

MINUTES - Lake Edward Conservation Club (LECC)

Annual Membership Meeting - June 8, 2024 at 10 AM at Lake Edward Town Hall

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Paul McCullough, with 29 members present. The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

McCullough introduced the Board members present: Lynn Hansch, VP; Nancy Fischer, Sec; Wendy McCullough, Treas; David Christensen, Ditch 13 Committee; and Ron Czerepak, Newsletter

Absent: Mike Chapman, Water Quality Committee; and Liz Hintze, Website.

McCullough informed members that the DNR was scheduled to present information about Living with Wildlife, however we not in attendance. Paul will contact the DNR for a written communication to share.

Annual Minutes from August 12, 2023: The minutes of the 08/12/23 Annual meeting were distributed. Motion was made to accept the minutes, with no corrections, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2024: Treasurer Wendy McCullough reported Total Fund Balances of \$39,459, with General Funds of \$23,671 and Designated Funds of \$2,938 for AIS-CLP and Fisheries of \$12,850.

As of 5/31/24, LECC had receipts of \$810 and expenses of \$2,022 for a net cash flow of (\$1,212).

Dues and Membership – 15 members have paid so far in 2024. The members present were invited to pay their annual dues of \$25.00 at today's meeting.

2023 Directory available – A few copies were available for members to take. No plans to reprint until next Spring.

Committee Reports

Loon Report:

Don Rother gave a report that he has seen 6 loons on the lake, but no babies yet but the females are nesting. Discussion was held regarding care to watch for Loons on the lake and that the Loon Center in Crosslake is a good source of information.

Water Quality & Lake Levels –

Mike Chapman was unable to attend but sent a report.

The water clarity is tested monthly, and in May of 2024 it was 23".

Monthly water samples are taken and sent for tested and we are awaiting results. This is Pd for by CWC.

Water Levels and Ditch 13 –

Lynn Hansch reported the beavers have been very busy this year upstream of the Hwy 4 Weir. Two beavers have been trapped already. The County removed the beaver dam last week.

The lake level is currently at 1207.3 ft. which is Ordinary High Water (OHW) mark; a small amount of water is flowing over the weir wings approximately 7.5" above the weir level.

Road construction of the roundabout will not affect the weir, which is scheduled for July completion.

Fisheries -

Paul McCullough has been working with Mike Knapp, DNR, and presented a written report.

In May, DNR continued their annual stocking of 2 million Walleye Fry. Lake Edward is part of a 10 yr. Zebra Mussel survey, and there are no plans for other stocking this year. Comment was made of the "Guide Fishing" groups coming to Lake Edward and reducing the fish population.

Newsletter –

Ron is working on the newsletter, and it will be out soon. All members with email receive it electronically. Nancy will receive any email and address changes, instead of Lori Nelson.

Board Member Elections:

The following existing Board members are willing to serve an additional two year term:

Lynn Hansch	Vice President
Wendy McCulough	Treasurer
Mike Chapman	Board Member & AIS
David Christensen	Board Member & Ditch 13
Ron Czerepak	Board Member & Communications

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Don Rother and seconded by Dave O'Shea to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried.

County Rd 3 / 4 Issues:

A comment was made about the speed at which people are traveling, posted as 50 mph at the junction on CR3 and CR4. Complaints were that drivers accelerate to over 55 when they pass that area, because of no posting. Attendees said these issues should be directed to the Sheriff's Office, possibly to put an electronic indicator to remind drivers of the speed limit.

Fall Social –

The Board has discussed an August BBQ at the Lions Park in Merrifield. When a final date is set, we will list it on Facebook and in the newsletter and/or emails.

Boat Parade – Tuesday, July 4th at 11 am.

The boat parade will start at Cozy Bay on the south end.

The next Board Annual Meeting will be held on August 24th at 10 am at the Lake Edward Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Submitted by Nancy Fischer, Secretary