.
- k. The pursuit of a bypass lane on Hwy 78 for North Eagle Lake road does not qualify because of the low level of traffic.
- l. The ditch cleanup for next year will be April 11.

- m. Tam drafted a mission statement for ELLA: “To share ideas to preserve the beauty of Eagle Lake and provide a social connection for all lakeshore residents”.

Director Terms for 2026:

ELLA Board of Directors Terms

<u>SIDE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM #</u>	<u>CURRENT TERM</u>
West	Gary Johnson	2	2026-2027
South	Gail Harrington	2	2026-2027
East	Tony Wright	2	2026-2027
North	Vicky Severson	1	2026-2027
North	Jackie Franklin	1	2025-2026
South	Mary Ann Wiedeman	3	2025-2026
West	Karen Johnson	2	2025-2026
East	Bob Finley	3	2025-2026

There being no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

DuWayne Witt, Secretary