

Ericson Lake Corporation Regular Board Meeting
Saturday, June 17, 2023 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, Jerry Schoenenberger, Cyndi Schure, Kevin Hlavac,
Paul Claus Jr., Roger Helgoth, Norm Meith

Absent: Amy Gizinski, Delmer Pelster, Mike Knake

Others Present: John Schure, John Dahlgren, Ginny Oseka, Larry & Linda Thelen

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

Treasurers Report:

General Fund ----- \$23,315.26

Money Market ----- \$426.79

Online Act. ----- \$6,828.71

Events Comm. ----- \$8,543.09

Currently 81 paid dues members, with ones Paul just received.

Dam computer has been paid for.

Bills:

Attorney Bill for \$124 for response to Norton letter. Will be another bill coming.

\$454.22 for lawn mower service & repair

\$293.10 for chemicals required to spray shorelines. Kevin Knott sprayed.

Will be a bill for fertilizer for shoreline & a tire repair bill

Norm as started filing the real estate transfer paperwork at the courthouse for the quitclaim deeds for the road right of ways. There is a \$10 fee for each. Norm will pay for each and submit receipts for reimbursement when all are filed instead of having write a lake check each for each. Will be between \$2,000 - \$2,500.

Joe made a motion to pay bills, second by Ashley. Motion carried.

Dumpsters are at least \$150 / month higher over the summer than in past years. Will be close to \$1,000 / month vs. \$850 in past years. During the summer months we use the two big dumpsters instead of one. Winter months previously had been around \$325 / month, this past winter November & December were \$400 and January – May have been around \$500.

Our tax lady had an emergency and had filed for an extension on our taxes, they are supposed to be done before the annual meeting.

Ashley made a motion to approve treasurers report, second by Cyndi. Motion carried.

Events Committee:

Memorial Weekend cornhole tournament & outdoor movie raised \$1,210 for the dam computer. We had 19 teams compete this year.

Playground equipment – The one big piece is completed, the 3 smaller items (swing, merry go round and rope climbing wall) will be completed soon.

List of Upcoming Events for 2023

Saturday, July 1st

Pancake Feed 8-11 am

Annual ELC Meeting 10 am

Annual Bake & Craft Sale 11 am – 2 pm

Silent Auction 8 am – 2 pm

Golf Cart Parade – 5 pm

Sunday, July 2nd

6th Annual Paddle Poker Run 1 pm

Splash Into Summer Raffle Winners Drawn 3 pm

BBQ Cook Off – POSTPONED

Food Trucks on Lake Front 12 pm

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

Old Business

Dam Repairs:

Dam computer has been installed.

Equipment on the dam gates themselves are needing replaced and fixed. 3 Gates have been fixed so far and 3 more that need repaired each costing \$2,500 - \$3,500 to repair. \$18,000 in total. Joe advised that we need to get additional brass spindles made that raise and lower the gates, they had to install the last one we had on hand. The cost is \$800 each. Joe has donated \$500 towards the cost.

John Schmidt has offered to great the gates once a month all year to help with the being proactive on the maintenance.

There is a new log book that came with the computer system to keep detailed logs on all the dam maintenance we will use log all repairs and upkeep on the dam.

Seals on the dam are going to need to be replaced. They need to be replaced every 20 years and is currently 23 years old this year.

With the needed repairs to the gates and the repairs required from the state's dam inspection. We will be looking at an additional \$35,000 - \$40,000 needed for the dam.

Per recent inspection our dam received a poor rating and has 4 major issues that need to be addressed and fixed. 1) All trees growing near the dam and dike/embankment/road need to be cut down, stumps removed and holes & roots filled with cement. Roots growing into the dam and bank can cause leaks and voids causing the dam or dike to breach. On the south side of the spillway there is a spalled concrete that needs fixed. There is a boil on the north side of the apron from where the large tubes diverted the river when the dam was installed that need to be filled in. Estimated cost on those repairs is around \$15,000 and could be more depending on amount of concrete and materials needed.

State also emphasized it is our responsibility for maintaining the banks, shorelines, and geo tube, that we are responsible for weed control to avoid deterioration and cause erosion.

The board will have an open house at the dam on Saturday, July 1st at 2:00 PM to show the new computer and repairs that need made.

Frisbee Golf – Tabled until next meeting

Road/Right of Way Update – Norm has started filing the real estate transfer statements at the courthouse. So far there have been 196 lots completed with represents 62% of lots and 56% of property owners. Another 23% have their forms and indicated they will sign them and get them back to us. 19% he has not been able to get in contact with or have issues such as getting transferred into correct name from an estate.

New Business

Norm made a motion to send Brian & Chala Coufal an invoice for \$300 for use of the lakes bobcat as they are not dues paying members. Paul second. Motion carried. Bill has been sent. Request to use the bobcat needs to be made and approved in advanced as it is not intended for personal use.

Treasurer – We are still looking for a treasurer for the board as Amy will be stepping down at the next meeting. We have a couple possibilities. If you are interested please let us know. Thank you to Amy for her years of dedication to the board.

Dues – Board will be presenting to the association at the annual meeting for discussion increasing the annual dues to \$350 or \$400. They have not been raised since 2011. Cost for everything to maintain the lake has gone up substantially.

Ashley is working on and will have a spreadsheet at the annual meeting for people to update mailing addresses, contact info, gather email addresses for a separate property owners list to send out information that may be pertinent to property owners only. Looking for somebody not on the board to assist with this while people entering for meeting.

The state recently sprayed the lake and river bank for phragmites with a helicopter.

Vacancies on the Board: Ashley Kaiser, Paul Claus and Norm are up for re-election this year and will run again. Mike Knake, Kevin Hlavac and Amy Gizinski are resigning. Jason Daharsh is running for the board. If you or anyone else would like to run, please let a board member know.

Endowment Fund – we will have \$6,700 of interest to use this year.

Campspot has been working well. Over \$3,660 collected for camping this month.

Dump Station – Joe would like to get a quote on what it would cost to someday down the road put in sewer line and dump station for the campground. It is something that has been mentioned by campers. Joe visited with town members on getting a new dump station in town. When the daycare was built it blocked access for the road to the current dump station.

Fence on the back 40 – Joe inquired about the status of getting a fence around the back 40 shooting range area. Was advised that the new entrance needs to be spruced up to be able to get a vehicle in. Once that is complete they will look at getting gates put up.

Joe would like a list of priorities to present to everybody at the annual meeting to have them vote on what they would like to see as a priority at the lake.

Ashley address the need to get the revised dock regulations that she and Chris Levander had started working on few years prior finished up. There are several docks in disrepair that is a liability hazard for the lake. Regulations would implement previous regulations and have dock owners sign off. First thing is getting updated list of dock space tenants and the numbers stakes in the ground.

Was discussed raising the dock fee slightly.

New member benefit – There is a new benefit for Dues Paying Ericson Lake members for discounts at Dunham's Sports. Cards will be given out at the annual meeting.

Don't forget to get your Splash Into Summer Raffle Tickets. Winners will be drawn 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, Janet Bauer 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.

Annual Meeting will be July 1, 2023 @ 10 AM

**Respectfully submitted by
Ashley Kaiser, Secretary**