

MINUTES for LECC August 12, 2023 Board Meeting 10 am – Lake Edward Town Hall, Merrifield, MN

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8 am by Vice President Lynn Hansch. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Board Members were introduced.

Board members present: Lynn Hansch, VP; Nancy Fischer, Sec.; Wendy McCullough, Treas.; Mike Chapman, David Christensen, Ron Czerepak, Liz Hintze, and Paul McCullough. Absent: None

Minutes: The Minutes from June 10, 2023 Board and Membership Meeting were read. Motion was made to accept the minutes, with minor corrections, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented by Wendy McCullough. Balances as of 8/11/23 were \$40,418, with reserves of \$4,872 for CLP, \$12,850 for Fisheries. Income received was \$4,825.00, expenses of \$2,073.35, for net receipts of \$2,751.65. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report, seconded, and passed.

Wendy presented an update on considering using the Venmo app to receive dues and pay bills, as well as looking to update LECC's website. Wendy and Liz Hintze will work on this proposal and the board will review it, and vote on it electronically.

Membership and Directory: The dues paying members are 80 so far in 2023 (76 in 2022, 106 in 2021, 158 in 2020, 124 in 2019).

A discussion was held regarding the dues for 2024, which were raised to \$30 at the June 10th meeting. A suggestion was to have a place for special contributions for those who wish to contribute. This will be included in the newsletter.

The current email list is now maintained by Nancy Fischer, and she has the extra 2024 Directories at her home.

Board Vacancies: Currently the positions of President and Director at open.

Paul McCullough was nominated for President. Discussion followed and there were no further nominations. A motion was made, and seconded, to elect Paul McCullough as President, without any authority to sign checks. Motion carried.

A motion was made, and seconded, to elect Liz Hintze to serve as Director, filling the vacancy of Tom Schneck. Motion Carried.

A motion was made, and seconded, that the authorized Bank signers be Hansch, VP; Nancy Fischer, Sec.; Wendy McCullough, Treas. Motion carried.

A brief discussion was held to look at revision for the LECC Bylaws. A Motion was made by Paul McCullough, and seconded by Mike Chapman, to update the Bylaws for adoption at the 2024 Annual Membership Meeting.

Water Quality, Lake Levels: Mike Chapman reported the Water Quality was at 21', with a temperature of 73 degrees. He checks the landing weekly and reports the levels.

Ditch 13 and Outlet: Lynn and David are Ditch 13's monitors. Lynn reported that 12 beavers have been trapped and the beavers have built 3 dams this year which were cleared out by Crow Wing County.

Spring Newsletter: Ron reported he is planning for 2 newsletters this year and asked for input on information to include.

Fisheries:

Paul McCullough reported there is no change since the last meeting, with no stocking planned for 2023. A Gill Net test was done this summer, but we have no results at this time.

Invasive Species Committee: Mike Chapman

A sample for Spiny Water Fleas was taken in July from three spots in the lake: North, Middle and Cozy Bay. Results show no indications of this species.

Mike indicated that he would handle the AIS going forward, since Herb Nelson has left the Board.

LECC FALL Potluck & Bingo:

Don Rother has contacted the owners of Cozy Bay, and they are willing to host the Fall Potluck and Bingo.

The date of Saturday, September 30th was chosen, beginning at 5 pm.

Liz said she would oversee the Potluck table, Lynn and Judy Hansche will bring the paper products and Bingo and ticket supplies. Everyone was encouraged to bring White Elephant gifts for Bingo prizes.

A motion was made to spend \$95.00 (\$50 as a Thank you to Cozy Bay and \$ 45 for Door Prizes), seconded and carried.

No further business was discussed. The next Board meeting was not set.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Submitted by Nancy Fischer, Secretary