**Ericson Lake Corporation Regular Meeting**

**Saturday, August 19, 2023 9:30am**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mission Statement**

**Roll Call**

Present: Joe Wadas, Tom Haase, Ashley Kaiser, Cyndi Schure, Norm Mieth, Paul Claus Jr., Chris Levander, Jerry Schonenberger, Paul Kyncl, Jason Daharsh

Absent: Delmer Pelster

**Introduction of Newly Elected Members** Chris Levander, Jason Daharsh and Paul Kyncl

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes from the Annual Meeting are posted online. Ashley Kaiser made a motion to approve the 44rd Annual meeting minutes as posted. Motion Seconded by Norm Mieth. Motion Carried.

**Treasurers Report: as of August 16, 2023**

General Fund……………….. $30,480.07

Online Payment Acct………. $ 4,747.95

Money Market ……………...$ 8,099.96

Events Committee………….. $11,193.05

1. **Membership Account**.

Currently there are 96 members that have paid their 2023 dues.

Chris Levander made a motion to pay all current bills including advertising in The Quiz and reimburse Norm Mieth for the 129 quit claim deeds that he has filed in Wheeler County. There is a bill for In Control for a sensor that will be paid once Joe Wadas is satisfied that the sensor is working properly. Motion Seconded by Tom Haase. Motion Carried.

1. **Events Committee**
2. Levander Playground. We will be planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for Memorial Weekend 2024 to coincide with the Family Fun Day and Cornhole Tournament.
3. Date of upcoming Events.
4. Trail of Light meeting Sunday, September 3rd, 7:30pm.
5. 3rd Annual Husker Tailgate Party is moved to Saturday 16th, 6:00pm.
6. 10th Annual Fishing Derby – September 9th, check in at 2:30pm and tournament starting at 4pm. Meal will be provided after tournament.
7. Labor Day weekend – Duck Race, Sunday, September 3rd, Ducks will be dropped in at the new bridge at 12:00PM, finish line will be at the Tank out. Places will be announced at the carousel, we will also be having a free will ice cream social following Duck Race.
8. **Old Business**

There are 2 gate motors left that need to be repaired. Joe Wadas is also looking into how much new seals for all gates will cost. It is time that they need to be replaced several are cracked and leaking. Cancelled checks for the computer system and sensors have been submitted to the NRD for reimbursement. They are now requesting the invoices to go with the checks. Ashley Kaiser and Joe Wadas will be working on getting those submitted for reimbursement.

We have an anonymous donor that has decided to do a matching grant specifically for dam repairs in the amount of $10,000. We have until January 15th to raise this amount, the donor is wishing that these funds come for owners/individuals instead of from fundraising activities. The donor will match whatever amount that we can raise.

Frisbee Golf is still in planning stages.

Roads Right of Way Progress. There is 58% of owners and 65% of lots that have quit claim deeds. There are a few areas that need some survey work to find the property pins and have them flagged. The Oseka’s asked if some posts could be put in to designate the corner of the road by their cabin. Chris Levander will put a few posts with reflectors to help with vehicles traveling too fast around that corner and going into the ditch and grass. Tom Haase made a motion to hire a surveyor to survey the few areas needed. Seconded by Paul Claus Jr. Motion Carried.

The carousel needs to be redone with a steeper roof line and thicker sheeting if we want it to last. Chris Levander will do an estimate on a rebuild.

Report from DNR / DNR list – in progress: There are several issues that still need to be addressed, all growth on lakeshore rocks need removed (they have been sprayed, thank you Kevin Knott), remove trees North of Dam, repair Southside of spillway, replace gaskets on gates and remove tree branches from gates.

2024 Dock Dues. The increase will be set aside for repairs to the boat and handicapped dock. Currently there are 43 docks. Amy Gizinski has the list of Dock owners and who has one, dock spaces are only available to due paying members. If a cabin sells that has a dock space the new owner has first right of refusal. Dock spaces do not automatically go with a cabin at the time of sale. Over the winter the board will be working on getting the docks numbered and a list made of who has a dock. More discussion on the dock will be at the next meeting on September 16, 2023.

1. **New Business**

Ashley Kaiser will update the by laws to change the number of Board members from 12 to 11 that was voted on at the July Annual meeting.

A survey was handed out at the Annul meeting in July to all present at the meeting, to select what is most important to them at Lake Ericson. Those surveys have been tallied, the top 3 are:

* 1. Dam Repairs – 145 votes
  2. Dredge – 76 votes
  3. Carousel – 67 votes
  4. Followed by: Upgrade ELC building, Extend Jetty, Improve Camp Grounds, Concrete Terry Held Building, Kayak Trail, Improve recreation opportunities.

After July 1st there will be around $6,700 that can be used for repairs from the Endowment Fund. Joe Wadas will file the application. Paul Claus Jr. made a motion to apply for all available funds. Seconded by Ashley Kaiser. Motion Carried

Joe Wadas is still looking into getting an estimate for a sewage system at the dam.

Dark Sky information will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ben Ewards will be donating the time to install foam insulating in the ELC Building and the product at cost which will begin in mid September. There has been money donated by Joe Wadas and the Events Committee to cover the cost, no monies will be coming out of the General Fund.

Cyndi Schure will get signs made for the campgrounds with their 911 address.

Bronco Buzz is a school newspaper in Burwell the cost is $80.00 for advertisement space. The Events Committee will look into when they run and pay the cost to advertise our events.

Joe Wadas received approval from the Ericson Postmaster to move the mailboxes from the road to near the ELC Building. We will be looking into the price for a small cluster of keyed boxes, and large box for packages and a place for out going mail. Those members that have a mailbox or want a mailbox please contact Joe Wadas.

Four new flag poles have been purchased, Paul Claus, Jr and Tom Haase will decide on the location where they will be placed. Paul Claus, Jr. will be ordering the memorial plates for these poles.

There are 4 benches behind the ELC building that a gentleman has offered to repair and paint for us to place around the Lake and be used. John Schure and Chris Levander will load and take them for repair.

It was discussed that next year no hay be cut from around the Lake. We will discuss this in more detail next Spring.

Fall Clean up will be October 21 after a short board meeting. The major project will be removing all of the cut branches from the Dam Tent Camping. If you have a chain saw and/or a dump trailer please bring them on October 21. If you cannot make the fall clean up and you are at the lake, please feel free to cut and haul what you can to the tree dump. This would also be an excellent way for you to replenish firewood for next year.

Tom Haase made a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Paul Claus, Jr. Motion Carried.

Next meeting September 16, 2023 9:30am

Submitted by

Cyndi Schure, Secretary