

ELPOIA ANNUAL MEETING 8/13/2016

9:00 a.m. Dover Town Hall

1. **President's Welcome/Call to Order:** Brian Younger, President The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. There were 47 people present. Brian welcomed all. Before official business was conducted, Brian presented a plaque of appreciation to Secretary Judy Amundsen "In recognition for the years of service to the Eagle Lake Community as Secretary of ELPOIA."

2. **Reading of the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes and Administrative Updates:** Judy Amundsen, Secretary Tom Stone moved, Ed Furey seconded that the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting be approved and accepted as distributed to the membership and as found on the Lake Website.

--Judy thanked Webmistress Cindy Stone for her continued great job providing information to the community about ELPOIA, ELMD and County-wide activities. www.eaglelake-racinecounty.org. She also encouraged members to check out the other websites listed below, as they contain good information about our community.

--Welcome New Neighbor Kits are available to new residents of Eagle Lake. Contact Judy at 878-2195 if you need a packet.

--Please notify the secretary of changes to your home address or email, so mailing lists remain accurate for sending out the RIPPLES and other communications involving lake activities.

--The ELPOIA Library remains at the Dover Town Hall and contains a wealth of information about lakes, water, watersheds, native plants, rain gardens, etc. You can check out the three-ringed binders any time during normal Dover Town Hall hours.

--The winners of the 2nd Annual Eagle Lake Photo Contest were announced.

Eagle Lake Nature: 1st Lauren Koschik, Pan Yack, 2nd Juliet Lena-Roszkowski, East Shore
3rd Bert Richter, The Manor, 4th Judy Amundsen, Pan Yack

Eagle Lake People/Water Activities: 1st Bob McEnroe, Pan Yack, 2nd Juliet Lena-Roszkowski, East Shore, 3rd Judy Amundsen, Pan Yack, 4th Marie Frederick, East Shore

Eagle Lake Water Scenes: 1st Marie Frederick, East Shore, 2nd Bob McEnroe, Pan Yack, 3rd Kim Traxinger, East Shore, 4th Juliet Lena-Roszkowski, East Shore

People's Choice (chosen by members present): Bob McEnroe, Pan Yack

Money prizes were awarded to first-place winners and winning photos (1st – 4th place) will be on display at Michael's Restaurant through Labor Day weekend. THANKS to all who entered!

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Glover handed out the financial report for the coming year. Please note: information provided on the new dues payment notice is kept private and not shared. Chuck encouraged everyone to provide their email addresses to reduce postage and facilitate communication. PayPal is now being accepted for dues payment. As of 8/12/16:

EXPENSES:

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| Administrative: | \$1200.49 |
| Fundraising (shirts/flares) | 600.00 |
| Project Expenses | 939.77 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$2794.26 |

INCOME:

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| Annual Dues: | \$2699.26 |
| Total Investment Income | 29.89 |
| Total Fundraising | 2395.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$5124.00 |

ENDING BALANCE: \$39,124.15

Currently, 137 households have paid their annual voluntary dues. We encourage all people who are eligible for membership (those living within one mile of Eagle Lake) to send in their dues to Treasurer Chuck Glover, PO Box 655, Kansasville, WI 53139 or via PayPal (Use the "Send Money" link, Use email: treasurer@elpoia.org). Of the 137 paid dues, 111 = \$15, 2 = \$100 and many gave in between those amounts.

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Assets: checking account, money market account, 4 CD's. Most of our income comes from dues. Please note: Money collected for Fireworks and Flares in a separate account.

FIREWORKS FUND:

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| Total Donations in 2015 | \$8,495.00 |
| Expense for 2015 Fireworks: | \$8,000.00 |
| Carryover to 2016 | \$ 495.00 |
| Donations received-2016 | \$2,265.00 |
| ELPOIA Contribution for 2016 | \$1,000.00 |
| Funds available as of 8/12/16 | \$3,265.00 |

4. **ELMD Report:** Ed Furey, Chair Eagle Lake Management District No invasive weeds were found in the lake since the June chemical treatment. The Crew is being kept busy with other tasks in case the invasives come back. There is Chara, a good weed, which is keeping the nutrients found in the water bottom to stay there, keeping oxygen content good, decreasing algae. Caution: The lake is down approximately one foot, so boaters be aware that there will be rocks that might cause damage to boats. ELMD cannot remove ROCKS, but can remove debris such as old anchors. ELMD is still working on the dredging of the County Boat Launch and will try to get it done by Labor Day. There is a problem with where to dump the silt/dirt. The DNR said, since the dumping site has changed, ELMD needed to submit a new plan. Some trees (ash) have to come down in order to get the equipment into the launch site. Hopefully, the County will take these trees down. ELMD is continuing to work on the transport barge (Aquaris Systems of North Prairie, WI). They still have a grant, but need \$21,000 to supplement the cost. The Weed crew is beginning to go back to college/football practice. They will have a skeleton crew yet for shoreline pickup, etc. Future needs: rebuild the 2nd Harvester and find a permanent home base to secure the harvesters during the summer months.

5. **Re-instituting the Eagle Lake Watershed Task Force:** Brian Younger passed out an article from the Wall Street Journal entitled "Midwest Goes After Algae". It will be posted on the Lake website. Eagle Lake's challenge is that we have too many nutrients coming in from the watershed and we need to solve this flow of phosphorus and other nutrients. The new Task Force will include representatives from ELPOIA, ELMD, the Town of Dover and several members at large. See Brian Younger, (262) 534-6241, if interested in joining the Task Force. It will convene this Fall.

6. **Report by Craig Helker, Senior Water Resources Biologist, WDNR** Contact information is Craig.Helker@Wisconsin.gov Conditions on the lake are good following the 2-4-D chemical treatment by ELMD. In addition, favorable weather conditions have caused good water conditions this year. Enjoy it! Craig thanked volunteers Ken LaVelle and Don Hermes for doing water analysis following the chemical treatment. There was a question about the duck population (Regency Condos has 21 resident ducks) and swimmer's itch. Craig reported that ducks and snails can transfer parasites back/forth between the two. There have not been reports of Swimmer's Itch this summer on Eagle Lake. If this occurs, please report it to ELPOIA/ELMD and they can send out an email to residents. Snails are usually associated with rocky shoreline. If swimming, towel off immediately after getting out of the water. ELMD did take out 77 geese this year, so that should help with reducing potential problems.

7. **Water Patrol Report:** Chris Utecht, Chief, Town of Dover Water Patrol

--The Water Patrol works for the Town of Dover. If issues occur during the week when the Water Patrol is not out, call the Racine County Sheriff at (262) 886-2300. On weekends, call the direct line to the Water Patrol Boat, (262) 758-0450. In case of emergencies, call 9-1-1. You can also contact the Water Patrol with questions at doverwaterpatrol@gmail.com. If residents notice suspicious activity around the lake, please call. There have been reports of batteries stolen from the weed harvesters and other missing boating equipment around the lake this summer. Always notify the Racine County Sheriff when theft/vandalism occurs. Also, if you notify ELPOIA (jwamundsen@aol.com), we will get out an email to residents to be on alert.

--Renewal of Registration for your boat is needed every 3 years and you need that certificate with you on the boat.

--Safety Recommendations: The Law states you need a Personal Floatation Device for EVERY person on the boat. It is recommended you wear the PFD, because if you are knocked out of the boat, it is extremely difficult to put it on when in the water. Also, you tend to get disoriented in the water when you fly out of the boat. You must have a throwable PFD for boats over 16 feet and not only have it, but have it available!

--**Battery on Boats:** need a battery cover. A battery is a box full of acid! It needs to be secured and covered, as you don't want arching between the two terminals. You can secure it with a strap. To cover the battery, have a battery box with a lid, or have terminal boots.

--You need a fire extinguisher if you have any compartments in the boat. Make sure it works (If you shake the extinguisher and don't hear anything, it's time to get new one.

--Kayaks, canoes, paddle boards all require PFD's. If you don't like wearing them, think about getting a manual inflatable PFD.

--Make sure the lights on your boat are in working condition. There are handouts available from ELPOIA that list all of the boating rules/regulations.

--Within 3 feet of shore of the lake, there will be NO GLASS bottles/glasses, etc. on the lake.

8. Fisheries Report: Luke Rofler, Senior Fisheries Biologist, WDNR Contact Information: Cell (262) 822-8164 or Luke.Roffler@wisconsin.gov. Luke replaced Doug Welch two years ago. Since the 2008 Rotenone Treatment, which was a whole-lake treatment to eliminate the grossly overabundant and stunted bluegill population, the DNR has been stocking top predators and forage fish, and then pan fish. They also implemented restrictions on fish harvesting (size/bag limit). This treatment has occurred 3 different times on Eagle Lake. Our current fish population includes: Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass, Bluegill and perch. The 2015 Spring Fisheries Survey done with fyke netting/electrofishing showed the following:

--Northern Pike: excellent native gamefish, excellent predator control (which has the potential to improve bass and panfish size structure - 27.1" Average) controls the rough fish populations. They are dependent on large forage items (about 40% of their length). There is a long history of quality pike fishing on Eagle Lake. Surveys showed moderate abundance, very strong size structure and growth rates and the DNR will maintain stocking and protective regulations to maximize predator pressure.

--Largemouth Bass: Survey showed moderate abundance, good size structure (12.4" average). They are the most effective predator of bluegill in the Eagle Lake system. The DNR will maintain protective regulations to maximize top predator pressure.

--Yellow Perch: Moderate abundance, limited size structure (5.3" average) with reports of 11-13" perch. Multiple year classes have been established. Perch are a popular fishing option and desirable forage species, particularly for pike.

--Bluegill: very high abundance, decent size structure (5.4" average). Abundance is steadily increasing toward pre-treatment levels so the DNR will continue to need large predators to maximize exploitation. The need for continued restrictive fish harvest regulations will be voted on at the Spring Conservation Congress meeting.

--Other panfish: Restrictive regulations on panfish were put in place following the most recent chemical treatment. However, with the history of overabundant rough fish and panfish, the DNR would like to maximize rough fish and panfish predation by Pike and Bass. **They will be recommending open harvest of panfish to prevent overabundance and stunting, i.e. no minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 25.** Roffler urged citizens to attend the CONSERVATION CONGRESS SPRING HEARINGS, April 10, 2017, at the Union Grove High School, 3433 S. Colony Avenue in Union Grove to vote on the recommendation.

EAGLE LAKE FISHERY SUMMARY: excellent fishing opportunities and well-balanced fish community.

LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF EAGLE LAKE:

--Maximize top predator size structure for pike and bass

--Maximize exploitation of bluegill to prevent overabundance

--Monitor gamefish and panfish

--Continued stocking of northern pike for the time being

--Working with ELPOIA and ELMD to address nutrient/sediment loading

Question: why isn't there Walleye stocking in Eagle Lake? Due to DNR budget restrictions, Walleyes are going to lakes with better habitat for reproductions. Roffler indicated, however, that if other groups/organizations want to purchase/stock Walleyes, they can do so. Roffler would help these groups find a hatchery that produces virus-free fish, with strains of walleye compatible with our lake conditions. However, he feels it would be a major challenge to establish that population in Eagle Lake, as spawning habitat availability, crucial to success of walleyes, is reduced.

9. DNR Conservation Warden-Racine County: Mike Hirschboeck Contact information: Michael.Hirschboeck@wisconsin.gov. Mike talked about how to report people who are keeping fish that are not of legal size/bag limits. The best way to report violations is to call the DNR Tip Line: 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367) Wardens cannot do their jobs without the help of the public, so please report

violations (summer and winter). When you call the hotline, you will be called back. You will be asked if you want your name to be confidential when reporting. Mike also utilizes the Water Patrol by asking them to go out and investigate reports. ELPOIA might be able to develop a Lake Card containing the contact information for important numbers, i.e. Warden, Water Patrol, County Sheriff.

