

**EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS  
AUGUST 14, 2021**

The 2021 annual meeting was held at Emily City Hall. During the 30 minutes preceding the meeting, members registered and socialized with other ELRA board members.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Russell Boverhuis at 9:00am.

Board members present – Mark Drewitz, Russ Boverhuis, Randy Manlick, Lori Molenaar, Mike Peck and Jason Herfel

Board members absent – Jean McLeod

Members Present – We had many members present representing 14 properties. An additional 5 properties sent proxies to the board for a total of 19 properties represented.

**REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report:** Russ Boverhuis presented the secretary's report from the August 15, 2020 virtual meeting that had previously been posted on the ELRA website. No member requested that the minutes be read and no one had any questions. Jane Schulte made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as published. Wayne Gapsiewicz seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**Treasurer Audit Committee Report:** The Audit Committee members, Russell Boverhuis and Mike Peck presented their findings from the audit of the Treasurer Reports. No discrepancies or irregularities found with the financial records and all funds were accounted for properly.

**Treasurer's Report:** Randy Manlick presented the Treasurer's Report through July 31, 2021. A few general questions were asked and Randy disclosed general information in regards to balances and transfers. Total members are currently at 95 members. Jim Frazier made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Jane Schulte seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Randy also presented the treasurer's budget report. The motion was made to accept the report and seconded. Motion was carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2022 ELRA Budget** was handed out at sign in and then presented by Russ Boverhuis. During the presentation, Jane Schulte reminded the members present that the contribution by the City of Emily towards to area lakes associations is the only city in the state that makes this type of financial contribution. Please thank our local city leaders in Emily for this contribution because we know how important it is to the local economy. A motion was made to accept the 2022 budget as presented. The motion passed.

**A membership discussion** took place and requests were made to determine how we can get more property owners to join the association. A request for a list of neighbors to approach was made and/or a flyer for current members to deliver to their neighbors if they know they are not members. Membership drive actions of email and postal delivery were noted and the subject will be discussed at the September board meeting to determine how we can engage with current members to help grow the overall membership. We mentioned using Contact Survey as a method to develop a personal connection to grow our membership base.

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**Water quality and water level** is a major concern. Questions were raised as to what the lake association has done to improve water quality.

- **Water Levels:** Our lakes and river are fed from water flowing from Duck Lake through Little Pine River. The water levels are down due to drought conditions persisting throughout 2021.
- **Emily Dam:** In addition, a discussion was had in regards to the dam and how that could be impacting water levels. Russ did confirm to the members that the dam is controlled by the City and other entities. The lake association does not have any control over water levels or how those decisions are made.
- **ELRA** continues to be an advocate for our lakes and rivers.
  - Russ Boverhuis mentioned he went to the City of Emily to find past information in regards to the dam and surveys that were conducted. He is waiting to receive that information.
  - Randy Manlick noted that water quality has improved on Lake Mary in 2021, while the water quality remained the same in Lake Emily in 2021 during regular testing. General comments of water runoff being lower, warmer waters, algae bloom could be factors that positively or negatively impact water quality. Including lower water levels and more boating activity can also impact the water quality.
  - Russ Boverhuis brought up the Minnesota DNR efforts of One Water, One Solution. This topic was taken and will be discussed at the September board meeting. A request was made that a possible special committee could be created to engage directly with this issue.
  - AIS – Eurasian Milfoil was discussed with the positive test results this year that only one plant was found in our lakes and rivers. We will continue to test and monitor and review for treatment in 2022. While there is some speculation as to why our test results were so good in 2021, there are no specifics that we can attribute this positive change to.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Russ Boverhuis brought the election process forward as we had three open board positions for this election cycle with the term that ends at the end of 2021. Mark Drewitz after 9 years of serving the board including a long stint as board President is no longer eligible to serve (with a limit of nine years or three – 3 years terms). Mark has been a strong leader and staunch supporter of the lake association and we appreciate his many years of service and contributions, he will be missed. Randy Manlick and Jason Herfel both completed their three year term. Both Randy Manlick and Jason Herfel agreed to run for another term. Russ Boverhuis then opened the meeting for additional nominations. Randy Holz was in attendance and is a current association member, volunteered to be elected to become a board member. Russ Boverhuis brought the motion to the floor and by unanimous decision, Randy Holz was elected as a new member for his first term and Randy Manlick and Jason Herfel were elected for their second term. Motion was accepted by acclamation.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

At 10:10am the request to adjourn the meeting by Russ Boverhuis was made. Susan Holz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken Scribner seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean McLeod