
West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes 4/27/2019

Call to order

A meeting of the West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Executive Board was held at the Lakes Area Community Center 4/27/2019 at 8:00 am. Attendees were Rich Condiff, Craig Haukebo, John Hofflander, Jerry Horgen, Kyle Johnson, Steve Kirchner, Tracy Rendz-Eldridge, Chad Schaefer, Michael Smith, Terry Stroh and Glen VanZee. President Jerry Horgen called the meeting to order.

Quorum Requirement

More than 50% of directors were present. The quorum requirement was met.

Discussion/Business Items

- An uninvited guest from Clitherall Lake was present. A motion was made request the guest to leave. The motion was approved. After several additional requests, the guest left.
- Jerry distributed the agenda.
- Jerry welcomed the new directors – Rich, Kyle, Chad and Glen.
- A motion to approve the 9/1/2018 Executive Board Meeting Minutes was approved.
- This will be the last summer Bob Perry will be been performing the COLA water quality testing. We would like his replacement in place before the end of summer so Bob can show the new volunteer the testing procedure.
- Jerry discussed the Beach Volunteer concept in an attempt to increase our membership base. Jerry is working with Dave Himmelspach, teacher at Battle Lake HS. Jerry has learned from other lakeshore associations that this concept has significantly helped them improve their membership counts.
- A report was distributed showing membership percentage has fallen from 72% in 2013 to 36% in 2018. Steve indicated he spent significant time this winter reconciling our membership list with property tax rolls and unable to forward dues solicitations from 2018. His efforts will no doubt help with the 2019 dues solicitation.
- Steve distributed the 2019 Dues Notice that is scheduled to be mailed on 5/10/2019. Steve reported we now have 580 parcels/properties on WBL, up from 577 the last time it was measured.
- The idea of a paper directory of property owners was discussed as a tool to help increase membership. Given the amount of work required to produced, it was agreed to try the Beach Captain concept first.
- Chad read a request from Howard at the DNR for a donation to support the cost for administering the walleye fingerling rearing ponds in Otter Tail County. A motion was made and approved to contribute \$500 this year to the DNR. The \$500 will come from the restricted Fish Fund account.
- Chad will follow-up with Howard/Jim regarding commencing the Gizzard Creek Habitat Improvement Project.
- Jerry reported the volunteer spring clean-up prior to ice out did not occur. It was hoped the Battle Lake American Legion baseball team would perform this task, but they were unable to commit to it in time.
- Steve presented the Treasurers Report. Unrestricted funds balance is \$53,837. Restricted fish fund balance is \$20,202. After discussing the potential costs of combating invasive species like

Starry Stonewort and Curly Pondweed it was agreed the unrestricted funds need to be conserved for prevention and remediation in the event of an infestation.

- The board would like Spencer McGrew show a compelling video on the impact of Starry Stonewort at the 2019 Annual Meeting.
- Michael Smith reported on recent website developments and requested ideas for additional content for the website. The board appreciates all Mike's efforts to maintain the website.
- The Annual Meeting was then discussed. Jerry passed out a proposed agenda. 3 persons volunteered (Terry, Tracy & Rich) to check guests in. Terry will bring a laptop/projector for the presentation. Craig Haukebo will seek a screen for the presentation. We will bring 50 copies of the agenda/presentation to pass out to interested guests. In order to facilitate time management with Q&A, it was agreed to schedule the meeting to run from 9-10:30. A time limit will be placed on the guest Q&A portion of the meeting.
- The relationship between the WBLLA and the DNR was discussed. In order to clarify our position, a motion was made and accepted unanimously to state:

“The West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association acknowledges the Minnesota DNR is the controlling agent for the management of Minnesota's lakes. The Minnesota DNR's mission statement reads as follows: The mission of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is to work with citizens to conserve and manage the state's natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life.”

- Director terms were discussed. Current term start dates for Board Directors are:
 - Rich Condiff 11/01/2018
 - Craig Haukebo 06/20/2008
 - John Hofflander 06/20/2018
 - Jerry Horgen 06/20/2016
 - Kyle Johnson 11/01/2018
 - Steve Kirchner 06/20/2003
 - Tracy Rendz-Eldridge 06/20/2017
 - Michael/Bonnie Rye-Werpy 06/20/2014
 - Chad Schaefer 11/01/2018
 - Michael Smith 06/20/2002
 - Terry/Mary Stroh 06/20/2017
 - Glen VanZee 11/01/2018
- With a 3 year term, we'll have 6 open positions at the Annual Meeting.
- Discussion around the Bylaws and needed revisions. A motion was made and approved to allow Steve Kirchner to contact the law firm of Frederickson and Byron to start the process with the goal to have something in place prior to the Annual Meeting.
- The date for the Fall Executive Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for 09/07/2019 at 8:00. Location and agenda to follow.
- Jerry adjourned the meeting at 10:25

Adjournment

There being no more discussion or business items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

John Hofflander
Secretary

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