

Communication from WBLLA President Tracy Rendz – Eldridge (1-17-2023)

Hello & Happy New Year to the property owners on West Battle Lake. I would like to provide an update on events over the past several months & what is on the calendar for 2023.

The Annual Property Owners meeting is coming back! Please plan on attending the meeting on Saturday June 24th, 2023, with a 9:00 a.m. start time. We will be gathering at the Battle Lake school in the auditorium located at 402 West Summit Street in Battle Lake, MN 56515. Two current Board members will be ending their time as Voting Board members as of this meeting. A BIG “thank you” in advance to Mr. Chad Schaefer & Mr. Terry Stroh for their years of dedication & their contributions to the WBL Lakeshore Association Board, you will both be greatly missed! The Lakeshore Board will be welcoming two new, incoming Voting Board members at the Annual meeting. “Welcome Aboard” to Mr. Dan Kolpin & Mr. Mike A. Anderson.

If any Dues paying / Property owner would like to Nominate another Property owner to become a Voting Board member the Annual meeting is the perfect opportunity! Also, if at any time throughout the year you would like to Nominate someone to become a Voting Board member, please reach out to the Board through our website with your contact information as well as the Nominee contact information. The website address is: wblld.mnlakesanddrivers.org....

Walleye Stocking update: In June 2022 WBL received a total of 1,089 lbs. of Yearling Walleyes through the Lakeshore Association Walleye Stocking project. At \$20.00 per lb. the total cost was \$21,780.00. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the “Fish Fund”!

In late October & into November 2022 WBL received a total of 1,979 lbs. of Walleye Fingerlings per Jim Wolters at the MN DNR. The promised amount of 1,250 lbs. WAS delivered by the DNR with a bonus of 729 lbs. A BIG thank you to the DNR for coming through on this Stocking effort for WBL, that is a total of 51,454 Fish!

The “Fall of 2022 Walleye Stocking” by the Lakeshore Association did not happen due to weather conditions & supply issues. The \$20,000.00 approved by the Board at the September 22nd, 2022, Board meeting will now “roll over” into a

"Spring 2023 Stocking" project beginning in mid to late March, 2023. (The DNR does not issue Stocking Permits during the months of January & February). The Board has also approved an additional \$5,000.00 of any donations received for the "Fish Fund" to be added to the upcoming Walleye Stocking project. The maximum amount allowed for the DNR Stocking Permit is \$25,000.00. Any donations received above & over the \$25,000.00 will be applied to the NEXT Stocking project. This is an ongoing Walleye Stocking project by the Lakeshore Association that will hopefully be able to continue for years to come. A sincere thank you to all of those who have donated to the WBL Fish Fund! If you would like to make a donation to the "Fish Fund" the mailing address is:

West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association

P.O. Box 51

Battle Lake, MN 56515

(Please note: Donations are not Tax Deductible).

As of today, Tuesday, January 18th, 2023, the current balance in the "Fish Fund" is \$20,151.44

Northern Pike Rules Change: Effective as of the MN Walleye Opener Saturday, May 13th, 2023, the following Regulations will be in place on West Battle Lake. Northern Pike Possession limit 10 with not more than two over 26". All from 22" to 26" must be immediately released. For dark house spearing 22" – 26" protected slot limit, 10 fish bag with not more than 2 over 26", or one within 22" – 26", and one less than 26".

Note: Crappie regulation changes are currently being reviewed & considered @ the DNR in St. Paul, MN. Information on any changes will be announced on the website.

The Annual Battle Lake Sporting Club Fishing Derby is happening on Saturday, February 18th, 2023, Noon to 3:00 p.m. Good luck if you are Fishing in the Tournament!

All the best to everyone in 2023. I am hoping for a good turnout at the Saturday, June 24th, 2023, Annual meeting. There will be time designated to discuss any questions, issues or concerns property owners may have. Similar to what we have been doing at the "Open Forum" prior to the Board meetings this past year, a quick

email to the Board a week prior to the Annual meeting date stating your topic for discussion would be greatly appreciated, this helps with the planning of the meeting. This can be done through our website. **That address again is: wblla.mnlakesandrivers.org.**

That is a wrap for now . . . See you at **The Lake!**

Tracy Rendz – Eldridge West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Board President