

West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Board Meeting Minutes

The Fall 2024 Board meeting was held Saturday, September 28th, 2024, at The Shoreline Restaurant in Battle Lake, MN. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Open Forum: Guests invited, & in attendance: East Battle Lake Association Officers: President Steve McClintock, Secretary Greg LaPlante, & Treasurer Richard Ingrassia.

Clitherall Lake Association: Board President Scott Early.

Introductions were made between the Board members of the West Battle, East Battle & Clitherall Lake Associations attending the meeting.

Several topics were discussed regarding issues that can, and or do, impact West Battle, East Battle & Clitherall Lakes. Obstructions affecting the flow of water between East & West Battle Lakes was discussed at length. The recent issue of a very large Beaver Dam between East & West Battle Lake that has been obstructing the flow of water into West Battle Lake has been resolved by the East Battle Lake Association. Other topics discussed included what could possibly be done to deal with Swimmers Itch in the Lakes. A suggestion was made to join forces between West Battle, East Battle & Clitherall Lakes to do a Lake Survey on the effects of Birds causing Swimmers Itch conditions. Chemical solutions were also discussed. It was agreed by all in attendance that it would be beneficial to have an open line of communication between the West Battle, East Battle, & Clitherall Lake Associations to deal with issues that impact one, two, or all three of these Lakes.

The guests who attended were thanked for their time and input, regarding issues that affect all 3 Lakes. Guests attending were excused prior to the start of the WBL Lakeshore Association Board meeting.

The Board Meeting:

President Tracy Rendz - Eldridge:

Called the meeting to order.

Noted Board members present: Board Treasurer Sean Belmont, Board members Michael Smith, Kyle Johnson, Matt Falck, Dan Kolpin, Michael A. Anderson & Jody Coleman.

Board members absent: Board Secretary John Hofflander & Board member Steve Slatten.

Noted a Quorum was present.

NOTE: Due to Board Secretary John Hofflander being unable to attend the meeting Board President Tracy Rendz - Eldridge recorded the Meeting Minutes.

Board Treasurer Sean Belmont: Treasurers report:

Account balance in the General / Main account = \$76,891.23

Account balance in the Walleye / Fish Fund = \$8,000.86

A discussion on the previously agreed upon amount to hit our budget of \$25,000.00 for the Fall 2024 Walleye Stocking project using funds from the General / Main account, taking into consideration the current balance of the Walleye Fund at the time the Walleye Stocking project happens. Treasurer Sean Belmont will transfer \$18,000.00 from the Main account into the Fish Fund at Board President Tracy's request to pay the Walleye supplier when the Walleye Stocking is complete.

NOTE: The WBL Fall 2024 Walleye Stocking Results:

Saturday, October 19th, 2024: 720 lbs. of Walleye Fingerlings were "dropped" at the East access, another 400 lbs. was "dropped" at the West access.

On Monday October 21st 205 lbs. were "dropped" at East access,

Total lbs. received = 1,325 lbs.

Total cost = \$25,175.00

Remaining Balance in the Walleye / Fish Fund upon completion of the Fall 2024 Walleye Stocking as of Monday, October 21st, 2024 = \$835.05.

A big thank you to Board member Kyle Johnson for again handling the MN DNR Permit requirements with our Walleye Stocking projects.

Michael Smith: Board member & the WBL Lakeshore Association Website & Facebook page Administrator:

Michael gave an update on the continued success of both our website & Facebook page. There is ongoing growth & interest in both. A big thank you to Michael Smith for all his hard work & the time he dedicates to keeping the West Battle Lake Property Owners informed, as well as entertained, with the information & photos he provides through emails, website information, & on our Facebook page. Well done Mr. Smith.

OPEN FORUM for the Board members: Topics discussed:

1) Providing a trash dumpster at the West access for the upcoming Ice Fishing Season: All Board members in attendance approved of this. Tracy will attend the November 12th, 2024 Battle Lake City Council meeting to obtain approval to do this as the West access is Municipal / City owned. If approved by the Battle Lake City Council the WBL Lakeshore Association will provide a dumpster through a local sanitation service & will pay the maintenance costs during the 2024-2025 Ice Fishing season.

2) A discussion on keeping the Annual Dues at now \$40.00 per year as of Spring, 2024, up from \$25.00 in the last several years. It was agreed to leave the Annual Dues amount at \$40.00 per year.

3) Obtaining Buoy Markers to place out from Stoney Point. Board members Matt Falck & Mike A. Anderson agreed to work on this project. RE: DNR, Otter Tail County Sheriff's Department, & Insurance requirements, as well as the cost of the Buoy Markers, & a local service to place them in the Spring, any maintenance during the Summer & removal in the Fall.

4) Bring back the "Beach Captain" program to get more Property Owners involved with the WBL Lakeshore Association, & to increase the number of Dues paying members. Board members Mike A. Anderson & Dan Kolpin agreed to take on this project starting the Spring / Summer of 2025.

5) A WBL Directory: It was agreed to go forth with this project & to give Property Owners the choice to "Opt Out" of being included in the Directory. Tracy will work with a local publisher to produce the Directory. It was decided **to not mail out the Directory** due to the cost involved, instead they will be handed out at the 2025 Annual Members meeting.

Tracy & the Board members: Schedule 2025 Spring Board meeting, & the Annual WBL Association Members Meeting:

Dates chosen:

1) 2025 Spring Board Meeting & Open Forum for any Property Owner(s) who would like to address any issues, questions, or ideas to the Board members. This meeting is scheduled for:

Saturday April 12th, 2025 (time & location to be determined).

2) The Annual WBL Members Meeting:

Saturday July 19th, 2025 (time & location to be determined).

Board President Tracy Rendz -Eldridge:

Tracy announced to the Board members present that she will be retiring from the West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Board as of the Saturday April 12th, 2025 Board meeting.

Board member Mike A. Anderson accepted the nomination to take over as the WBL Lakeshore Association Board President. Per the WBL Lakeshore Association BYLAWS Mike A. Anderson will step in as the "Interim" WBL Lakeshore Association Board President at the WBL Lakeshore Association Board Meeting Saturday April 12th, 2025. Mike A. Anderson will formally be recognized as the WBL Lakeshore Association Board President as of the Saturday July 19th, 2025 Annual WBL Annual Members Meeting.

Adjourn: 11:20 A.M. Saturday September 28th, 2024.

Tracy Rendz - Eldridge

West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association Board President

Thursday November 7th, 2024.