

**Draft – subject to approval at June, 2025 meeting**

**EATONBROOK LAKE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 24, 2024  
ERIEVILLE FIRE HOUSE**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Donna Isbell, ELA President. There was a quorum present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Donna introduced the following board members:

Tim Strand, Vice President  
Amy Coulter, Treasurer  
Sarah Steele, Secretary  
Patti Murphy, Trustee  
Terry Reilly, Trustee  
Sarah Roy, Trustee  
Linda Sniper, Trustee (not able to be present)

Donna asked if there were any new lake residents present. There were none.

The Treasurer's report was distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting. Balance as of May 28, 2024 was \$15,185.07. Since that date, deposits were \$3,935 and expenditures were \$4,422.62. The balance as of August 19, 2024 was \$14,697.45 which included \$300 in the fish fund. Mary Daly made a motion, seconded by Judy Sutherland, to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

The minutes from the June 1, 2024 meeting were also distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting. Sandy Justice made a motion, seconded by Mary Daly, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

### **Old Business**

Donna provided a summary of this summer's Association activities:

**Boat Parade winners** – "Z" family (1<sup>st</sup>); Jennifer Whalen (2<sup>nd</sup>); Pete Lilley's grandchildren (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Golf Tournament winners** – Sandy Justice and family

**Joint TLA and ELA meeting** – Donna reported that there was an excellent presentation on HABS (harmful algae blooms) at the July 20 meeting.

**Summer picnic** – Donna expressed regret that the summer picnic had to be cancelled due to the unsettled weather forecast. She asked if anyone was interested in hosting next year's picnic. With no volunteers, there was a suggestion to try the idea of a block party again, with the possibility of a rain date. No decision was made.

**ELA Merchandise** - Tami Cass shared that t-shirts (long sleeve, \$30 and short sleeve, \$20), embroidered hats (\$20) and stickers (\$5 each or 5 for \$20) were available for sale. Individuals can contact Tami directly and she will see that the items are delivered to you.

### **New Business**

**Raft Off** - A raft off is scheduled for Sunday, September 1 at 1 p.m. Bring an appetizer or dessert (with bumpers and ropes to tie off), and join the fun in the center of the lake.

**2025 Golf Tournament** - The 2025 Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 19, 2025 at Knickerbocker Golf course. Save the date; additional details will be shared at a later date.

**Fish Stocking** - Mike Gleason provided an update regarding fish stocking. He has been in contact with Hickling's Fish Farm and \$6,000 worth of walleye have been put on reserve (as voted on at the June meeting.) They did not see a problem with the pending 4 foot drawdown of the lake. The delivery date is dependent on the air and water temperatures and is expected to be in late October or early November. Given the drawdown, the most likely location of the delivery will be at the causeway near Tuscarora and Woodshore.

**Early Lake Drawdown:** Donna brought attention to the recent announcement from the New York State Canal Corporation regarding the lake drawdown beginning September 3 that has been shared by e-mail and posted on facebook. The recommendation is to get boats out during the first two weeks of September. While the water level is down, members can remove stones and other debris, but cannot put machines in the lake. Although the Association cannot control access to the boat launch, it was suggested that a notice of the drawdown be posted at the boat launch to inform non-residents.

A question was raised regarding whether a weed harvester could be engaged to help clear weed growth, particularly in the area of Hawes Road. The experience has been that the harvester cuts but does not remove the weeds and they grow right back. In addition, the last time the weed harvester was used at the lake, it could not go near the Hawes Road end because of the shallow depth of the water. It has been recommended that residents pull and remove the lily pads as they emerge on a regular basis as a means to control the growth of that invasive plant. It is hoped that this fall's drawdown will help to control weed growth.

**Controlling Geese:** A member mentioned the possibility of utilizing geese hunting (in season) as a means to control the population of geese on the lake. Concerns regarding hunting near homes on the lake were raised. Mention was also made of the possibility of oiling the eggs as done at Tuscarora Lake. A suggestion was made that we should look into options but no action was taken.

**Boating Safety Certificate:** Tim Strand reminded members that beginning January 1, 2025, ALL individuals operating a motorized boat must have a boat safety certificate, regardless of age. The course required for the certificate is available online at the following sites:

[www.wearITNewYork.com](http://www.wearITNewYork.com)

[www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)

[www.americasboatingclub.org](http://www.americasboatingclub.org)

<https://uspowerboating.com>

In-person classes are offered through NYS Parks, but times and locations are limited. If you are caught operating a motorboat without the required certificate, you could be fined \$100 to \$250.

**Election of Officers:** Donna presented the proposed slate of officers for 2024-2025:

President: Tim Strand  
Vice President: Terry Reilly  
Treasurer: Amy Coulter  
Secretary: Tami Cass  
Trustees: Mike Malsch  
Greg Molloy

There were no nominations from the floor. Andy Sapoznikov moved to accept the slate as proposed. Francis Roth seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Donna expressed her thanks to all the officers and trustees for their support during her years as ELA President. In addition, she recognized Mike Gleason for his help with signs and fish stocking, Jim Crawford for his work collecting samples for the CSLAP program, Tami Cass and Shole Strand for their work on the merchandise design and sale, and Andy Sapoznikov for organizing the annual golf tournament. The membership expressed their sincere thanks to Donna for her leadership and many contributions to the Association.

Given that there was no additional new business, Donna requested a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Daly and seconded by Judy Sutherland. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Steele, ELA Secretary