

# ELTA Board Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2019

7:00 PM

Fletchers Pub

## Agenda

- Roll Call
- President Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Review/Reports
  - Lake Quality
  - Communication
  - Safety/Legal
  - Area Rep/Membership
  - Long-term Legal Lake Level
- Round Table
- Adjournment

## Roll Call

Board Members Present: Len Bosma, Brett Cummings, Amy Coon, Frank Loedeman, Steve Ott, Kasi (Casterline) Barrow

Members Absent: Ken Toy, Phil DeYoung, Jim Caporale (Debra filling in for Jim)

## President's Report

Currently Sun Valley is too high for us to pump, but there are also some potential questions about the level of Bass lake and the measurements being used. The culvert on Bass lake was smashed in. The Township is supposed to be investigating the culvert and the potential issues with the readings. The road commission may be planning to raise the level of Sun Valley road so hopefully that will alleviate another "pinch point" in the future.

There were discussions on whether the emergency fund can be used which requires at least 10% of the budget to be spent on emergency relief. Nobody has been able to answer what exactly qualifies and whether the money we are spending on the short-term solution can be counted.

## Treasurer's Report

Debra went over the treasurer's report and the ELTA account, SAD 1, and SAD 2 are all as expected. There haven't been much by way of expenditures except for the first weed treatment and bioaugmentation, but other invoices are coming in. Len described the possibility for SAD 1 shortfalls or very low cash resulting from the suspension of the SAD collection. The Township is aware of the potential issue and Jim will likely be

working with Linda Kerr on budgeting and there was discussion about the Township loaning some money until the SAD could be collected again.

### **Lake Quality**

We acknowledge that the pond weed is a bit out of control but we are working with a constrained budget this year so we are trying to be as effective with our dollars as possible. The milfoil is a problem in the channel, but we can't treat it while the pump is on. The concern (from the DEQ and down-streamers) is that the chemicals will migrate to Crooked Lake or down-stream. There was discussion on how unrealistic this seemed and the fact that it would only serve to benefit them, but this is out of our control. We will continue to work with PLM to try and schedule but its difficult not knowing when the pump will be running.

22 geese were caught on the goose roundup. We didn't get enough for the permit to destroy the nests (needed 25), but it was still a success and we will likely want to continue the program in future years.

Aeration appears to be out of the question for all of 2019. In the Spring we remained hopeful that the pumping would go better than expected and many of our host sites would be out of the danger zone with their electrical hookups. Instead, we continue to get record rainfalls and the lake level continues to rise.

Bioaugmentation will continue as we planned in the Spring.

During the most recent lake survey, Len only counted 23 boats on the lake.

### **Communications**

Ken was out of town. We will check with Ken and Jim, but likely we need to get another newsletter out soon.

### **Legal/Safety**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **Membership**

We are at 234 right now for membership.

### **Area Reps**

Tom reported some success in increased communication with people being involved in sandbag walls who were now willing to share their email addresses when previously they refused. Tom designed an Eagle Lake Association sticker and requested support to send it to the printer; everyone unanimously approved the expenditure of up to \$100 for 500 stickers. There were some requests to change the design a bit, and now that there is support for the project, Tom will continue to work on the same. The idea will be

to have the stickers ready for 2020 annual dues.

### **Long-Term Legal Lake Level**

Steve filled everyone in on the first subcommittee meeting through a comprehensive email that was circulated. We gave a brief discussion on the meeting with the Crooked Lake committee and the potential hurdles we face if we are going to work together with them going forward. Tom Wheat said that they have some cost estimates and routing alternatives ready, so Len is going to try to setup another Township taskforce meeting. The lake committees are considering legal counsel to advise them moving forward. There was discussion whether our board supported that at this time, who the potential attorney could be, and whether separate counsel should be used between the lake committees. No motion was made; this matter will be revisited.

There were extensive discussions regarding a petition drive and the creation of another SAD. Some would like to start the petition drive immediately, some want to wait until we get numerous questions answered from the Township/County/Engineers.

The next steps are the greater task force will meet soon and we will hopefully get the planned routing and cost estimates at the very least. After that, the Eagle Lake subcommittee will meet again to develop a plan to move forward, including whether or not hold informational sessions and Q&A meetings.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting will be the annual meeting on July 29th at Amy's house 7:00 PM.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM**