

## **Ericson Lake Corporation Regular Board Meeting**

**Saturday, February 19, 2022 9:30 am**

### **Meeting called to Order by President Joe Wadas**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Mission Statement**

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Joe Wadas, Tom Haase, Ashley Kaiser, Norm Mieth, Cyndi Schure, Paul Claus Jr., Roger Helgoth

Online via Zoom: Amy Gizinski, Jerry Schoenenberger, Mike Knake

Absent: Nick Merriman & Kevin Hlavac

Others Present: John Schure, Randy Janak & Delmer Pelster

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the last meeting were read out loud as they hadn't been posted online yet, Motion Roger to approve minutes, Second by Paul. Motion Carried.

#### **Treasurers Report:**

General Account: \$26,462.11

Event Committee Account: \$14,693.74

Online Deposits Account (Paypal, WePay, Amazon): \$5,724.23

Money Market Account: \$7,667.15

\* Dam - \$4,545.57

\* Playground - \$2,524.74

\* Fireworks - \$479.11

\* Interest - \$14.80

47 members have paid their dues

\$13,958.00 has come \$5,628 is for dock fees and donations.

Amy has sent out contribution receipts for last year. Paul received feed back from somebody that both husband and wife need to be included. Amy will resend that one.

An attorney bill for \$649.47 has come in.

Joe brought up that he received notification that fireworks have gone up 30% this year and we need to pay for the fireworks now in order to lock them in. In the past it has cost \$6,000 for the fireworks and the lake has contributed \$2,000 and the bank \$4,000. Joe let the bank know that we will pay \$2,800 if the bank will go an additional \$1,000. Motion made by Paul to approve the increase for the fireworks, Second by Ashley. Motion carried to go ahead and pay the bank. \$2,800 for the fireworks.

Cyndi has put out donation jars at the local businesses for fireworks.

Also brought up that the Farm & Ranch Raffle brought in \$770 in Oct. last year for the fireworks, but only \$440 was allocated to the fireworks fund. Amy will look back at the deposit slips to see where it got deposited into.

#### **New Business**

Farm & Ranch Raffle – We have several donations for the farm & ranch raffle. There will be 4 winners drawn. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20 proceeds from this years raffle will be going to the new playground equipment fund. Tickets on sale now and winner will be drawn on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> after the Paddle Poker Run. Get your tickets online at [https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/2022\\_farm\\_ranch\\_affle](https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/2022_farm_ranch_affle)

It was noted that we everyone to know that we are not getting rid of the playground equipment that has been at the park for decades, we are just adding additional equipment.

Also brought up that the Merry Go Round needs to be looked at, it was needed fixed last year.

Upcoming events for this year

#### **Saturday, May 28, 2022**

we are looking to do a cornhole tournament and possibly put put golf and out door movie. Proceeds from this event will go towards purchase of additional ducks for the duck races & general fund.

**Saturday July 2nd**

Annual ELC Board Meeting

Pancake Feed – We will confirm with Ben & Cindy Edwards if they will host again – Proceeds went to Playground Equipment

Annual Bake & Craft Sale – Proceeds will go to general Fund

Golf Cart Parade – Will check with Mary Ann Haggadorn who has lined it up in the past

**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Paddle Poker Run - proceeds go towards tornado shelter

Farm & Ranch Raffle Winner drawn

Fireworks at dusk

We are also looking into having a taco/food truck at the lake on Sunday afternoon through the fireworks

**Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Husker Tailgate party at the Carousel – Proceeds to general fund

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Duck Races – Proceeds to general fund

**Friday & Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trail of Lights Christmas Light display – Proceeds to events committee

Motion was made by Ashley to reinvest the proceeds made on the 2021 trail of lights to purchase additional lights and decorations to go the event for this coming year. Second by Joe. Motion carried.

Update from the events committee on the tornado shelters. The original storm shelters that were looked at have more than tripled in price, not cost effective. Have found some smaller shelters that we can get 2 of for now. At the time of meeting we looked at 2 places that had them. We would like to get them ordered next month, Tabled until next meeting. After meeting Ashley contacted Gherhold in Columbus would not have an updated price until March, in the past \$4,500 plus mileage. Devine Concrete in South Dakota has the same shelters currently for \$3,950 plus free deliver within 150 miles, which the lake falls into. Will need to level the areas we want them and have 4" of fill to set them on.

Ice Eater: Tom Haase donated the ice eater for the lake last year and it did it's job, worked great to keep the water open and ice from forming and freezing up the gates.

We do need to look into the sensor/bubbler. It hasn't been used for some time since we have put bards in the gates in the past. It froze up and caused the gates to open over the winter.

Dam Maintenance: Joe turned in all receipts to the NRD for reimbursement for a percentage of the dam repairs. He said we are on the agenda for next meeting. He has been informed that there are a lot of new members on the NRD board. They want to come here to look at the lake and then decide on how much to reimburse or if they want to have further discussion about partnering with the lake.

Tom would like to know how much they have paid in the past & what it was paid on to show the new NRD Board members they have been involved in contributing to the lake in the past. Paul thought they pai for ½ of the old SCADA system at the dam.

**New Business**

This past year the following lake members have passed away... Vicki Luscomb, Brad Conner & Jo Zohner. If anybody knows of anybody else please let the board members know.

Road Change on the Back 40: Joe presented for discussion the proposed road change to the property across the road east of the lake. Will put on the agenda for spring cleanup to cut trees for new entrance.

Thank you to Jim Smith for paying the stump guy to take out stumps and clean up around entrance B.

Dam Computer Update: It was discussed again that the original computer SCADA system at the dam is in need of being replaced. The current system is obsolete and parts and programs for it cannot be gotten.

A Property owner has requested that Plamadon Road graveled going west from Oseak's property to build up the road. Per Paul first thing that would need to be done is culvert put in. We have one setting by the old bridge that could go there. Joe made a motion to get ahold of Chris Levander to see if he can set the culvert and get ahold of Ulrich about

getting a truck and pup load of mud rock. Roger made an amendment to the motion to have the property owner pay for ½ of the rock if we open the road, amended motion carried.

Joe will take the mowers in to get serviced.

We have shelving that needs to be taken to the Terry Held building after the meeting.

Discussion was brought up to concrete part of the Held building. Would be approx. \$3,500 to concrete 12" x the width of the building. Tabled until next meeting.

Paul made a motion for a load of white right for pot hole fill around the lake & ELC building and load of mud rock for the turn around at the dam before spring rains. Second by Roger to get rock for the lake. Motion carried.

Joe would like to have somebody check the GIF Plugins at all campsites. We had to replace several last year. Would like to make sure they are good or if they need replaced to do so before campers show up late at night and have no power.

New signs needed at both campsites 48" x 48" with update prices and rules. Cyndi's son will do the vinyl work for cost and we already have some metal sign material. Ashley made a motion to have Cyndi's son do the signs, Second by Paul. Motion carried

Campsite Phone #: We need one more person who is at the lake regularly to be listed on the signs at the campsites to unlock power when campers show up. Paul, Joe & Jerry are currently on there. Mike Armstrong was on there, but not here regularly anymore. Joe is going to John Schmidt.

Restroom Pumping: Do we need to have the restrooms pumped. The cost has been \$500 for pumping 5 restrooms (2 at dam, swim beach, carousel and river campsite). Will check them before next meeting.

Spring cleanup agenda: Trees to be cut in the emergency spillway. Concrete on berm needs to be put in place there are spots needing fixed before a big rain.

Discussion on digging out the Northwest side of the lake, the finger that goes up past Schures, Armstrong, Edwards & Helgoths. Would be nice to get that dug out to have a nice fishing channel about 4' deep. Roger knows somebody on the NRD & environmental trust to try to get some matching funds. Larry Beltz has an old grant that could be used for this project. Roger is going to get with Larry and adjacent property owners and report back.

Rick Renner Ground: Joe is putting out there that at some it would be nice for the lake to look into purchasing approx.. 30 acres of Rick Renner's ground that abuts the lake & emergency spillway.

Dock Signage: Discussion on dock signs with numbers for the dock spaces to identify them easily. Looking into metal signs with long stakes to permanently place in the ground.

Tree Dump: The tree dump pile has gotten huge and the lake does not have the equipment handle the large trees. We are needing somebody with an excavator to pile the trees up into a pile so it can be burned when the weather conditions permit.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Norm and Second by Tom to enter into executive session at 11:44 am.

Left executive session at 12:15 PM

Motion by Tom to adjourn meeting, Second by Ashley. Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM**

**Respectfully submitted by  
Ashley Kaiser, Secretary**