

**EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING and BOARD ELECTIONS
August 18, 2018**

Meeting was preceded by a 30 minute social hour with light refreshments.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Mark Drewitz at 9:00 a.m.

Board members present – Mark Drewitz, Tami Froidcoeur, Russ Boverhuis, Deb Hansen, Wayne Gapsiewicz

Board members absent – Kristi McLain, Doug Tarasar

Members present – 28 members representing 20 properties. An additional 14 properties sent in proxies to the board for a total of 34 properties represented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report from the ELRA Annual Meeting held July 29, 2017 was distributed by Russ Boverhuis. No questions were asked by the members. Jane Schulte made a motion to accept the report. Wayne Gapsiewicz seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

TREASURER AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Board members Wayne Gapsiewicz and Tami Froidcoeur gave a report to the members on the Treasurer's Audit Committee findings. They reported that no problems were found with the ELRA books.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ken Scribner presented the Treasurer's Report for Kristi McLain. A few questions were asked and answered. Ryan Aarestad made a motion to accept the report. Mike Trautschold seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

PROJECT REPORTS

Water Quality Testing: Mark Drewitz explained the water quality testing process to the membership. Samples are taken May through September by member Jim Frazier. Results are available on the WAPOA website. There were no questions or discussion.

Veliger Testing: Mark Drewitz reported that veliger testing was done again this year by Doug Tarasar. Doug is waiting for this year's results. All past tests have been negative. Reminded members to make sure they check their motors, lifts and docks for Zebra mussels when they pull their equipment out of the water.

Eurasian Water Milfoil: Mark Drewitz reviewed the results of the milfoil survey done this year by PLM. Milfoil was only found in Mary. ELRA has contracted with PLM to treat the milfoil in Mary later this year. Public notices have already been published in the Northland Press. Mark asked that members continue to monitor Emily and the river looking for emerging milfoil. Russ reported that Bethany Bethke sent him a reply to our questions about milfoil. She said that milfoil can grow in cycles and we could be at a

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low point in the cycle or our treatment program is working. No way of knowing why we did not find milfoil in Emily this year.

A question from a member asked about a gelatin type substance he found on or near the water on his property. After some discussion, Wayne thought it was some type of egg nest.

Fish Stocking: Walleye fingerlings will again be stocked this fall at a cost of \$1,600 to ELRA. We will not be stocking next year because the DNR is due to do restocking of the lakes.

Russ reported the Bethany Bethke got back to him regarding our question about fish surveys. She reported that Lake Mary is due for a survey in 2022 and Emily in 2023. The Brainerd Area Fisheries Office will be out with their nets next year also. It was suggested by a member that board look into doing our own private survey since it is years before a DNR survey will be done. Bethany's reply said surveys are typically done every 12 years.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2019 ELRA Budget: The 2019 budget was distributed and explained by Ken Scribner. After some discussion, a motion was made by Jane Schulte to approve the budget with one change - move the \$110 surplus to postage and mailing and use it for a mailing 30 days before the Annual Meeting with info on the proxy process. Deb Hansen seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Other New Business: Mark Drewitz was recognized for his years of service to ELRA. Thank you Mark.

A question was asked about the possibility of getting docks on Emily so people could access downtown Emily again. People said before they used the Bungalow docks and since the fire there is no access to downtown. It was determined this would be a question best directed to the city, specifically Jan Mosman.

A question about the No Wake zone in the river and how it is enforced was asked. It was reported that this is the responsibility of the Crow Wing County Sherriff's office. Complaints should be directed to them. It was suggested that we put a definition of No Wake in the newsletter and look into additional signs in the river.

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ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mark Drewitz explained the election process and said we needed three new board members to fill the expiring terms. The ballot had one person on it – Randy Manlick. The floor was opened for additional nominations and two people were nominated – Jason Herfel and Mark Drewitz. Wayne Gapsiewicz moved to close nominations and accept the ballot of nominees by acclamation. Tami Froidcoeur seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion was made by Judy Arko to adjourn meeting. Mike Trautschold seconded the motion. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Boverhuis