



ELRA Annual Meeting

The Annual ELRA annual meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 29, 2017** at the Emily City Hall starting with an **8:30 a.m.** social period with the business meeting beginning at **9:00 a.m.** Light refreshments will be provided. Your lake association needs your participation to be effective.

Our guest speaker this year will be **Jan Mosman**, Emily City Council Member. She will make a short presentation and be available for questions.

A “silent auction” is also planned. Bring items to donate for sale or come to bid! Proceeds go towards EWM control.

Business Meeting Agenda items include:

- Eurasian water milfoil control strategies
- Fish Stocking report
- Zebra Mussel Report
- 2018 Budget – Dues Level
- Board elections – Two Director positions are open this year

All members are eligible to vote (one vote per property) and present actions for consideration. **Plan to attend now!**

Board Positions Open

At this year’s annual meeting two Board of Director positions will need to be filled. Current board members Jane Schulte and Becky Gromek will be retiring from their positions. Both have served on your lake board many years and **we thank them** for their service!

This is an opportunity for you to “give back” and help make a difference. Please consider serving on the Board.

Contact the Board at elra@emilylakes.org to obtain more information or volunteer your name for placement on the ballot.

President's Notes

Last fall/winter the ELRA Board surveyed the membership on several issues. The Board’s goals were to increase member participation and for the Board to be more responsive to concerns of members. As a result of the survey, the Annual Meeting was scheduled when survey respondents indicated they were most available to attend and a guest speaker is scheduled. The Board is hopeful that members will respond and attend as ELRA works best when members are involved.

The top three concerns from the survey were the Eurasian Water Milfoil, Water Quality and Water Levels. During the membership mailing volunteers were sought for work on Water Quality and Water Level Study Groups. Volunteers were obtained; however, we were unable to obtain group leaders for these areas. If you are interested please attend the annual meeting.

The Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment program is being handled directly by Board Members.

Recruiting of members continues. The work of ELRA on your lake issues is important to all property and business owners in our area. Please support ELRA by joining and/or donating now. You may pay via the web site (with an additional processing fee) or send your check for \$35.00 (or more) to ELRA, P. O. Box 111, Emily, MN 56447.

Boat Parade – July 2 at 1:00 p.m.

This year’s boat parade will be Sunday, July 2, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Decorate your watercraft in the finest red, white and blue and join us for a tour of the lakes. If you are unable to join in the parade, please cheer the parade on from the shore.

Watercraft in the parade should assemble near the Little Pine River entrance in Mary.

Zebra Mussel Inspections

ELRA participates with Crow Wing County for the testing of veligers (larvae form of the zebra mussel). Doug Tarasar has volunteered to take samples which are tested to determine if the veligers are present. This is an “early warning system” for the presence of zebra mussels. The Crow Wing County AIS program pays for the test. Thus far no veligers have been detected.

Remember to check your docks, boats, lifts, etc. for any presence of zebra mussels. Should you find any report these to the Minnesota DNR at (218-203-4354) and to ELRA at elra@emilylakes.org.



Eurasian Water Milfoil Update

ELRA engaged the services of PLM for treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in 2017. PLM was also engaged for 2016 when approximately 34 acres were treated.

A survey of Emily Lake and the Little Pine River up to the bridge was completed by PLM to determine areas of infestation and planned treatment. PLM re-surveyed about 10 days later to confirm results. Whereas in 2016 up to 40 acres was identified in 2017 **only 1.4 acres of EWM** was identified.

PLM offered the following as possible reasons for the marked decline:

“After completing the reverse math based on the gallons used and size of Emily Lake, it is possible a lake wide concentration was achieved, however, still not at an effective rate to see control the whole lake. Second, it could be related to the climate and ecology of the lake. Both reports have come back that the water is quite turbid, EWM needs light to grow and if it isn’t getting much or any, it will not grow rapidly.”

The Board’s plan is to treat 1.4 acres as proposed by PLM and monitor all areas of the lake for the next 60 days to determine if additional treatment areas are needed.

This does not mean the EWM problem is solved. We saw how quickly it grew to the 40+ acres of last year from the announcement it had been found in 2014. Continued monitoring and ability to treat are essential.

County Decontamination Hotline

Crow Wing County has decided to put in place a DECON HOTLINE this year. They are promoting their hotline and the four regularly scheduled locations within Crow Wing County listed below. **Please keep this hotline number handy which is 218-824-1055!**

Crosslake Decon at the Joint Highway Facilities Building is staffed by the County

Friday-Sunday (plus holidays) from 9-7
Weekdays 8-5 by appointment

Gull Lake Decon at Government Point landing is staffed by Cass County

Friday- Sunday 8-6

Ruth Lake Decon at the Ruth Lake Public Access is staffed by the Ruth Lake LGU

Friday-Monday 8-6

Weekdays 9-5 by appointment

Pelican Lake Decon at Pelican Square Store & Car Wash is staffed by City of Breezy Point LGU in conjunction with Pelican Square.

The DNR also maintains portable Decon units and changes the locations it staffs daily.

For an up-to-date listing of where the DNR is located please visit www.dnr.gov/decon and click on view maps.

ELRA Golf Tournament & Fundraiser

The public is invited to participate in the annual ELRA golf outing & fundraiser at Emily Greens on **Saturday, July 29**. Tee off time is 2:00 p.m. and cost is \$25 per person for the 4-person scramble. If you do not have a partner, one will be assigned. Prizes will be awarded following the event. You may call ahead to reserve your spot **TODAY** at 218-763-2169.

Proceeds benefit the Emily community by providing funds for future Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment on Emily Lake.

For more information email ELRA@emilylakes.org today or call Emily Greens Golf Course.

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