

EATONBROOK LAKE ASSOCIATION

JUNE 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM by President Andy Sapoznikov. Following the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for those who passed away over the winter. The secretary's report was read and approved. Judy gave the treasures report; income totaling \$8,589.00 and expenses totaling \$7,411.54; leaving a balance of \$15,803.96 on June 1, 2016. See the attached copy for further details.

Several bits of information were shared: 1) there are 180 people on the lake; 2) there are four valves at the dam, 3) there are rules from the DEC regarding benthic mats. You need a permit, they can't be put in until June 30th and they must be taken out in the fall; 4) because of the mild weather, the weeds will be worse this year; 5) sweatshirts, tee shirts, etc. will be ordered and hopefully be here to sell at the picnic.

Since July 4th is on a Monday this year the decision was made to hold the parade and light the flares on Sunday. Judy suggested that we give a prize for best decorated boat and one for best costumes. Andy will look into that.

The Labor Day pontoon gathering will be held the Sunday before Labor Day; everyone enjoyed it last year. You do not need a pontoon boat to join in. Bring a dessert or an appetizer to share and your own drink.

The picnic will be at Art and Rae Burmaster's on Saturday, August 6th. Contact Lona as to what you will be bringing. We will have the 50-50 raffle again this year.

Tim reported regarding the boat launch. There is only room for 13 vehicles and trailers. It is not to be used for picnicking and swimming. If you see activity taking place at the boat launch that is questionable, you can call the DEC police dispatcher at 877-457-5680. The porta-potty will cost \$100 per month; the service will come and clean it once a week. The town of Eaton hasn't answered about funding. Should we also ask the town of Nelson? Jim made a motion that we fund it and hope that the towns will remember us. Kim Scott seconded the motion and passed.

A discussion concerning the weed harvester followed. If we have them come it will be the last week in July or the first week in August. The membership voted not to hire the harvesting this year. It will be 3 to 4 years before we see results from the walleyes. Jim suggested that we get Cornell to shock the lake to determine the amount of fish we need this year. Andy is suggesting \$7500 - \$8000 for fish this year. Ray moved and Linda Sniper seconded the motion that we spend \$8000 on fish this year.

Jim reported for the CSLAP program. If you are interested, you can find the report online.

Ben is chairman of the nominating committee and we are looking for one trustee and one vice president. If anyone is interested please contact Ben.

Currently, we have been incorporated since January 1, 1992, but we are not a "not for profit" corporation. You must register with the state attorney general in order to become not for profit. So as of now, you cannot deduct your donation. A 501 (c)(3) organization means that you are

registered with the government and you can claim your donations and apply for grants. Also, if you are a 501(c)(3), then you can only spend the money on your stated projects related to the lake. You would need have to have a separate organization which would mean a second set of officers, separate treasury and not be allowed to spend money on other things such as a picnic, etc. It will cost money to become a 501(c)(3), but we don't know how much at this point. A lengthy discussion followed. Donna moved to spend up to \$1000 to get answers about forming a 501(c)(3). Jim Crawford second and the motion passed.

The 50-50 raffle was won by Steve.

Donna moved to adjourn and Joan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sidoran,
Secretary