

EAGLE LAKE LAKESHORE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 19, 2021

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.

There was a very good turnout with attendance of 76 association members.

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Hepper at 9:05 am.

Sheriff Barry Fitzgibbons was introduced. He addressed concerns about the park and said that it is regulated by the township, however, the sheriff's department should be contacted about any issues that arise about parties and drinking. The sheriff's department has seven water patrols to cover 1000 lakes in Otter Tail County. They will try to patrol the lake at different times. There is a no wake zone of 150 feet from the shoreline. There were a lot of questions about speeding. This is something the lake association is trying to address with the township.

Chris LeClair, the Director of Land and Resource Management was introduced. He gave a presentation on the current process of revising the Shore Land Management Ordinance. The goal is to make it closer to Minnesota state regulations, have consistent terminology, and match the sanitation code. The changes that are being made can be viewed on their web site. Some of the changes concern new permits and conditional use permits. There is a consolidated list of permits required. They want to minimize variances and eliminate permitting of small projects. The DNR has given preliminary approval to the changes.

Dennis Schmidt, one of the Eagle Lake Township supervisors, was introduced. He confirmed that a contractor has been hired to make the needed repairs to the road around the lake.

Board members and lakeshore Directors were introduced.

New association members introduced themselves.

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 138.

Gary Johnson gave a report on water testing. A sample is taken each month from May through September. The average water clarity was 18 feet in 2020. Water clarity in May was 18 feet and on June 18 it was 30 feet. Water testing showed that phosphorous levels were trending down, but at this time it is uncertain. Chlorophyll varies a lot, but in 2020 it was good and good so far in 2021. Lake water level rose over the winter with a 5 inch drop from its peak until now. The level is still historically high.

President's Report

Kelly gave a tribute to Pat Prunty for all that he did to support Eagle Lake, especially the LID project.

The boat parade will be held on July 4 at 1:30 pm starting in front of Kelly's property. July 5 will be the backup date. Flyers were distributed to all property owners which have all the details. One free towel will be provided to each participating vessel of paid up members that complete the entire route. Additional towels can be purchased for \$25.

The semi-annual picnic will be held on August 14 at 11:30 am at the park. Each paid membership will receive two tickets to the picnic and additional tickets can be purchased for \$5.

One ILID camera was installed at the boat landing from May 28 until October 15 of 2020. No violations were reported. There will be an in person inspector on hand again this year.

Another reminder on the Dock and Riparian Use Ordinance.

The ditch and park clean-up was conducted on April 17 by Gary Johnson, Tam Fjoslien, Dean and Karen Johnson, Mary Jane Westra, and Kelly Hepper.

Walleye stocking in 2018 was 8256 fingerlings, 2019 was 840 fingerlings, and 710 yearlings in 2020.

Zebra mussels were confirmed in 2019 with numerous reports in 2020. It is uncertain at this time what the impact on the lake will be.

Old Business

One free map will be provided for each paid up member. Additional maps may be purchase for \$2.

The new directory is being distributed to each member. Additional copies are provided to emergency services only.

Kelly gave a summary of activity on the LID project. The survey response of property owners was 120 with 80% in favor. A public hearing was held on June 7 with no opposition to the proposal. On June 22, the Board of Commissioners will consider approval of the project. If approved, there will be a 30 day waiting period before the approval is final. People interested in being on the Board of Directors for the LID should notify Kelly. The by-laws will need to be developed.

New Business

Election of officers was held with the following elected: Tam Fjoslien for President; Bob Wiedman for Vice President; DuWayne Witt for Secretary; Stephanie Eggen for Treasurer; Craig Andrews for Membership; and Carol Hepper for Social. There were no additional candidates and all were elected.

The constitution and by-laws have been reviewed with changes proposed for the location for the membership meeting, each property owner has a vote, clarify the director terms, and that the social chair should be elected. All were approved.

Raffle Results

Two towels were given away: Brad Bergem and Rick Peterson.

Two sets of four laminated maps were given away: Steve Fernholz and Pam Peterson.

Director Elections

North Side: Kathy Wyman; East Side: Mary Wright; South Side: Randy Elmer; West Side: Joy Teiken

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.

Respectfully submitted,

DuWayne Witt