

## **Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association (BELIA) 2025 Annual Meeting Agenda**

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, 10:00 AM – Orrock Town Hall**

*Thank you for coming!* We all love our Lake, and you are a part of a great community!

Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM. There are thirty-nine (39) people in attendance.

- 1) Welcome and Introductions: Paul Ellinger introduced the members of the BELIA Board: President, Paul Ellinger, VP, Mike Donnelly, Treasurer: Jeff Johnson, Secretary: Lori Andreen, Directors: Dan Boyle, JR McGuire, Sarah Phillips, Katherine Nerison, Troy Olsen. The importance of volunteering to protect and serve our lake was stressed. We need more involvement of our members for fundraisers and service for our lake.
  - a) Jackie Moores was recognized for updating the sign at the corner of County Roads 75 and 5. Thank you, Jackie!
  - b) Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) herbicide treatment will occur this week.
  - c) Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) will be surveyed in June and the Board will decide if treatment is needed.
- 2) Motion to approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting made by Gordy Westerlind, seconded by Mike Donnelly. Motion approved.
- 3) Motion to approve BELIA Annual Treasurer's Report made by Marie Johnson, seconded by George Wallin. Motion approved.
- 4) Old Business
  - a) ELID Update: Ken Andreen
    - i) **Annual ELID Meeting will be Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM at Orrock Township Hall.** The annual budget and voting for Board Members will be on the agenda.
    - ii) A Grant was received from BWSR (Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources) which covers the cost of the Dosage Study.
    - iii) Stantec Engineering: The Dosage Study will be completed early this summer by Stanec Engineering to determine the dosage/rate of application per gallon of the alum, and where it will be applied. Stantec will partner with the applicator to monitor the acid/base balance and oversee the alum application.
    - iv) Alum Treatment: If ELID receives the BWSR Grant, the first alum treatment will be done in 2026..
    - v) ELID will be responsible for 10% of the alum grant (formerly 20%), which is welcome news.
- 5) New Business

- a) DNR Boat Launch Update: DNR contacted BELIA last week with a statement that the lease of private property expired at the end of April and that the boat access would be closed 5/1 – 5/10 to move the boat access and reduce the number of parking places. Paul stressed that BELIA had no input into this decision. Contact the DNR at 320.223.7861 with your concerns.
  - b) Zebra Mussels were found in Big Eagle Lake last fall by the SWCD (Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District). Will monitor. For more information: [Website Link](#):
  - c) Events Committee
    - Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 4-8 PM: Monticello Culver's Fundraiser – only allowed one fundraiser this year! We have usually done four and raised \$500+ at each one. Please come out and support the lake association.
    - Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 9 AM: Adopt-a-Highway. Meet at the Public Access
    - Friday, 4th of July Parade: Decorate your boat, pontoon, jetski, and vote for the best! Thank you to Amanda Swan for all of her work with photos and voting!
    - Saturday, July 19th: Poker Run 2 PM – 8 PM: Hosts needed! A fun way to meet neighbors on the lake.
    - **Saturday, August 9th: Smokin' Pulled Pork Cook-Off: 12:45 – 3:30 PM:** Our biggest fundraiser of the year garnering the bulk of the monies needed for herbicide treatments for the invasive species on Big Eagle Lake! We can always use your help to visit local businesses asking for donations and your time on the day of the event. Please reach out to Lori at [bigeaglelakeboard@gmail.com](mailto:bigeaglelakeboard@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you!
    - Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 9 AM: Adopt-a-Highway. Meet at the Public Access
  - d) Volunteers are needed for Lake Association Projects
    - i) We need help for such projects as monitoring the lake for clarity, depth, etc.
      - (1) Thank you to CJ Johnson for monitoring the lake depth each week.
    - ii) Post ice-fishing lake clean-up
    - iii) Fundraising projects
  - e) Board of Directors Elections: Appeal for new Board members
    - i) Please consider joining the Board. We meet six-seven times per year and we have lost members. We could use more folks who love the lake and are concerned with its care. Thank you in advance, we are a fun group to work with and get to know.
- 6) Door Prizes: All received a \$2 Bill. The values will all go up, just like the care for our lake.
- a) Kyle Nerison - 1976
  - b) Debbie Sievert = 2003
  - c) Linda Lutzig - 2017

7) Closing: “We all do better, when we all do better”. -Paul Wellstone

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Andreen  
BELIA Secretary