
West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes

9/7/2019

Call to order

A meeting of the West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Executive Board was held at First Lutheran Church in Battle Lake at 8:00 am. Attendees were Rich Condiff, Craig Haukebo, John Hofflander, Jerry Horgen, Kyle Johnson, Steve Kirchner, Tracy Rendz-Eldridge, Chad Schaefer, Glen VanZee, Bonnie Werpy-Rye and Michael Rye. 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

- The minutes from the 6-22-2019 Annual Meeting were approved
- Motion made and approved to elect Officers for the coming year. Officers are:
 - President – Jerry Horgan
 - Vice President – Tracy Rendz Eldridge
 - Secretary – John Hofflander
 - Treasurer – Steve Kirchner
- Chad Schaefer reported the Gizzard Creek habitat improvement project is still scheduled to be completed yet this fall. Chad will notify the group when work commences on site.
- Steve Kirchner presented the treasurer's report. We are at 353 members for 2019, up from 296 in 2018. The balance sheet shows \$61,050.14 in unrestricted cash and \$22,147.85 restricted to the fish fund.
- Jerry Horgen distributed an "AIS Fighter" handout and asked the group to read through the document at their leisure and comment on any additional language/responsibilities we think could be in the document.
- Jerry reported that Bob Perry is still looking to "retire" from the COLA water quality testing responsibility. Steve will contact Mike Anderson who expressed interest in replacing Bob at the annual meeting.
- Jerry thanked Mike Smith for the air show pictures, Steve Kirchner for working on the Bylaws and Terry & Mary Stroh for securing gift certificates for the annual meeting.
- Jerry presented a request from LACC for a cash donation. After discussion, the board agreed the request does not meet our mission statement. A motion was made and passed to deny the request, with the understanding we will continue to pay the facility charge when we use the LACC for meetings.
- Tracy reported on OTC AIS inspection activity in 2019. Key points included:
 - Over 13,000 inspections have already been made.
 - From a compliance perspective, bait transportation has been the most problematic.
 - Pontoon sea legs are also troublesome given how hard it is to clean them.
 - Tracy is advocating for more coordination between the various county agencies when it comes to large gatherings on area lakes. Three large events were held on WBL this summer. At one of the events, there was no inspector present at the east access.
 - Lake Service Provider training is not adequate. It appears some providers may be skirting the training requirement.
- The group discussed a decontamination station shared by multiple area lakeshore associations (West Battle, East Battle, Stuart, Clitherall, etc.). There is much interest in exploring it further.

Crossroads Convenience was mentioned as a possible site location. Jerry noted he would follow up on the idea with others in the area.

- Chad volunteered to coordinate the winter monitoring program again. The group is very appreciative of him volunteering again this winter.
- The following are the dates of future board meetings:
 - April 11, 2022: LACC
 - June 20, 2020: Annual Meeting @ LACC
 - September 12, 2020: LACC

Adjournment

There being no more discussion or business items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.

John Hofflander
Secretary

10/29/2019
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10/31/2019
Approved
