

EAGLE LAKE LAKESHORE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 15, 2019

Eagle Lake Lutheran Church

A free breakfast was provided to attendees by ELLA and served by the Eagle Lake Lutheran Church men's group. The men's group was thanked for serving the breakfast.

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Hepper at 9:03 am.

Board members and lakeshore Directors were introduced.

Three new association members introduced themselves.

There was no township representative at the meeting this year.

The secretary's minutes were read by DuWayne Witt and approved.

The treasurer's report was presented by Connie Prunty and approved.

Paid membership at this time is 107.

Gary Johnson gave a report on water testing. A sample is taken each month from May through September. The sample is taken in the upper two meters of the lake at approximately the same spot in the lake. Gary showed several charts on water quality. The chlorophyll results show an improving trend. The water clarity is showing an improving trend. The phosphorous levels are also improving. Sources of phosphorous include fertilizer, septic systems, fire pit ash, and leaves. There was no water testing in May due to inclement weather.

Pictures were shown of the lake outlet leading to Middle Lake. There is a 18" culvert draining from Eagle which is all but 1" full. The DNR has put a culvert through a beaver dam below Middle Lake to keep the water flowing. The DNR appears to be taking care of it.

Pat Prunty made a presentation on COLA. ELLA is a member of the Otter Tail County COLA. There will be a meeting of the COLA members in July. The governor's fishing opener in 2020 will be held in Otter Tail county. Some of the functions of COLA include: organize water testing, meet with county commissioners, utilize \$30,000 from the county for outreach, put on a septic seminar, put out a newsletter, assisting lakes in forming associations, and providing a decontamination station on Otter Tail Lake along Highway 78.

President's Report

Kelly gave the boat parade information for this year. The parade will be July 4 at 1:30 pm with July 5 as the backup date. The ILID camera was installed May 11, 2018 and removed on October 22, 2018. There were no suspect AIS violations. Staffed watercraft inspections were conducted May 25 – September 10. There were 190 inspections and 113 entries. Two boats were denied entry until aquatic plants were removed. No zebra mussels were found. Twenty five inspectors will be hired again this year. Kelly

reminded everyone about the regulations on dock and riparian use. The ditch and park cleanup was conducted on April 27 and 11 people participated who were recognized. Walleye stocking has been conducted in the past as follows: 2016 there were 62 yearlings and 6306 fingerlings stocked; 2017 none; 2018 there were 8256 fingerlings stocked. Picnic information was provided with the picnic scheduled for August 10.

Lake Improvement District (LID) Presentation by Pat Prunty

There was a power point presentation with handouts given to attendees. There are six LID in Otter Tail county. The process of setting up a LID was reviewed along with the pros and cons of a LID. A committee was set up to develop a proposal for ELLA. The boundaries recommended are that Eagle Lake shore property only be included which involves about 200 properties. The powers recommended by the committee were broad powers to deal with unforeseen activities. The method of formation recommended was a resolution of intent. Pat went through how a LID operates and that members are in control. There was a review of tax cost at various property value levels. Here are some questions that were answered: a LID can borrow money, the county collects the taxes, it is a year by year decision on taxing and spending, an open question is whether a property owner can vote by proxy if not at the annual meeting, the LID and the lake association co-exist, and we have gotten donations for past projects. Finally, a document of interest was circulated for attendees to sign that is not binding.

Old Business

Lake maps are still available. Maps will be updated when directories are updated with the next update in 2020. The distribution of directories is limited to protect the privacy of property owners.

New Business

Election of officers was held with the following elected: Kelly Hepper for President; Tam Fjoslien for Vice President; DuWayne Witt for Secretary; Jane Ohland for Treasurer; Craig Andrews for Membership; and Carol Hepper for Social.

A raffle was held for two 2018 towels and Brett Ziebol and Jerry Coleman were winners. Two gift certificates to Eagle Lake Plaza were won by Jeanine Hennenman and Steve Fernholz.

Comments and Questions

The big explosions heard recently were quarter sticks of dynamite set off by renters of a property on the south side. Kelly talked to them and reminded everyone that if something unusual is suspected to either talk to the individuals or contact the authorities. The LID presentation will be put on the web site. There is an AED located at Faith Haven.

Director Elections

North Side: Kathy Wyman; East Side: Jeanine Hennenman.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
DuWayne Witt