

EAGLE LAKE LAKESHORE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Tam Fjoslien at 9:06 am. The meeting was started with the presentations by our guest speakers.

Otter Tail County Sheriff Barry Fitzgibbons

He talked about the Eagle Lake Park beach being a public beach that is maintained by the Eagle Lake Township. The township has drafted an ordinance concerning prohibited behavior. If there are issues at the beach, call the sheriff's office to register a complaint and they will follow up. He stated that the Sheriff's office has unmarked cars for patrolling roads.

The sheriff answered several questions. Speed limits around the lake are regulated by the township. The trend has been higher speeds on all types of roads. Regarding parking on the shoulder of the road which is marked as not allowed, the major concern is this could impede traffic flow, especially for emergency vehicles. The washouts on the access road to the beach is a responsibility of the township to maintain. He said that Otter Tail County has 1042 lakes which is more lakes than any other county in the United States.

Water Patrol Officers Jeff Moon and Derek Meyer

Jeff's focus was on the need to wear a life jacket when out on the water. He cited that there have been five drowning deaths in Minnesota so far this year. Any water craft which is 16 feet or longer must have a throwable floatation device with a rope attached to it. Children under the age of 10 must be wearing a life jacket when they are in a boat.

Derek spoke about personal water craft. Those 18 and over need a permit to operate and the permit must be with you when operating the craft. Children under 13 cannot operate a personal water craft. Children over 13 can operate such a craft if they are view of an adult. Life jackets are required. These craft may be operated from 9:30 am until one hour before sunset.

Other Items Covered

Alcohol is allowed on a water craft and an operator is allowed to drink. However, if an operator is cited for excessive drinking, this goes on their record and affects the driving record. The Sheriff's office is very aggressive on DWI. Going on someone's dock is trespassing. Some lights on water craft can be excessive and can affect those on shore. If there is noise on the water that is not tolerable, call the sheriff's office. Regarding a personal swim area in front of your property, you can apply for a permit. A temporary no wake zone can be imposed if damage is being caused to the shoreline. Swim raft location is determined on a case by case basis.

Meeting

The Eagle Lake Church men's group was thanked for the breakfast provided before the meeting. The Board members and directors were introduced. Several new members were introduced.

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

The treasurer's report was read by Ruth Gallagher and approved. John Kiefat is the co-treasurer. An audit of the treasurer's books was recently completed.

Gary Johnson stated that the water clarity was recently measured at 26 feet.

Craig Andrews gave a report on membership. There are currently 129 paid members compared to 142 at this time last year. There are six new property owners. A new printed directory should be available on July 4.

The president's report was given by Tam. COLA is presenting four topics during the summer months. The audit of the treasurer's book went well. The annual ditch cleanup was completed in 1 ½ hours.

Bill Shumaker reported on LID. The annual meeting is July 13 at 9 am. There will be an election of two new board members. He noted that there was an error on this year's real estate tax statement. The \$50 LID assessment was designated for snow removal. This was an error and has been corrected so the assessment goes into the LID account.

OLD BUSINESS

There already was discussion on the public access.

There are 260 Facebook members.

Karen Johnson talked about the lake history information she is gathering. She urged members to supply her with any pictures of the lake from the past and any other information they can offer.

NEW BUSINESS

Since an election of president and vice president was not held last year, Tam Fjoslien and Rick Peterson were approved as president and vice president for one more year.

The boat parade is scheduled for July 4 with July 5 as the weather backup. Watch the website for updates. The parade will start at Rick Petersen's cabin at 1:30 pm. Towels will be given to participants along with the new directory.

Kelly Hepper reminded members to keep their contact information up to date.

Tony Wright reported that four or five bad spots in the road will be repaired this year. Next year the road will be seal coated. This was confirmed by two township supervisors who attended the meeting.

RAFFLE DRAWING

Spice packets were given to Mary Bergum, Harlan Meier, and Kelly Hepper. Place mats went to Jan Bressonon and Gene Curtis. Towels went to Mary Jo Schroeder and Grant Johnson. Gift certificates to the Eagle Lake Store went to Dorothy Johnson and Marcia Jilek. Jerry Brown won the large Eagle Lake blanket from Eagle Lake marketplace donated by Jerolyn Johnson.

DIRECTORS

Jackie Franklin is the new director for the north side.

Here are the directors, their term number, and the years for their terms.:

ELLA Board of Directors Terms

<u>SIDE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM #</u>	<u>CURRENT TERM</u>
West	Gary Johnson	1	2024-2025
South	Gail Harrington	1	2024-2025
East	Tony Wright	1	2024-2025
North	Kathy Wyman	3	2024-2025
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

Attendance at today's meeting was 71.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 am.

Respectfully submitted,

DuWayne Witt, Secretary