

## EPICA Annual Meeting

October 6, 2018

Members present: John Yates, Elaine Yates, Barbara Clark, Bob Clark, Susie Anthes, Rick Anthes, Julie Turner, Mike Hannigan, Dorcas Zoller, Joe Zoller, Sue Stoney, Rob Stoney, Tony Bergmann, Adrianna Bergmann, Barbara Early, Cathy White, Dave White, Kathleen Otinsky, Howie Otinsky, Betsy Swan, John Kimmel, Paula Dubberly, Abbie Arms, Sara Dubberly, Marianne Beeman, Mike Beeman, Judy Gould, Art Gould

President John Yates called the meeting to order at 4:25 PM. He asked that all introduce themselves and review a draft directory compiled by Sue Stoney. Once finalized, it will be distributed to members.

Art Gould reviewed the minutes of the October 7, 2017 Annual Meeting. Minutes were approved as presented.

Art Gould presented the Treasurer's Report.

Bank balance October 7, 2017	4,187.56
Deposits (dues)	<u>12,900.00</u>
	17,087.56
Expenses	10,732.00
(Road repair, attorney fee and post office box)	
<u>Bank balance October 6, 2018</u>	<u>6,355.56</u>

Art commented that the roads are in better shape and we have a larger balance than last year. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

### Old Business

Road Update – all agreed that the roads are improving with new work to create a crown and regular maintenance. Upper Pine needs more work and Jim Young will grade there this fall.

Jim Young suggested some ideas to improve the boat ramp. Discussion ensued as to whether this is a good idea since we do not own that area. Art Gould will check with Attorney Fox to get his advice.

It was also mentioned that since we have maintained the roads since the early 80s, would we now own them. This will also be put to Attorney Fox.

Update on Water Park – some members feel it is an eyesore, but during this first year of operation, it did not attract large crowds. Traffic on the circle was not affected and there was no noise pollution.

Pine Bark Beetle Update – the infestation appears to be over.

Parcel of land behind Oak and Upper Pine – this area is zoned for duplex housing (R2). If duplexes were built, it would impact traffic on Oak and Upper Pine. Art will ask Attorney Fox how we can appeal that zoning to make it single family.

### New Business

Attorney Fox was asked if there is an ordinance on trees and shrubs overhanging the roads on vacant lots causing a safety issue.

“The town code lists as an enumerated nuisance in Sec. 22-62 (3):

All trees and other appendages of or to realty kept or maintained or which are permitted by any person owning or having control thereof to be kept or maintained in a condition unsafe, dangerous, unhealthy, injurious, or disturbing to the public.

**This means that any Trees or Bushes that would be overhanging or unsafe are in fact a nuisance as defined by the town code, and the Property owner of where the tree originates would have a duty to make said tree safe to the property surrounding it.”**

### Setback Variance

**There was extensive discussion of the 50 foot setback required for homes in East Piney Island. For some, it precludes adding a front porch. One home was given a variance by the Town. It was suggested that we petition the Town to change the variance so that the house continues to be set back 50 feet, but allows for a 10 foot porch to be added to the front. Feedback is needed on this issue. Please share your feedback with Art Gould or Dave White.**

2018 Dues – it was approved to maintain the current dues structure. \$200 for lot with house; \$100 for lot with no house.

### EPICA Officers

The following slate of officers was approved:

Art Gould, President

David White, Secretary

Greg Balasus, Treasurer

Members at large: John Yates, Scott Norris, Joe Meckley, Diane King

Barbara Early retired from the Board and John Yates retired as President. Both were thanked for their service.

### Bylaws Committee

Three members have volunteered to review the bylaws – Paula Dubberly, Barbara Early and Scott Norris. If any other member has an interest in this committee, please let Art know.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM with supper to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Gould, Secretary/Treasurer (outgoing)