
West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes

5/20/2023

Call to order

A meeting of the West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association (WBLLA) Executive Board was held at the Shoreline Restaurant in Battle Lake on 5/20/2023 at 9:00 am. Directors present: Michael Smith, John Hofflander, Tracy Rendz-Eldridge, Chad Schaefer, Sean Belmont, Steve Slatten, Terry Stroh, Dan Kolpin (Director Elect). Absent: Kyle Johnson, Mike Anderson (Director Elect).

President Tracy Rendz-Eldridge called the meeting to order.

Quorum Requirement

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

Discussion/Business Items

- Terry Stroh and Chad Schaefer announced their intent to retire from the Board effective at the end of the meeting. They were thanked for their valuable service.
- Discussion regarding raising the annual dues which has not been changed for 25+ years. Motion made and approved to increase the annual dues to \$40.
- Discussion regarding updating the annual dues solicitation letter which has not been changed for several years. Sean submitted an example. Some modifications were made, and the new format was approved. The goal is to get the dues letters out the first week in June.
- Sean distributed the Treasurer's Report as of 5/19/23. Balance in the unrestricted general account is \$59,077.34. Balance in the restricted Walleye Stocking account is \$20,158.06. A detailed report will be posted to the WBLLA website after the meeting.
- The accounts have been moved to interest bearing accounts to take advantage of current interest rates.
- Motion made and approved to donate \$500 to the Otter Tail County AIS Task Force. This donation again will be applied to the \$2,000/year annual operating expenses per each I-LID camera on the east and west public accesses.
- Discussion around 2023 walleye stocking efforts. The board previously committed the balance of the walleye fund to be used to either purchase fingerlings (approximately 1,000 lbs.) in the fall of 2022, or if not available, used to purchase walleye yearlings in the spring of 2023. The grower/producer the association has contracted with in the past was not able to secure this amount of fish for the association. The association will look to other grower/producers to determine if fish can be purchased yet this spring. If not, the money will be used to purchase fingerlings in the fall of 2023.
- Discussion of creating a Venmo account and QR code that would allow any individual, whether or not they participate in the WBLLA, the ability to easily donate money to the Walleye Stocking Fund. Motion made to develop a "Tent" or pamphlet that could be distributed to various local retail outlets. Michael will develop a prototype.
- Discussion surrounding future "remote" board meetings. Motion made and accepted to use Google Meets/Google One as the facilitation tool.
- Agreement that the goal is to continue two in-person board meetings each year, using remote meetings to supplement the time period in between in-person meetings.
- For coverage purposes agreement to share the WBLLA e-mail account credentials with the 3 officers of the board.

- Michael reported there are now 237 Facebook members in our members-only group. Michael also reported we have 353 email addresses in our property owner database. The group congratulated Michael on all his efforts to use these two venues to stay connected and communicate with our membership.
- John reported the first (May) secchi disk reading for the lake was 28.5'. This is similar to the last 3 years since the Zebra Mussel infestation occurred.
- Discussion surrounding the 2023 annual meeting 9:00 am Saturday June 24th at the Battle Lake High School Auditorium.
- Discussion around the 3 officer positions on the board. Tracy-President, Sean-Treasurer and John-Secretary agreed to continue in these roles.
- Tracy reported she will work with the city of Battle Lake to remove the 5 minute maximum loading sign at the west access, reasoning if followed, can prevent proper inspection of a boater's equipment for invasive species.

Adjournment

There being no more discussion or business items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

John Hofflander
Secretary

Approved