

**January, 2019**

Greetings and Happy New Year from Eagle Lake,

### **ELLA Membership Dues**

Just a reminder that dues for this year can be paid by Paypal. See the link on the ELLA website at [www.minnesotawaters.org/eaglelakelakeshore](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/eaglelakelakeshore).

### **Lake Freeze-up**

Ice formed on most of the lake Nov. 20, however, complete freeze-up did not occur until Dec. 8.

### **Lake Level**

The lake level in the fall was fairly low.

### **Otter Tail County COLA Water Quality Testing Results for Eagle Lake**

I encourage you to access the Otter Tail County COLA website at [www.ottertailcountycola.org](http://www.ottertailcountycola.org) and review the OTC Water Quality Analysis Report for Eagle Lake. To summarize a few important points, trend analysis category, based on 10 years of data, assigned to Eagle Lake was IMPROVING which means Phosphorous trending down, Chlorophyll trending down and Secchi (clarity) trending up. The report stated it was important to control the infusion of phosphorous to the lake from animal waste, human waste and fertilizers in order to maintain the health of Eagle Lake. In order to maintain low levels of phosphorous in the lake, it was recommended to investigate and control property owner septic system efficiency, identify and pursue adverse land run off from lake property owners, farm and feedlots, and educate lake property owners on detrimental use of phosphate lawn fertilizers. See report for more information.

### **Lake Improvement District (LID) Committee**

At the annual meeting last summer a presentation was made about Lake Improvement Districts by Pat Prunty and myself. A motion was passed for the Board of Directors/Officers to organize a committee to further investigate LIDs and come back to the property owners with additional information. A 5-person committee was organized consisting of Pat Prunty, Maryjane Westra, Teresa Varney, Bob Wiedeman and Tom Athens. The committee met twice prior to the holidays. Pat was elected chairman. Some very good information has been collected about LIDs, how they are formed and what they can do. At this time a presentation is planned for the annual meeting. It is imperative property owners attend the meeting to hear more about LIDs, ask questions and possibly decide if the property owners of Eagle Lake want to pursue the formation of a LID. Highlight the June 15 annual meeting date on your calendars and plan on attending.

### **I-LID Camera at Lake Access**

The I-LID camera was installed on May 11, 2018 and removed on Oct. 22, 2018. No suspect AIS violations were detected.

### **Watercraft Inspections at the Eagle Lake Access**

Inspections were scheduled at the access every weekend and most weekdays between May 25 and September 10, 2018. Watercraft inspectors inspected 190 watercraft, 113 of which were entering watercraft. One watercraft was denied launch until an aquatic plant fragment was removed from the hull. Another watercraft was denied launch until a plant fragment was removed from the trailer. No watercraft launched with attached Zebra Mussels.

## **Eagle Lake Map**

Maps are still available. Contact me by e-mail, [rinehepper@aol.com](mailto:rinehepper@aol.com), or by phone, 816-536-2044.

## **Save the Dates**

- April 27: A litter pickup in the ditches around Eagle Lake (excluding Highway 78) will be held. Meet at 9 am at Eagle Lake Park. Bring any litter pick-up aids and collection containers or buckets you may have.
- June 15: Annual ELLA meeting at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church. A free breakfast (no free-will donation) of pancakes and sausages will be served at 8 am with the meeting to follow at 9 am. A raffle for prizes will be conducted.
- July 4: Boat parade at 1:30 pm (July 5 is the back-up date).
- August 10: ELLA picnic at Eagle Lake Park

## **Dock and Riparian Use Ordinance Revision**

Note the following regulation which was added last year to the Dock and Riparian Use Ordinance.

F. In order to comply with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 84D. Invasive Species, a dock, pier, wharf, or boatlift may not be placed in waters of the state unless:

1. The dock, pier, wharf, or boatlift, is new and has never been in a body of water, or;
2. The dock, pier, wharf, or boatlift, is being moved from one location to another in the same body of water, or;
3. The dock, pier, wharf, or boatlift is registered with the Otter Tail County Land and Resource Management Office. Registration of the dock, pier, wharf or boatlift must include the owners name, the location (E911 address) and the date the dock, pier, wharf or boatlift was removed from the water. All docks, piers, wharfs, or boatlifts must remain dry for 21 days before it may be placed in another body of water.

See you this summer. My e-mail address is [rinehepper@aol.com](mailto:rinehepper@aol.com). Contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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