

**EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING and BOARD ELECTIONS  
August 17, 2019**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Board members present – Mark Drewitz, Russ Boverhuis, Randy Manlick, Wayne Gapsiewicz, Deb Hansen, Jason Herfel.

Board members absent – None

Members present – 25 members representing 15 properties. An additional 9 properties sent proxies to the board for a total of 24 properties represented.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Educational presentations were given to the membership on the following topics.

1. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Identification by Mark Drewitz
2. Water Quality by Russ Boverhuis
3. Water Safety and Etiquette by Jason Herfel

Each presenter answered questions from the membership.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report from the August 18, 2018 annual meeting was distributed by Russ Boverhuis. The members had no questions. Wayne Gapsiewicz made a motion to accept the report. Deb Hanson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**Treasurer Audit Committee Report:** Board members Wayne Gapsiewicz and Jason Herfel presented the findings from the committee's audit of Treasurer's records. No irregularities were found with the association's financial records and all funds were accounted for properly.

**Treasurer's Report:** Randy Manlick presented the Treasurer's Report. A few general questions were asked and answered by the board. Nancy Gapsiewicz made a motion to accept the report. Jane Schulte seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**Project Reports - Water Quality Testing:** Mark Drewitz explained the water quality testing done by ELRA to the membership. Samples are taken May through September by member Jim Frazier. Results are available on the WAPOA website. Jim Frazier is looking for someone to take over the water sampling. Mark asked for volunteers to assume this task for the association. No one volunteered during the meeting.

**Project Reports - Eurasian Water Milfoil:** Mark Drewitz reviewed the results of the milfoil survey done this year by PLM. Milfoil was found in Emily and Mary this year, versus just Mary like in 2018. The board approved PLM's treatment plan and PLM requested

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permits from the DNR. The DNR thought we were treating more area than necessary so they did their own survey and adjusted our treatment plan. Treatment is expected to be done in September. Public notices will be published in the Northland Press prior to the treatment.

Mark also gave a report on the activities of the City Council regarding the Waters Committee. He chronicled the activities of the city and what ELRA did to do get the Joint Powers Agreements in place so ELRA could continue to get funding from the Waters Fund. ELRA relies on this funding to help defer some of the expenses for treating milfoil in the lakes. Mark said now that the Joint Powers Agreements are in place, we will be receiving funds from the city to help cover the 2019 milfoil treatment plan. This information was also highlighted in our newsletter.

**Project Reports - Veliger Testing:** Doug Tarasar reported that veliger testing was done and no veligers were found in Emily. Mary is not tested because it does not have a public access. Reminded members to make sure they check their motors, lifts and docks for Zebra mussels when they pull their equipment out of the water.

A member suggested that we do veliger testing of Mary in 2020. Some discussion followed and a motion was made and seconded to do veliger testing of Mary. The motion was carried.

**Project Reports - Fish Stocking:** Doug Tarasar reported that ELRA will not do any fish stocking in 2019 because the DNR is stocking the lakes. We will resume our stocking in 2020. A member asked how much we spend each year for fish stocking. Doug reported the cost is usually between \$1,500 and \$1,600 per year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2020 ELRA Budget:** The 2020 budget was distributed and explained by Randy Manlick. After some discussion, a motion was made by Deb Hanson to approve the budget. Wayne Gapsiewicz seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**Proposed By-law Changes:** Mark Drewitz presented the proposed by-law changes to the membership and explained the reasoning behind these changes. Next he explained that voting was based on one vote per property. After some discussion the by-law changes were approved.

**Other Business:** Wayne Gapsiewicz was recognized for his nine years of service serving on the ELRA Board. Thank you Wayne.

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**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mark Drewitz explained the election process and said we needed two new board members to the vacancy left by the resignation of Tami Froidcoeur and the expiring term of Wayne Gapsiewicz. Wayne could not be re-nominated because of the term limit provision in the by-laws. No names were on the ballot so the floor was opened for additional nominations. Two people were nominated – Jean McLeod and Mike Peck. Doug Tarasar moved to close nominations and accept the slate of candidates by acclamation. Jane Schulte seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion was made by Wayne Gapsiewicz to adjourn the meeting. Deb Hanson seconded the motion. Motion was carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell Boverhuis