

**EATONBROOK LAKE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 26, 2023  
ERIEVILLE FIRE HOUSE**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Donna Isbell, ELA President. There was a quorum present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence for those who had passed during the past year.

The following board members were introduced:

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

Donna asked if there were any new lake residents present.

Although she has been a lake resident for more than 29 years, Jean Hilts introduced herself as this was the first ELA meeting she has ever attended.

The Treasurer's report was distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting. Balance as of June 3, 2023 was \$15,962.70. Since that date, deposits were \$5,688 and expenditures were \$4,829.73. The balance as of August 16, 2023 was \$16,820.97 which included \$1,225 in the fish fund. Judy Sutherland made a motion, seconded by Sandy Justice, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

The minutes from the June 3, 2023 meeting were also distributed prior to the meeting. Sue Gucwa made a motion, seconded by Marie Malsch, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

### **Old Business**

Donna thanked Brock and Cathy Smith for hosting the Annual ELA picnic. It was a huge success with over 100 attendees.

The winners of the July 4 boat parade were recognized – Scott Dutcher and crew, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, "Margaritaville"; Patti and Justin Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, "Statue of Liberty and Uncle Sam"; Tim, Cindy, and the "Z" crew, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, "Hoedown". Also recognized was Jen Whalen and her team, winners of the golf tournament.

### **New Business**

Donna shared that a raft off is scheduled for Sunday, September 3 at 1 p.m. Bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share and join in the fun.

Andy announced that the 2024 golf tournament would be held on Saturday, July 20 at the Knickerbocker Country Club, beginning at 2 p.m. or possibly 3 p.m. Arrangements have been made to have the entire course available to allow more foursomes to participate, although each team would still only play 9 holes. He anticipated that the cost would be most likely be higher to allow for a buffet to be served.

Mike Gleason provided an update on fish availability. Hickling's Fish Farm did not have any walleyes available, but he was able to obtain a quote from Fish Haven Farm in Candor, NY (south of Ithaca) to purchase walleye (average of 5 inches long) for \$2 each, to be delivered at the end of October if the membership elected to do so. A motion was made by Andy Sapoznikov and seconded by Jim Crawford to spend \$6,000 to purchase walleye this fall. The motion passed.

Donna reported that the Canal Corporation has continued to be responsive. If individuals notice anything that does not seem right, they should contact Donna. Several members did mention that the security gates to the dam had been left open recently. Bob Curtis shared rainfall data over the last 5 years and questioned why there was a draw down given that last year rain was 10 inches below average.

Donna reminded all members that the garbage cans provided by ELA were NOT for household trash.

Donna shared that some members had expressed interest in wanting more t-shirts. Tami Cass indicated that she is willing to look into ordering more and that Shore Strand might be willing to create a new design although pre-ordering without specific sizes, colors, etc. is difficult. Tim Strand indicated that he would create and distribute a survey to see what the level of interest was.

Jim Cunningham, Nelson Town Supervisor, provided a brief, informal overview of some of the Town's initiatives. He mentioned that the Canal Corporation has been cutting some trees on Tuscarora Lake which has caused some upset. There are plans for a Farmer's Market at the town hall beginning next summer. He shared that 80 acres on Tinsley Hill Road has been donated with the stipulation that the proceeds from recent logging activities are used for building recreational facilities. Plans under consideration are a multi-use trail system, archery and shooting ranges and a venue for concerts. Jim also brought attention to the work of the town's Water Management Committee and the possibility of creating two different waterfront zones, given the difference in population density between Tuscarora and Eatonbrook, as well as efforts to revive the Madison County Federation of Lakes (MADFOL) which represents all 20+ lakes in Madison County to tap into county funds.

Donna indicated that she had a hard copies of a newsletter and survey (from the Water Management Committee for those who did not have easy internet access and that the materials would be distributed via e-mail following the meeting. The survey can be accessed electronically at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B5R9DZH>.

## **Election of Officers**

Donna shared the following proposed slate of officers for 2023-24:

President:	Donna Isbell
Vice President:	Tim Strand
Treasurer:	Amy Coulter
Secretary:	Sarah Steele
Trustees:	Terry Reilly (to replace Tim Strand)

There were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Mary Lee Burmaster and seconded by Andy Sapoznikov to accept the slate as proposed. The motion passed.

Mike Gleason was thanked for his outstanding service as Vice President. He has indicated a willingness to remain as the liaison with the fish hatcheries and to continue managing the signage announcing meetings and the picnic.

## **Other comments and discussion**

A member mentioned the need for volunteers to help pull the water chestnuts found in the pond area to prevent them from entering the lake. Specific date and time to be announced. A brief discussion regarding other invasive plants followed. Although a weed harvester would be needed to control the lily pads, individuals were encouraged to pull what they could as it would reduce the energy getting into the plants and help reduce growth over time.

Given that there was no additional new business, Donna requested a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Schmehl and seconded by Sue Gucwa. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Steele, ELA Secretary