

## **West Battle Lake Board Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2022**

The 2022 Annual Lakeshore Association Board meeting took place @ The Shoreline Restaurant in Battle Lake, MN on Thursday, June 16th, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. The 2022 Annual Property owners meeting was cancelled due to the very low number of Property owners who attended the 2021 meeting. We, as the Lakeshore Board members have decided to implement a new "Open Forum" prior to our Board meetings in order to give all property owners an opportunity to voice any issues, questions, concerns or complaints they may have. We will be considering again having the Annual Property owners meeting in the future @ the upcoming Board meeting Thursday evening, September 22nd, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at The Shoreline Restaurant in Battle Lake, MN. If any property owner would like to attend the upcoming Open Forum September 22nd, 2022 please register on the West Battle Lakeshore Association website by Thursday, September 8th, 2022 in order to be included in the agenda....

Board members present: Michael Smith, Kyle Johnson, Chad Schaefer, Terry Stroh, Steve Kirchner (Retiring Treasurer), & Tracy Rendz-Eldridge (Board President)

Absent: John Hofflander ( Board Secretary )..

OPEN FORUM: Welcome & Introductions of Guests: Property owners Mr. & Mrs. Bob Anderson, Battle Lake Mayor Richard Bullard, Battle Lake Streets & Park Director Chris Johnson & Nominated Board members Steve Slatten & Sean Belmont

A discussion was held addressing the issue brought by property owners Mr. & Mrs. Bob Anderson regarding the maintenance of the West access. It was discussed that the West access is City / Municipal owned and maintained by the City. Chris Johnson of the City Department explained that the DNR does at times do repairs to the access when it is determined that it is needed. The City does do repairs as well when deemed needed & it was also discussed that last years drought conditions and the extremely low lake level as early as the first week of July, 2021 presented tough conditions @ the access when launching & loading watercrafts. The DNR did a major project @ the West access on June 22nd, 2022, future dredging will be done on an as needed basis determined by the DNR. This concluded the Open Forum, guests & property owners were thanked for attending & excused prior to the start of the Board meeting...

Board meeting: Call to order, noted present Board members & that a Quorum was met...

Greeted new Board members Mr. Steve Slatten & Mr. Sean Belmont. A thank you to Steve Slatten who took over the H2O sampling in 2021. A thank you to

Sean Belmont who accepted the Treasurer position to replace Steve Kirchner after his 17 years of service.

Walleye Stocking project 2021- 2022: The Fall of 2021 Walleye stocking project was delayed due to historic drought conditions and high-water temperatures during the Summer & Fall of 2021, the Fisheries simply could not capture fish. The Walleye project began on June 1st, 2022 with our goal being 1,250 pounds of fingerlings at a total cost \$25,000.00. The stocking project ended on July 1st, 2022 due to warming water temperatures. We received a total of 1,089 pounds of yearlings, at a cost of \$21,780.00..The next stocking project will commence on October 1st, 2022 & thru December 31st, 2022..The amount for this project will be determined on what funds are available, the lake conditions and what is recommended by the Fisheries owner..

Kyle Johnson: Reported on donations for the stocking project, current & future. Kyle is handling the DNR Permits required for the stocking project & he is also very involved with raising donations for the ongoing yearly stocking projects...

Steve Slatten: Provided water sampling results for 2021..May, 2022 Water samples were unable to be obtained due to lake conditions and the short time frame of 48 hours to obtain samples...

Tracy Rendz-Eldridge: Voting issues..

1) A donation to the Otter Tail County AIS ( Aquatic Invasive Species) task force to help with the annual \$2,000.00 operating expense for each of the "I-LID" Cameras at the East & West accesses..A \$500.00 donation was approved...

2) A WBL Facebook page: The Board approved, & Michael Smith agreed to take on this task, along with running the WBL website..

3) Continue to hold the "Open Forum" format prior to Board meetings for property owners to be heard instead of having an Annual property owners meeting considering the low turnout for the 2021 Annual meeting...The Board approved continuing the Open Forum for property owners...Reestablishing the Annual Property owners meeting will again be discussed at future Board meetings.

4) Fall, 2022 Board meeting: The Board decided on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. at The Shoreline Restaurant in Battle Lake, MN for the next Board meeting. A Spring / Summer 2023 Board meeting date will be decided at this meeting...

Steve Kirchner: Provided Treasurer report.

NOTE: Treasurer reports are available on the website for the past five years..

Steve was thanked by the entire Board for his many years of service & dedication as a Board member & was awarded a \$100.00 gift certificate as a small token of our appreciation...

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:15 p.m. Thursday, June 16th, 2022

Tracy Rendz-Eldridge  
West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Board President