

Board Meeting Minutes - Annual Member Meeting

- **Date:** Saturday, July 26th 2025 @ 9 am cst
 - **Location:** Clitherall Event Center
 - **Board Members Present:** Jody C., Dan K., Mike S, Mike A., Matt F., Steve S
 - **New Board Member:** Kelsey Frank
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1. Board Member Nomination

- **Nominee:** Kelsey Frank
 - **Motion:** Tanya G nominated, Carl seconded.
 - **Outcome:** Motion approved.
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2. Financial Report

- **Mailing Responses:** 191
 - **Accounts:**
 - CDs & Operating Account: Approximately **\$62,400**
 - Fish Fund: Approximately **\$4,200**
 - **Fish Fund Participation:** 40% of members donating
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3. Buoy Project

- **Objective:** Marking Stoney Point with “Beware Rocks” buoys (3 total)
 - **Status:** Sheriff and water patrol approved; awaiting buoy delivery
 - **Goal:** Anchor buoys this summer
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4. Access & Maintenance

- **Cleaning West Access:** Jody had this cleaned 3 times last year, once this year; will continue as needed
 - **Pier Installation:** Not allowed by DNR
 - **Winter Dumpster for Ice Fishermen:** Considered successful; will continue next winter
 - **Cleaning Expense:** 1st clean off was \$750.00, 2nd one was \$500.00. 3rd one was also \$500.00, for a total of \$1,750.00 to Christensen Construction
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5. Fishing & Stocking

- **Fishing Report:** Kyle absent; Dan assisting
 - **Stocking Discussion:**
 - Previous advice: Stock, then hold and see how the population settles
 - Current plan: No stocking this year unless association requests
 - Muskie stocking: Every 2 years (off year right now)
 - DNR Contribution: \$25,000 in walleye stocking this year
 - **Motion:** Approved to stock up to \$10,000 from general fund
 - **Action:** Plan to meet with new DNR rep in Fergus Falls
 - **Muskie Survey:** Awaiting results
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6. Fundraising & Spending

- **Discussion:** Explore fundraising beyond annual letters
- **Concerns:** Ensure funds benefit homeowners and stay within Battle Lake

- **COLA Funds:** Questioned
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7. Communications & Website

- **Updates by Mike:** Focus on quality information and community connection
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8. Beach Captain Program

- **Goal:** Expand engagement beyond quarterly meetings
 - **Structure:** 27 beaches; captains to:
 - Welcome neighbors
 - Promote stewardship and clean-up
 - Monitor environment
 - **Inspiration:** East Battle Lake has 8 reps who organize events
 - **Call for Applications:** Seeking beach captains
 - **Property Owners:** 605 on West Battle Lake
 - **Volunteers:**
 - Carl Holstein: North Shore
 - Kent Mattson: Beauty Shore
 - Tanya Gillespie: Ferncliff
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9. Channel Between East & West Battle

- **Issue:** Water level concerns
 - **DNR Stance:** No changes to dam due to beaver habitat
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10. Lake Stewardship Program

- **Presented by:** Steve
 - **Affiliation:** Minnesota Lakes & Rivers (MLR)
 - **Participation:** Encouraged via survey/quiz to assess property impact
 - **Focus:** Environmental practices intended to sustain/improve WBL water quality
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11. Swimmer's Itch

- **Reported by:** Mike
 - **Cause:** Merganser ducks
 - **Prevention Tips:**
 - Avoid morning swims
 - Swim in deeper water
 - Avoid shoreline during early wave activity
 - **Treatment:** Seip Drug offers a remedy
 - **Permits Needed:** To remove ducks (DNR + State)
 - **Next Steps:** Zoom with marine biologist; collaborate with nearby lakes
 - **Note:** 20–25% of people are immune
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12. Water Clarity & Testing

- **Reported by:** Dan
- **Testing:** Monthly at 2 lake locations; samples sent to DL lab
- **Findings:**
 - Clarity stable

- Mussels increased clarity (17–32 ft)
- Phosphorus spikes minimal

13. Open Discussion

- **Board Nominations:** Open for additional nominations
- **Concerns:**
 - Lights on boats/docks extending into lake: Must be permitted and have reflectors per DNR