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## West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes 9/2/2017

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### Call to order

A meeting of the West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Executive Board was held at the Lakes Area Community Center 9/2/2017 at 8:00 am. Attendees included Jerry Horgen, Tracy Rendz Eldridge, Steve Kirchner, Michael Rye Werpy, John Hofflander, Terry Stroh, Mary Stroh, Mike Kloubec, Michael Smith, and Craig Haukebo. Members not in attendance included Jay Anderson. President Jerry Horgen called the meeting to order.

### Approval of minutes

A motion was made and granted to approve the 6/24/2017 Annual Meeting minutes.

### Discussion/business items

- Jerry Horgen distributed the agenda.
- John Hofflander volunteered to fill the board secretary vacancy.
- Discussion held regarding the 2017 annual meeting. Fifty-eight persons were served breakfast. Attendance continues to decline. Motion made/approved to discontinue the Lion's pancake breakfast at the annual meeting.
- Gizzard Creek Rock (riffle) Project – Mike Kloubec reported he is expecting the Soil/Water department to approve the project in the next few weeks. WBLLA has committed \$2,400 or 10% of the total cost to fund the project. Permission must be granted from the owners on both sides of the creek. Construction is expected to begin the summer/fall of 2018.
- Fisheries Report – Mike Kloubec reported the DNR has/will be stocking WBL annually in 2017-2020 with 2,500,000 walleye fry. The DNR has asked us to not supplement their stocking during this time period to allow them to more accurately assess the results of their stockings.
- Mike Kloubec will contact the DNR to see if there is an opportunity for the WBLLA to sponsor one of their walleye rearing ponds.
- WBL Aquatic Vegetation Survey – Jerry handed out copies of the survey. Several questions arose regarding content within the survey. Jerry has scheduled an in person meeting with the survey's author Moriya Rufer. The meeting will be held 9/22/17 at 1:00 pm at the Battle Lake city offices.
- Glendalough Trail Center donation – Request for \$5,000/year for 5 years. Discussion regarding whether this would be an appropriate use of WBLLA funds. 5/29/2010 WBLLA board minutes were referenced. Decision made at that meeting that requests would only be considered if they were consistent with the WBLLA mission statement "To preserve and enhance the ecology of WBL so that it may be enjoyed by current and future generations." Motion was made and approved to deny the Glendalough request as it is not consistent with our mission statement.
- Zebra Mussels – Brief discussion on the impact zebra mussels have on property values. Property values are not expected to decline because of the infestation. No need to report any new zebra mussel discoveries to as reported by Mark Ranweiler, DNR AIS Specialist.
- Starry Stonewort – Brief discussion on the significant impact starry stonewort would have on WBL if it were to be introduced. A bus trip is being scheduled to Lake Koronis on September 14, 2017 and if interested, sign up with John Kruse on the COLA website.
- Retiring Board Member Appreciation – Discussion on how to show appreciation for retiring board members. Plaques and gift certificates were considered. Jerry agreed to look into further.

- Board member polo's. Steve will look into the process/company we used in the past to produce the shirts.
- Island Time – Significant discussion around the Island Time events. Tracy reported she worked inspection at the west public access for one of the events. She estimated 150 boats used the landing. The DNR issues permits for these activities. They do not communicate this to the county AIS department. We need to understand the permitting process better. Could the event organizers fund AIS prior to and immediately after the event? Some discussion about purchasing portable boat wash stations for both accesses (\$6,800 each). Also discussion around the city owned west public access. The DNR does not have jurisdiction at this access.
- Bylaws – Steve Kirchner will provide Jerry with the WBLLA bylaws.
- Liability Insurance – Discussion on increasing the current \$1,000,000 limit on the policy. Steve will send out copies of the current policy to board members. Roxy Malmstrom will provide some options in November prior to our existing policy expiring.
- Next Board Meeting – Discussion around adding a third board meeting to occur during the winter months. Motion made and approved to continue with two meetings, moving the spring meeting up to the middle of April. The next board meeting will be held 4/14/2018 at 8:00 am. Location TBD.

## Adjournment

There being no more discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am

John Hofflander  
Secretary

September 7, 2017  
Date of approval