

Winter Newsletter 2020

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.

Lake Freeze-up

Ice formed on the lake Dec. 2

Lake Level

The lake level in the fall was high and there has been considerable snow so far this winter causing concern about the spring lake level.

Zebra Mussels

As most of you are aware, Zebra Mussels were detected in the fall. Reports indicate they may be fairly widespread in the lake. In a conversation with the Otter Tail County Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, it appears the Zebra Mussels have been in the lake for several years.

Lake Improvement District (LID) Update

During last summer, lake property owners were asked if they were/were not in favor of forming a LID. Property owners were contacted at the annual meeting, directly contacted or contacted by mail. When the results were reviewed, opinions from 112 out of approximately 200 total lake property owners had been received. Eighty-eight (88) of the responses were in favor of and 24 were against LID formation. Based upon the data, a document was prepared supporting the formation of a LID and presented to the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners at a September 24 meeting. The Commission passed a resolution of intent to form a LID for Eagle Lake. The Resolution of Intent to form a LID for Eagle Lake can be seen in the Oct. 15, 2019 meeting minutes of the Commission. A public hearing is scheduled for April 28, 2020 at 1 pm in the Commissioners Room of the Otter Tail County Government Service Center in Fergus Falls.

I-LID Camera at Lake Access

The I-LID camera was installed on June 7, 2019 and removed on Oct. 31, 2019. No suspect AIS violations were detected.

Watercraft Inspections at the Eagle Lake Access

Data has not been received. It will be reported at the annual meeting in June.

Eagle Lake Map and Directory

The map and directory are scheduled to be updated and available in the summer.

Save the Dates

- April 25: 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 20: 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).

Walleye Stocking

Thank you to the property owner who made a monetary memorial donation for the stocking of walleye fingerlings in the lake. A permit was obtained and arrangements were made with Klug's Fish Farm. On a cold day in the fall, 28 pounds of walleye fingerlings were released into the lake.

Officers/Board of Directors Update

Jane Ohland has assumed the Treasurer's position. New members on the Board of Directors include Kathy Wyman on the North Side, Jeanine Henneman on the East Side and Mary Ann Wiedeman on the South Side.

See you this summer.

Kelly Hepper, President
Eagle Lake Lakeshore Association