

# ELTA Board Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2018

7:00 PM

Amy's House

## Agenda

- Roll Call
- RLS Year-End Report
- President Report
- Treasurer's Report
- High Water/Flooding Taskforce
- Committee Review/Reports
  - Lake Quality
  - Communication
  - Safety/Legal
  - Area Rep/Membership
- Round Table
- Adjournment

## Roll Call

Board Members Present: Len Bosma, Brett Cummings, Amy Coon, Phil DeYoung, Ken Toy, Jim Caporale (Also present was Tom Spettel, Jennifer from RLS, Tim Brown from the Township).

Board Members Absent: Neil Harris, Kasi Casterline, Frank Loedeman

## RLS Year-End Report.

Jennifer explained that our report was getting excessively long due to the extra reporting required. In sum she said our report looked good. Even with the flooding we have reduced solid counts. The biovolume has gone down. She opined that the aeration did wonders on keeping the lake in-balance with the extreme flooding and washing of foreign material into the lake. She explained that erosion and runoff from large rainfalls in other lakes has caused significant sediment increases, and we didn't experience the same problem.

The hardness scan showed significant increases in the top two categories (which is really good).

Jennifer is going to look into whether we should make any changes in our bioaugmentation schedule for 2019 and get back with us. She suggested we make sure we aren't treating in front of the wetland areas because there will always be organic material flowing from the wetland, and it is more or less a waste of the bioaugmentation.

Len asked if we could do anything differently to better coordinate our late spring/early summer survey. Jennifer suggested we keep a close eye on the weed growth beginning early-mid May and let her and Andy know if we see higher than usual growth. At Len's request, she agreed to prioritize our lake as an early treatment lake.

Jennifer is going to shoot us a couple of paragraphs to put in our newsletter summarizing their findings. She will try to attend the next flooding taskforce meeting to help in any way she can.

The silver lining of the flooding is that it might naturally help curtail the purple loosestrife.

### **President's Report**

We are at 250 for membership! We are currently an inch over our previous highwater mark from earlier this year. Residents are getting impatient with how long the "short-term" proposals are taking. Amy has been fielding several emails and phone calls from angry residents.

Tim Brown indicated that the new culverts on Crooked Lake are complete and it's possible that is helping slightly with Crooked Lake's rising lake level.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jim went over the treasurer's report and the ELTA account, SAD 1, and SAD 2 are all in a strong financial position despite the extra expenses for moving compressors and various other maintenance issues.

### **High Water**

We are 1 foot over the 100-year flood level according to the study.

We had extensive discussions on the presence of invasive species on Crooked and Eagle vs. the fact that Bass Lake supposedly has none. It is unknown how they determined that Bass Lake had none. Specifically, we don't know how they knew that Crooked and Eagle had milfoil this time of year because it should be more or less undetectable (per Jennifer). Given how many lakes around here have milfoil, it seems unlikely that Bass Lake has no milfoil.

Tim mentioned to us that we are doing a great job of trying to disseminate accurate information instead of spreading misinformation. The real holdup on everything at this time is the DEQ and it doesn't appear that its viable to bypass them in anyway. There will be a public meeting in mid-January (probably at KVCC or somewhere very large to facilitate the swarms of people they are anticipating).

The current proposal would be to pump water from near our channel on the eastside of the lake (roughly where our lake pump is) out to PQ, then cross PQ near West Crooked Lake Drive, ultimately flowing into Crooked Lake. Crooked Lake will pump into Bass Lake, which naturally flows downstream. Cost proposals have been shared by the

Township representatives. It appears at this time the cost estimate puts Eagle Lake's share at near \$1.2 Million for both the short-term and long-term fixes (combined). This information is detailed in the report that is available on the Township's website as of the end of November.

The Township still has the lead on this project. They have already spent \$100,000 on studies and planning for assistance in this matter and they have also budgeted funds for 2019. We are being as supportive as we can be, but much of this is out of our hands.

### **Lake Quality**

See RLS report above.

### **Communications**

The website is done! The hosting has been moved and godaddy has been cancelled. An invoice for \$85 for hosting was presented, duly motioned and unanimously approved. The newsletter should be ready to go in a week or so.

### **Legal/Safety**

Nothing new to report at this time.

### **Membership**

Nothing new to report at this time.

### **Area Reps**

Nothing new to report at this time, but there were discussions on the 2019 membership goal and what efforts the representatives can take to assist in the goal.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting will be January 21st at Amy's at 7:00 PM.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm**