

**Ericson Lake Corporation Regular Board Meeting
Saturday, May 20, 2023 9:30 am**

Meeting called to Order by President Joe Wadas

Pledge of Allegiance

Mission Statement

Roll Call

Present: Joe Wadas, Amy Gizinski, Ashley Kaiser, Jerry Schoenenberger, Cyndi Schure, Delmer Pelster,
Paul Claus Jr., Roger Helgoth

Absent: Tom Haase, Kevin Hlavac, Mike Knake, Norm Meith

Others Present: John Dahlgren

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last meeting were emailed out. Jerry made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed, Second by Roger. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

General Fund ----- \$25,681.15

Money Market ----- \$18,421.79

Online Act. ----- \$12,030.53

Events Comm. ----- \$10,821.81

Received invoice for the remainder of the dam computer for \$34,691.78

Amy suggested moving \$18,000 to the general fund from the money market account and move some account to the money market account, leaving some in there for the campspot fees that come out of that account. Amy will send out a detailed email. We may be about \$2,600 short. Ashley suggested if we can wait until after next weekend's cornhole tournament & events as those proceeds are designated or the dam computer. Per Amy the bill is due June 11th. Motion by Paul that we proceed with paying the computer as outlined above after we see what comes in from Memorial Weekend, second by Roger. Motion carried.

There is a \$535 gas bill that we will be receiving.

Joe has the mower all fixed and serviced, he has not received that bill yet.

We will be receiving a bill for fertilizer from Tom Haase and weed killer from Kevin Knott for shoreline. These are requirements from the DNR to keep up shoreline and maintain weeds.

Joe will be calling the trash company to empty the dumpsters & go back to two dumpsters for the summer. The bill will go from \$500 / month to approx. \$850 / month. After Joe contacted them it will be closer to \$1,000 / month for going back to two dumpsters.

We currently have 68 paid dues members.

Taxes due on the 15th. Joe called and the tax person had an emergency and has filed for an extension.

Events Committee:

Memorial Weekend we have 2nd annual cornhole tournament, out door movie at dark and Wild Hay Café food truck will be here during the cornhole tournament.

Paul will not be here Memorial weekend and flags will need put up on the lake front.

Fred Gerber will be having the annual Fishing Derby on September 9th.

New sign is up at the beach.

List of Events for 2023Saturday, May 27th

2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament & Family Fun Day

Saturday, July 1st

Pancake Feed

Annual ELC Meeting

Annual Bake & Craft Sale

Silent Auction

Golf Cart Parade

Sunday, July 2nd

6th Annual Paddle Poker Run

Splash Into Summer Raffle Winners Drawn

BBQ Cook Off

Food Trucks on Lake Front

Fireworks at Dark

Saturday, September 2nd

3rd Annual Husker Tail Gate Party

Sunday, September 3rd

3rd Annual Duck Race

Saturday, September 9th

11th Annual Fishing Derby

Friday & Saturday, December 2nd & 3rd

3rd Annual Trail of Lights

New Business

Annual Newsletter – Joe is working on getting the annual newsletter ready and will get it sent out when Norm gets back from vacation. Need to put in there that it will be on the annual meeting agenda to discuss increasing dues. They have not been raised since 2011.

Playground Equipment – The playground equipment is slowly getting put it and should be completed withing the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone that has been helping with that project and Chris Levander for taking the lead.

Disc Golf – There is a family at the lake that is looking to donate the equipment for a 9 hole disc golf course on the back side of the lake. There are flags up out there now, please leave them as they are.

Right of Way / Road Update – Norm is currently on vacation, but last count 55% of all owners and 63% of all lots have been signed. Several others have the forms and indicated they will be signing them.

Legal – The ELC received a letter from Lisa Norton’s attorney claiming that her trees/scrubs on the north side of her cabin died claiming ELC has not maintained the drainage ditch in front of her property and water backed up causing her trees to die. Discussion has had in regards to lack of rains and severe drought over the fall, winter and spring months. There hasn’t been water too back up in her ditch and yard. Discussion was also had on how to proceed or respond. Joe made a motion that we have our attorney send a response back to her, second by Cyndi. Motion carried.

Lake Website – Received an invoice from Online Domain for \$288 for the lakes website domain. Per research by Ashley, Amy and Tina Stokes this bill is not legitimate. Our website domain is through GoDaddy. We are going to reach out to Ed Knott to see how that is handled if it is set up.

The annual fee for square space is \$192. Tina Stokes had paid that initial fee when creating our new website and billed to us, will need to be transferred over to us now. Discussed how we want to handle that fee. Ashley suggested that we use the Events Committee account since we have a debit card for that account, and already have the constant contact fee billed to that account. With that the lodging advertising collected for the website will go into the events committee account to cover website fees.

Game & Parks – Roger would like to pursue visiting with Game and Parks grant coordinator about grants and funds they have recreational projects other places are receiving and see what is available. Would like to see if we can get funds for kayak trails back in fowlers point or for walking trails.

Joe is going to reach out to Petska’s about pumping out the outhouses.

Old Business:

Treasurer – We are still looking for somebody to run for treasurer. Amy will be stepping down in July. Mainly entails managing check register online and writing checks. Amy will work to transition to a new person.

Board Vacancies – There are 6 openings on the board this year. Amy Gizinski, Mike Knake and Kevin Hlavac are resigning this year. Ashley Kaiser, Paul Claus and Norm Meith’s are up for election this year and will be running again.

Old Playground Equipment sold for \$350.

Road Maintenance – We will need to put white rock in some holes when we get some moisture or this fall and will also need more gravel at the dam campsite.

Dam Inspection – We had our bi-annual dam inspection and have a few repairs that need to be addressed this summer. Southside of spillway & lookout there is some water leaking through that needs to be fixed. Trees especially the cottonwoods near the dam need to be cut down as the roots cause issues with the dam. There is a crack between the spillway and the control shed that needs to be

caulked. Also reminded that the shoreline and lake front maintenance for rock and weed control is our responsibility.

We will know around the first of July how much interest we have we can use from the endowment. We can either take the interest this year to be used for a specific cause or we can roll it over to next year and collect two years worth. It must be collected every 2 years and we collected it last year.

Donation Jars for the fireworks will be put up at businesses, that goes towards our portion of the fireworks.

New ELC Member Benefit coming – Ashley is working on getting the lake signed up for a member benefit program through Dunham Sports. The ELC Dues paying members will be eligible for a card to receive 10% off items. Will hopefully have info ready by Annual meeting. For those not familiar with Dunham Sports, it is similar to Dick Sporting Goods or Scheels. There are store locations in Hastings, Fremont, North Platte, Yankton as well as online.

Don't forget go get your Splash Into Summer Raffle Tickets. Winners will be draw on July 2nd. First Place is a Kayak and Cooler, Second Place is a Water Trampoline and Third Place is a Splash Pad. Great way to kick off summer. Get your tickets from Ashley Kaiser, Cyndi Schure or online at aplos.com/aws/events/splash_into_summer_raffle Proceeds going towards repairs to fix the carousel damaged by last summer's storms.

Next meeting will be June 17, 2023

**Respectfully submitted by
Ashley Kaiser, Secretary**