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## West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes 6/19/2021

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### Call to order

The annual meeting of the West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association was held at the Battle Lake Lions Club shelter 6/26/2021 at 9:00 am. Executive Board attendees included Tracy Rendz-Eldridge, Terry Stroh, Mary Stroh, Chad Schaefer, Kyle Johnson, Steve Kirchner, Bonnie Werpy-Rye, Michael Rye Grace Cory and John Hofflander.

### Discussion/business items

1. Tracy welcomed the audience (approximately 20 guests) and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
2. Jim Wolters from DNR fisheries presented the new Lake Management Plan for WBL beginning fall of 2021. He distributed and discussed several documents related to WBL fisheries. Key items were:
  - Due to COVID, no walleye or muskie stocking was performed in 2020.
  - 2020 fish survey showed the lowest walleye catch rate recorded (2.1 walleyes/net).
  - The last 5 years the DNR stocked WBL with walleye fry. The results do not meet their goals for lakes similar to WBL.
  - Beginning fall 2021 the DNR will stock WBL with 1,248 lbs. of walleye fingerling on an annual basis. Fingerlings have proved to be an effective
  - The DNR will allow WBLA to supplement their fingerling stocking with fish purchased by the association. These can either be fingerling or yearling fish.
  - In 2020 the DNR installed walleye spawning rock in Gizzard Creek. They were unable to test spawning effectiveness of the location this spring but will do so next spring.
  - Northern pike population remains stable, but the average size remains under desired goals.
  - Bass and crappie populations remain stable with consistent reproduction.
  - The DNR will survey the Muskie population in the spring of 2022.
  - The DNR will conduct another comprehensive lake survey in 2023.
3. The association has agreed to use monies from the current Fish Fund to supplement the walleye fingerling stocking every fall.
4. Jim was asked whether the DNR would support the Board's request to consider reducing the crappie limit from 10 to 5 fish and implementing a 10" minimum size restriction. Jim indicated they would and have been getting many similar requests from other lakeshore associations in the area.
5. John Hofflander reported on monthly water clarity secchi disc readings. In May, the readings were the highest ever at approximately 31'. Since then they have trended down as they typically do with June readings around 20'.
6. Steve Slatten reported on water quality readings he performs and submits to RMB lab in Detroit Lakes. The analysis creates a score based on measurements of several variables including phosphorous, nitrogen, water clarity and others. At this time WBL's scores are stable and consistent with historical measurements.
7. Tracy reported on the new I-LID cameras at the two public accesses. Installation is complete and monitoring of the video when warranted has begun.
8. Steve Kirchner gave the Treasurer's report. There is currently \$60,509 in the general unrestricted account and \$25,402 in the restricted fish fund account. Steve anticipates that once all dues are counted around 315 of the 522 property owners will be paid members.

9. Mary Stroh, Terry Stroh and Grace Cory distributed several wonderful area restaurant gift certificates to lucky winners.

## Adjournment

There being no more discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am

John Hofflander  
Secretary

7/16/2021  
Date of approval

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