

This is a draft only – subject to approval at the June, 2023 membership meeting

**EATONBROOK LAKE ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2022
ERIEVILLE FIRE HOUSE**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Donna Isbell, ELA President. There was a quorum present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, board members were introduced:

Mike Gleason, Vice President
Amy Coulter, Treasurer (not able to be present)
Sarah Steele, Secretary
Patti Murphy, Trustee
Linda Sniper, Trustee (not able to be present)
Tim Strand, Trustee
Sarah Roy, Trustee (not able to be present)

Donna asked if there were any new lake residents present. There were none.

Donna thanked the following ELA members who were not officers or trustees, but did things behind the scenes all year long for the betterment of the Association.

Terry Sutherland – for movie nights and placing the garbage cans around the lake each spring and storing them all winter

Brian Aikins - for the sound equipment for the movie nights

Dale and Jen Geislinger - for the use of their dock for showing movies

Shole Strand, Tami Cass, and Shirley Phipps - for the t-shirt design, sales and distribution

Jim Crawford - for doing water testing all summer long for the CSLAP program

Jim Cunningham - for his never ending concern for the condition of our lake, his yearly presentations to the ELA membership regarding town and county activities and concerns and most importantly, getting the town board to realize how important Eatonbrook Reservoir and Tuscarora Lake are to the Town of Nelson.

The Treasurer's report was distributed prior to the meeting. Balance as of June 4, 2022 was \$17,268.48. Deposits were \$5,370; expenditures were \$4,495.79; and the balance as of August 22, 2022 was \$18,142.69.

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report: Mike Malsch

Seconded: Randy Fuller

Motion Passed

The Minutes from the June 4, 2022 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

Motion to Accept Minutes: David Moon

Seconded: Jim Crawford

Motion Passed

Old Business

Tillie Coulter was thanked for hosting the annual picnic on August 13. The event was well attended and the great food and company was enjoyed by all. Brock Smith has volunteered to host next year's picnic.

Tami Cass shared that the t-shirt sales have gone well and that she has limited sizes still available. Individuals should contact her by text, e-mail or through Facebook if they were interested in purchasing any.

Patti Murphy provided an update on the membership survey recently distributed. She has received 56 responses with many interesting stories and is looking for ideas on how best to share this information. Some ideas being considered are a periodic memory book or annual calendar and she encouraged individuals to contact her with other ideas. She highlighted the following results of the responses received to date:

- 35.2% had been at the lake for 40 or more years, 13% for 1 to 4 years and 13% for 5 to 10 years
- 35.2% have owned more than one property on the lake

Donna reminded all that there would be a Raft Off on the lake on Sunday, September 4 beginning at 2 p.m. Bring fenders, an appetizer or dessert to share and join the fun.

Andy Sapoznikov reported that the golf tournament at Knickerbocker Country Club was a success with 11 teams (44 individuals) participating. Mike Meyers did a great job as host. Next year's tournament is scheduled for July 22, 2023. 12 teams can be accommodated and he expects the slots to fill quickly. Individuals should contact Andy if interested in participating.

New Business

A member relayed a concern shared by residents downstream who had noted that there was no water flowing out of the lake downstream, resulting in negative consequences for wildlife in that area. Another member confirmed that there were minimum flow requirements and that other factors might be affecting the unusual conditions this summer.

A question was raised regarding the level of the lake this fall and Donna indicated that she expected it to be a normal draw down.

A question was raised regarding the waterfront planting presentation earlier this summer. Those attending indicated that it was a great opportunity for a dialogue between the lakes and that it would be a good topic for a future meeting. Some of the information shared at that meeting is available at www.eatonbrooklakeassociation.com under "Taking Care of our Lake."

Andy Sapoznikov reminded those present that a Boating Safety Certificate is required for all boat operators by 2025, regardless of age. The training and certificate is available free online at www.boatus.org

Safety concerns were expressed regarding recent incidents on the lake – please be aware of surroundings and no wake zones. Jet skis should not be within 100 ft. of shore.

There was a brief discussion regarding the stocking of fish. Mike Gleason reported that he has reserved walleye fingerlings at \$2.25 each, subject to a decision by Association members. In recent years, the Association has spent between \$6,000 and \$8,000/year. A concern was raised regarding the number of bass in the lake and observations that the pike and sunny population are down. Members were reminded that the purpose for stocking the fish is to control the weed population. In addition to a recommendation to manually pull lily pads, a question was raised regarding the availability and effectiveness of the weed harvester. Donna indicated that she would ask Jim Cunningham about that.

A motion was made by Steve Goldberg, and seconded by Carl Isbell, to spend \$8,000 for walleye fingerlings. The motion passed and Mike Gleason will coordinate the process.

An observation was shared regarding the Cormorants that have been sighted on the lake. Given that they can easily eliminate the fish population, residents should discourage them from being on our lake by chasing them with one's boat or otherwise aggravating them.

Other residents noted that the beavers are tearing up trees and muskrats are eating boat wires. Suggestions for dealing with these included wrapping the bottom of trees with wire and using screening around boat wires.

Election of Officers

Donna presented the slate of officers for next year and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Given that there were none, the following individuals were nominated, unopposed:

Donna Isbell, President
Mike Gleason, Vice President
Amy Coulter, Treasurer
Sarah Steele, Secretary

Motion to accept slate of officers: Steve Goldberg
Seconded: Judith Bailey
Motion passed

Given that there was no additional new business, Donna requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Randy Fuller
Seconded: Jim Crawford
Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Steele, ELA Secretary