

**Meeting Minutes Ess Lake Association Annual Meeting.
July 7th, 2018**

Annual Meeting was called to order by President Mark Pollard at 10:00 a.m. at the pavilion.

Board Members Present: Mark Pollard, Shirley Daugherty, Sharon Quist, Aimee Smith, Geoff Denstaedt and Ted Campbell.

Introduction of Board Members: Mark Pollard, Shirley Daugherty, Sharon Quist, Aimee Smith, Geoff Denstaedt and Ted Campbell.

Introduction of Ess Lake Owner's Association Members: Mark Pollard asked that all Ess Lake Owners who were present to introduce themselves.

Additions to the Agenda:

Treasurer's Report: The report was given by Sharon Quist. This report is attached to the minutes. A motion was made for approval of the report and the motion carried. A suggestion was made to modernize dues payment so that a credit card could be used – the next board will consider this.

President's Report – Mark Pollard reviewed the following items:

Your Board met 7 times since our last Annual Meeting.

Let me report on some of the major issues the Board address during the past year:

By-Laws & Restrictions: The ad-hoc committee to review the By-Laws and Restrictions completed their work and presented the result to the Board. The Board reviewed their recommendations and with minor changes is preparing to present the recommended changes in a format that is easy to understand and vote on. Your new Board will need to accomplish this task.

Your Board has worked hard at enhancing communications with the membership. Based on the advisory vote during the last Annual Meeting, your Board set up a web-site to facilitate communication, allowing for the posting of meeting dated, Board Minutes as well as other information. This task was accomplished your Association secretary, Jim Badour. I hope many of you have visited the site and if you haven't please do so. I think you will like it.

There has been a lot of concern about reopening the gravel pit owned by Jack Matthias. Currently the property is zoned "Residential" After Jack made a presentation to the Board about the gravel pit, and after a discussion about the gravel pit at the next Board meeting, an ad-hoc committee, consisting of Ammie Smith, Shirley Daugherty and Lee Brandt, was appointed to look into the matter and convey the communities concerns about the gravel pit. These concerns include the noise associated with a gravel pit& equipment, the deterioration of the roads and the truck traffic in a residential area. Once we get to the new business part of the meeting, I will entertain an advisory motion to your new Board on the Ess Lake Owner Association concerns about reopening the gravel pit.

The project associated with the mouth of the canal is continuing. A survey of the lot lines along the property bordering the mouth of the canal is scheduled to take place in the next few days. Once the survey is completed and the lines established, I can complete the application for a permit to fortify the shore at the mouth of the canal. One of the objectives of this project is to develop a process for dredging the canal mouth without interfering with shoreline property.

Associated with the canal area is the dead tree issue caused by three years of high water. The next Board will need to assess this problem and come up with a solution.

The security patrol was conducted this past year by John Quist from November through April. Other than some downed trees and unlocked doors, the year was relatively uneventful.

Clean up weekend was conducted in May. The emphasis was on maintaining individual resident property. In addition, we had several individuals assist in maintaining the out lots. I want to thank Ed and Stephanie LaFramboise for maintaining Park A on Red Pine Drive. Thank you, Ed Campbell for maintaining Park B on Red Pine Drive. Jim and Shirley Daugherty, Ted and Pat Campbell are owed our thanks for maintaining Outlot A on Pinecrest Circle. Warren Libka and I cleaned up outlot C and put the dock in this spring. Ammie Smith purchased and picked up the new picnic table here at the Pavilion. I also want to thank Stephanie LaFramboise for arranging for and maintaining the flowers at the Ess Lake Association sign on Ess Lake Drive. I know there are others who assist in maintaining our property that are unnamed here, to those individuals, I want to extend my thanks as well.

Other things that were accomplished this year included:

- Approved one shed, three garages, three docks
- Approved six requests to remove trees.
- Address three violations of Association restrictions.
- Added fill to Park A.
- Placed Lease law signs at each par and outlot.
- Looking into legality of assessment on Out lot C

That concludes the Presidents report.

Nomination for Board Election – all nomination and proxies were gathered.

Nominations

Geoff Denstaedt, Cheryl Leach, Ted Campbell, Sharon Quist, Mark Pollard, Jim Badour, Shirley Daugherty, and Aimee Smith.

2017 – 2018 Current Board Members

Mark Pollard – President
Shirley Daugherty – Vice President
Sharon Quist – Treasurer
Jim Badour – Secretary
Geoff Denstaedt – Board Director
Ted Campbell – Board Director
Aimee Smith – Board Director

2018 – 2019 New Board Members

Mark Pollard - President
Shirley Daugherty – Vice President
Jim Badour - Secretary
Sharon Quist –Treasurer
Geoff Denstaedt – Board Director
Cheryl Leach – Board Director
Aimee Smith – Board Director

Old Business:

- Website: If you want to see any improvements, please get with Jim Badour. Can the directory be posted – not at this time, however it is available electronically. Changes to the directory are made in Dec/Jan. with new owner information.
- By-Laws/Restrictions Update: Jim Staton commented that this should have been completed on the 20 year cycle and it should not be completed now. Geoff Denstaedt stated that in the current By-Laws that this can be completed now, but takes a 75% vote by all lot owners to approve changes now. The new board will update this in the fall.
- Fishing Committee: Aimee Smith reported that Ess Lake just had Walleye planted in the lake. She was not sure how many were planted.

New Business

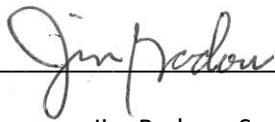
- Allband Update: A tower is being proposed in our area, Mathias has committed to donating the land for a tower.
- Downed Trees: Vicki LeBarre stated that there was a tree down in her driveway and no one contacted her. This will be addressed and she will be called in the future.

- Renters: Vicki LeBarre asked if this could be addressed with the owners(trees were damaged by the renters). The owner needs to give the renter the by-laws and restrictions. A letter should be written to the renters. The next board can take this subject up. Cheryl Leach responded that this could be addressed in the by-laws. A summary sheet to the renters would be a good idea, make part of the rental agreement with contact information, this is an advisory recommendation to look at rentals. A motion was made in regards to this and the motion carried.
- Gravel Pit: Advisory Vote for that the association does not support opening the gravel pit to a commercial operation, first motion was made by Jim Leach, with a second by Ted Campbell, all approved.
- Anonymous Letter in the Mail: This event was opened up for discussion. Some members did not like the letter, said it was unfair, there was no signature on the letter. Jim Staton sent the letter to the DEQ due to the erosion problem. Mark Pollard wants to deal with the facts, so a survey is being completed. The plans are not submitted yet because we have rules protecting our property. A first motion was made to retract the letter that was sent to have the lean to removed from lot #115 by Bob Bolen with a second motion from Jim Staton. A discussion followed the motion with Jim Leach commenting that Jim Staton did not get the addition approved by the board. There were concerns over the lake levels, but Ted Campbell comment that the levels will go down as they have in the past. A vote was taken in regards to the above motion. There were 2 votes to retract the letter, with all others members voting to **not** retract this letter, so the letter will not be retracted.
- Replacing a Board Member: This will be addressed in the by-law changes.
- Dogs on Leashes: Please keep all dogs on leashes
- Recycling: This will be addressed in the bylaw changes
- July 4th Week and Trash: There is excess trash during this time, could a dumpster be brought in? – the next board can assess this.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Written and submitted by Jim Badour

Signed _____



Jim Badour, Secretary