

**Emily Lakes and River Association
Annual Meeting and Board Election
July 29, 2017**

Social Period and Light Refreshments from 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Drewitz, ELRA President.

This meeting is the annual meeting held for all members of ELRA. With only 12 households in attendance, (this included board members) members were asked to introduce themselves and identify their lake/river. The ELRA Board Attendees were: Jane Schulte, Becky Gromek, Wayne Gapsiewicz, Mark Drewitz, and Tami Froidcoeur, Doug Tarasar. Absent: Kristi McLain

Guest Speaker: The meeting was kicked off with guest speaker Jan Mosman from the Emily City Council and is the liaison between the Lake Association and the City Council. She assured the membership the council understands and agrees on the need for good water quality. This year the council had \$19,000 to split between the three lake associations for Roosevelt, Lake Emily/Mary and Ruth Lake. It is important for the City to see the lake associations continue to take care of themselves and try and make additional monies when the city dispenses money to them. She mentioned that it is good to send a thank you to the council members at clerk@emily.net. They know that EWM is like managing dandelions for your lawn, we cannot ever eradicate it but we can manage it to a minimum. Next year money available will not increase due to the huge expenses of the highway going through Emily in 2018. There will be a Parks and Open Trails Survey coming out and it will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please make time to complete and tell the city where you want money spent in regards to these items. The City of Emily is one of only two cities in the state that have a water quality fund. Jan opened it to the floor for comments or questions she can bring back to the city council.

Reports

Secretary's Report: The 2017 meeting minutes were distributed to the membership. Tami made a motion to not read the meeting minutes out loud and to accept the minutes as is. Wayne seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Audit Committee Report: Wayne reported an audit of the books was completed last week and everything matched up to the bank account statements.

Treasurer's Report: Jane reviewed 2016 Treasurer Report with the membership since Kristi was not able to attend the meeting. Motion to accept report was made by Ken Scribner. Russ Boverhuis 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Project Reports

Water Quality Testing: Mark explained the process to the membership of testing the water of the lakes and river. Samples are take May through September by member Jim Frazier. All data is posted on WAPOA website. Cost is \$40 which is reasonable and we have been doing this for years. Long term trend is not good and we would like to put together a water study group but there are no leaders that have come forward yet.

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Eurasian Water Milfoil: We treated 40 acres last year and PLM surveyed in June and only 1.4 acres of EWM this year. Nothing found in the river. Jane read a letter from PLM that besides the chemical fix less milfoil could be from the darkness of the lake as it would not be able to grow. We were just notified this week by the DNR they milfoil has been found in Lake Mary. We have \$3900 left from the County that can be used to treat the Lake Mary milfoil. Member Ken Scribner asked if we could post signage at Lake Mary like we did for Emily. Not sure as Lake Mary does not have a public access, only a resort.

Villager/Zebra Mussels: Doug reported that 3 of the deepest spots were tested and non-have been found in previous years. We are waiting for this year's results. Advised members to make sure they check their motors and dock legs.

Fish Stocking: Fingerlings will be stocked in Lake Mary this year. Doug made contact with the fisheries used in past years and application is submitted in September and stocking will take place late October early November. This year's net survey in Emily Lake showed increase in walleyes from .83 to 2.6.

Old Business: None

New Business: The 2018 budget was reviewed by Jane. The biggest change is the increasing costs to manage EWM. Wayne proposed an amendment to change the designation in the budge from EWM to Invasive Species and Water Quality. Vote went to the floor and all were in favor of the change unanimously. Jane made a motion to remain at the \$35 membership fee. Bob Harmon seconded motion. Floor voted 5 -7 to remain at \$35. Motion failed. Deb Hanson made a motion to increase membership fees to \$50. Wayne seconded motion. Motion passed with zero opposition.

Bob Haarmon asked the Board to consider signs requesting lake users to not cause turbulence in shallow water. He said WAPOA has done this. Board said they would consider.

Other

Election of Board Members - 2 Positions

There are two open board positions for 2018. Nominees were Deb Hanson and Russell Boverhuis. Ken made motion to accept nominees. Tami seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

At approximately 10:15 a.m. motion to adjourn meeting was made by Wayne Gapsiewicz. Jane seconded motion. Motion carried to adjourn the 2017 Annual ELRA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Gromek