

# **ELTA Annual Meeting Minutes for Entire Association**

**August 19, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

Remotely via Zoom

## **Agenda**

- Opening Welcome
- Board Nominations
- Minutes from Last Annual Meeting
- Eagle Lake Annual Report – Dr. Jones
- Treasurer’s Report
- President’s Report
- Long Term Project Update
- Lake Quality
- Communications
- Membership Committee
- Safety and Legal
- Closing
- Adjournment

### **Opening Welcome – Amy Coon**

Amy gave opening remarks and explained how the zoom meeting would go.

### **The Board and its Nominees**

There are three board positions up for nomination this year; Jim Caporale, Len Bosma, and Phil DeYoung all self-nominated. There were no self-nominations at the meeting. As always, write-ins are welcome. Due to the virtual meeting, we are implementing online voting this year and will tally the results after 11:59 pm tomorrow.

### **2019 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Amy announced that the minutes were circulated prior to the meeting via email, then Amy moved to have them approved as written. Len seconded and it went to a vote with zero nays.

### **Eagle Lake Annual Report – Dr. Jones**

Everyone got a late start this year due to COVID-19 and the governor’s order preventing use of motorboats. Milfoil was found and treated at the maximum dose this year. Algae blooms were prevalent, but it appeared to be “normal algae and not bad algae.”

The nutrient numbers are ticking upwards, which is believed to be caused by not running the aeration system. RLS will come back out in September to do bottom scans and further evaluate the lake.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Jim addressed the reports that were published in the newsletter which detailed the fiscal 2019 financial data for SAD 1, SAD 2, and the ELTA account, as well as first half financials for 2020. He walked through various line items and asked if there were any questions, there being none, Jim moved to accept the reports, Ken seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

## **President's Report**

Amy reminded everyone how far we have come since our last annual meeting. We are at the lowest lake level that we have been in three years. 2020 had the highest amount of rainfall on record. Over 610 million gallons of water have been pumped out of Eagle Lake as of August 18, 2020. Unfortunately, EGLE has thrown us another curveball and they are requiring us to scale back the pumping due to wetland stress. At this time, we don't have a lot of details, but there is a taskforce meeting tomorrow where this will likely be discussed.

Our permit with EGLE expires at the end of September, and our easements expire at the end in November 2020. We have one potential holdout at this time on the easements and it is the Bentwood Shores group. Amy has asked for a meeting with them and has tried corresponding to open up discussions on this matter, but to-date it has been to no avail.

We are down 22" from the highest point. We still have a long way to go, but we need to focus on the positive.

## **Long Term Project Update**

Len gave a brief update on where things are and how far we have come. The engineers have finished a draft lake level study that is still confidential, but a few people have been able to see the draft and believe that the majority of us will be happy with the study. A circuit court hearing date has not been scheduled yet, but Len assured us that the taskforce will keep the attorney's feet to the fire. Len shared the timeline schedule that was created by Prein Newhof.

## **Lake Quality Report**

We are hopeful we can restart the aeration, but Len noted that the lake level still needs to go down further for that to be viable. Many of the sites where the equipment operated have been compromised during the flooding and will need to be evaluated to see whether it's feasible to continue using the site.

Weed treatment costs were reduced this year. We have been continuing to use bioaugmentation. Many purple loosestrife plants were drowned due to the flooding, but we are not certain whether it will come back or not. A comment from a resident on

Treasure Island noted that there have been numerous new plants lining the road on Treasure Island.

Phil addressed the goose roundup and the fact that it was cancelled this year based on the governor's order. The company that we use believes it should be back on for next year.

### **Communications**

Ken informed the attendees what we are doing to stay connected and communicate with our members. We use a newsletter, email list, facebook, and our ELTA website. We are looking to implement a digital version of the newsletter for those that opt for it. More on that will come soon.

### **Membership**

Tom presented the membership sticker that was new this year. We are only 8 members short of our 250-member target for 2020. Tom gave numerous reasons why it was important to join ELTA.

### **Safety and Legal**

Brett asked everyone to be mindful of boating laws and general common-sense safety measures as boat traffic picks back up slowly.

### **Closing**

Amy reminded everyone that it is an election year and we have two new candidates running for drain commissioner. Please educate yourself and vote for the person that you believe would serve Eagle Lake the best.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm**