

Meeting Minutes from April 14th, 2018 – Spring WBLLA Executive Board Meeting

1) **Call to order:** Roll call: Jay, Jerry, Mike K., Craig, Mary & Terry, and Tracy attended. Blizzard conditions in the Twin Cities area prevented other Board members from attending.

2) The Chair notes a quorum

3) **Community members Harry Merikel and Kyle Johnson both spoke on the issue of the stocking of Muskie's in WBL by the DNR.** A 40-minute discussion took place with everyone present having a say in this matter. Mike Kloubec (WBLLA) responded that the West Battle Lake Association supports the DNR's management of our lake.

4) **Mike K. gave an update on the Gizzard Creek project.** Actual work on the project set to begin this Fall, September-October, 2018. A check in the amount of \$2,400.00 is needed and was approved to be written from the WBL Lakeshore Association.

5) **Ice Clean Up:** As of today, Saturday, 4-14-2018 there are still people out on the Lake Ice Fishing! The Cleanup is now scheduled for Tuesday, 4-17-18.

6) **Jay gave an update on Secchi Disc information,** the Lake is at 16 1/2 - 17 feet Clarity.

7) **A 20-minute discussion of the need to increase Homeowners Dues, and ways to do it!** RE: earlier notice's, getting an updated property owner's list, and a second notice being mailed out during the Summer. Mike K.'s wife suggested getting an updated list from The County.

8) **Homeowner's Dues:** The need to inform Homeowner's what the annual dues actually cover. RE: Redo the dues letter with information that would include: Vegetation reports, detailed information about the Aquatic Invasive Species threats we are dealing with now, and the potential for future infestations of other Aquatic Invasive Species, specifically the Starry Stonewort! and the costs involved to prevent these.

9) **A discussion of how to make the WBL Board even more accessible to the Public.** Members present do not want private e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers made public. Jay is contacting Mike Smith for ideas to make the WBL Webpage even more accessible to the Public.

10) **The Saturday, June 23rd, 2018 Annual Lakeshore Meeting at LACC @ 9:00 A.M.:**

A) Jim Wolters will be speaking.

B) **The Board approved buying six Gift Certificates** to be given as prizes for those attending the Annual meeting. Mary & Terry Stroh offered to contact Stub's, The Rusty Nail, The Shoreline, The Boathouse, (if open?), Thumper Pond and Zorbaz's to see if these Business's would "match" what we purchase? \$250.00 was approved for Gift Certificate's.

C) **Jerry presented an "Aerial photo" of WBL by Vern Whitten.** This will be available for purchase @ the Saturday, 6-23-18 Annual Lakeshore meeting. It is beautiful!.

D) **A discussion on recognizing Millie Pearson and Bob Perry for their many contributions and dedication to the health and welfare of West Battle Lake!** Framed certificates will be given to Millie & Bob @ the Annual meeting to Thank them!

11) **A 20-minute discussion on the need to "Fast track" possibly buying our own "Decontamination Unit" to prevent the spread of any Aquatic Invasive Species in not only WBL,** but also our neighboring Lakes! Tracy offered to lead the process and obtain information on the cost of this and whatever else is involved, and what would need to be done to get this done THIS Summer?! Jerry and Jay offered to help with this project. (Please note: Jay Anderson resigned from the Board effective Tuesday, 4-17-18). All Board member's present agreed there is the need for this.

12) **The Battle Lake Annual Fishing Tournament Saturday, June 16th and Sunday, June 17th, 2018:** The West Battle Lake Association approved an October 3, 2017 proposal from RMB Labs (Emmy Hauck/Moriya Rufer) to conduct an invasive species search at three different locations for a cost of \$686.34 for the purpose of searching for starry stonewort. "In infested lakes in Minnesota, Starry stonewort is usually first found at the public lake access. Surveying a large area around the public accesses is a good way to do a first check for invasive plants and invasive animals such as zebra mussels. If invasive species are found in just a small area, there are conditions where treatment may be possible. "Questions were asked pertaining to the Entry Fees paid by the Tourney Fisherman. Mainly, does the Lakeshore Association receive any portion of the entry fee's? If so, this amount could be used to help pay for a second "Aquatic Study" of the Lake during the Summer. Tracy will contact the Lion's Club who sponsors the Tourney and obtain this information.

13) **"Island Time" and "Rock the Docks" event's on WBL:** Questions were asked & discussed regarding these "Permitted" event's. Mainly, does the Lakeshore Association receive any portion of the Permit fee's these event organizers are required to pay? Tracy will contact the County, and or the Sheriff's Department, to find out who is issuing the Permit's and where the Permit fee amount is going?.

14) **Adjournment:**

A) **Annual Meeting: Saturday, June 23rd, 2018 @ 9:00 A.M. at LACC in Battle Lake, MN.**