10. 2016 ELPOIA Project Reports:

a. **Fireworks and Flares:** Don Hermes, Chair We are short of money to fund a quality fireworks show. Please turn in your donation by Aug. 26th so Mr. Elliot can plan the amount of fireworks to be presented. Flares: You can still purchase Flares from your ELPOIA representative or call Don at 878-4338. After the Fireworks, look to East Shore for the signal to light your flares for the 'Ring of Fire'. Everyone should light them at the same time to be most effective.

b. **Eagle Lake Flags for piers/boats:** Don Hermes, Chair ELPOIA is now selling a polyester flag that lasts longer. Don also encouraged people to purchase boat flags, so people on shore know who is waving to them. Order forms/prices are available from Don by calling 878-4338 or emailing him at hermes.don@gmail.com.

c. **Zinnen Boat Launch Project:** Mike Yost, East Shore, is the new coordinator for the launch site, replacing Judy Amundsen. This Native Plant Restoration Garden demonstrates the type of plants needed at the shoreline to filter out pollutants running into the lake from yards, driveways, streets, etc. ELPOIA needs volunteers to keep up the project site. Please contact Mike at michael.yost@att.net if interested in helping.

d. **Clean Boats--Clean Waters:** Stephanie Rummler, Staff Member gave a review of the Clean Boats--Clean Waters program, a joint project of ELMD and ELPOIA. Paid staff work weekends at the Racine County Park from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. and Holiday Weekends at both the Racine County Park and the Zinnen Boat Launch from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the program is to stop invasive species from entering the lake. While other lakes in Southeast Wisconsin have had Zebra Mussels and Starry Stonewort enter their water, Eagle Lake has so far prevented these invasives from entering the lake. Through July 24, 2016 the staff reached 1138 boaters (542 boats) this summer. Of this total, the staff rated 874 as having a very good understanding of the program (77%), 226 have a good understanding (20% and 38 not having a good understanding (3%). The number of boats that had already been contacted via a CBCW program was 175, leaving 367 boats lacking the contact. Also, 61 boats reported using different bodies of water within the past 5 days of entering Eagle Lake. This program is necessary to continue to reach boaters who travel from lake to lake, thus increasing the risk of spreading invasives.

e. **Tee-Shirt Committee:** Judy Amundsen Eagle Lake Tee-Shirts are available in a wide variety of sizes, up to XXL in Green, Red, Blue and Khaki. Children's sizes are also available. We are also offering Polo Shirts, with the ELPOIA/Eagle Lake Logo. Tee-shirts cost \$15, XXL = \$18, Polo Shirts = \$30. Contact Judy Amundsen to order shirts at 878-2195 or jwamundsen@aol.com.

f. **Possible Venetian Night:** There will not be a Venetian Night this year. If you are interested in serving on a committee to organize the event next year, please call Marie Frederick at 878-5047.

g. **Purple Loosestrife Committee:** contact Marie Frederick at 878-5047 if you see it growing on your lake bank or if you see it anywhere around the lake when out boating. She will come and take it out. Important: you can't just cut it off, you have to dig it out. PL is highly invasive and overtakes native plants necessary for bird and wildlife habitat.

h. **Oak Crest Inlet Clean-Up:** Brian Younger The Oak Crest Inlet runs from the Lavin Wetlands (South of Eagle Lake) under the road by Michael's Restaurant and into Eagle Lake. It has been identified as a source of phosphorus entering the lake. ELPOIA got the weed crew to do some clean up this summer, but more work is needed in this area. Please call Brian if interested in Volunteering at (262) 534-6241.

i. **Terrace "Hot Dog Day":** Brian Younger The purpose was to showcase the native plantings growing there that filter runoff from Minnetonka Road before it enters the lake. About 70 people attended this nice neighborhood gathering. Lake residents are encouraged to go over to the site and see what types of plantings are present and to think about creating a native plant buffer on their own lakebanks.

10. Door Prizes were drawn for the following prizes: Michael's Gift Certificate, Certificate to E.C. Café, an Eagle Lake Tee Shirt, and two shrubs.

11. Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Judy Amundsen, Secretary