

**EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS  
AUGUST 13, 2022**

The 2022 annual meeting was held at Emily City Hall. During the 30 minutes preceding the meeting, members registered with the ELRA Secretary 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 –Russ Boverhuis, Randy Manlick, Mike Peck, Jason Herfel, Steve Smith, Randy Holz, and Jean McLeod

Board members absent – none

Paid Members Present – We had many members present representing 18 properties. An additional 4 properties sent proxies to the board for a total of 22 properties represented.

Non-Paid Members Present – We had one non-paid member present representing 1 property for a total of 23 properties present.

**REPORTS**

**Secretary’s Report:** Jean McLeod presented the secretary’s report from the August 14, 2021 meeting that had previously been posted on the ELRA website. No member requested that the minutes be read and no one had any questions. Mary Ebner 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, 2022. A few general questions were asked and Randy disclosed general information in regards to balances and transfers. Total members are currently at 86 members. Douglas Tarasar made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Mary Eppner seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Water Quality Study:** Russ Boverhuis noted that last year’s members requested ELRA consider following Serpent Lake Association Water Quality Improvement plan as a road map to improve our lakes and river quality. ELRA reviewed this plan and felt it was mostly a data dump and elected not to follow it. Russ said a water quality report will be presented at the end of this meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2023 Treasurer’s Budget Report:** The 2023 ELRA Budget was handed out at sign in and presented by Randy Manlick. There were no questions. Wane Gapesiewicz made a motion to accept the report. Scott Eppen seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**A Water Quality Report** was presented by Jason Herfel. Jason provided the members with short recap of our 2022 activities. A link of his presentation can be found on the ELRA website under the ELRA meeting documents.

After his presentation, Jason made a recommendation that we put together a sub-committee for the future to gather information and resources for the long term. He reiterated that it is important for us to know as much as we can about our water system. This sub-committee would reach out to experts to help guide ELRA to be the best advocates to raise the water quality in our lakes and rivers. Going forward we hope to learn from our experts, take action steps; and share with our members on how we can all help contribute to this goal.

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**Membership Discussion:**

**Water quality** is an ongoing concern. The following comments were made:

- The Little Pine River connecting Lake Emily to Lake Mary seems to be shrinking and harder to navigate due to an increase in the wild rice growth. What can be done about this?
- Low lake levels seem to be at the core of our problems. Both the control of the water levels from Duck Lake and the Emily Dam have contributed to this problem.
- Lake Emily has had floating logs and sticks in the lake. This can be a safety issue. What can we do?
- ELRA should consider posting news of the what we are doing in the Northland Press.

**ELRA Responses:**

- **ELRA** continues to be an advocate for our lakes and rivers and appreciates your input.
  - Jason Herfel reminded the members that ELRA has no control over the water levels. In fact, ELRA has never taken a position regarding the water levels. The City of Emily, and other entities have control of the dam. ELRA will do whatever we can to be an advocate for our members as we move forward.
  - Russ Boverhuis reported that we have no instances of Eurasian Milfoil in Lake Emily and the Little Pine River this year. In Lake Mary a few minor Eurasian Milfoil plants were found but not enough to treat it at this time. We will continue to monitor and review for the best treatment options in 2023.
  - We have had no reports of zebra mussels to date. The DNR does testing of this every summer but we have not received the 2022 results yet.
  - There have been reports of floating logs and sticks in Lake Emily. If you see one, try to pull it out. If you cannot do so, contact the DNR to see what we can do.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Russ Boverhuis brought the election process forward as we had two open board positions for this election cycle with the term that ends at the end of 2022. Mike Peck not be serving another term. He has been a supporter of the lake association and we appreciate his years of service and contributions. Jean McLeod has agreed to run for another term. Russ Boverhuis announced that Mark Seifert volunteered to be elected to become a board member. Russ Boverhuis then opened the meeting for additional nominations. Russ Boverhuis brought the motion to the floor and by unanimous decision, Mike Seifert was elected as a new member for his first term and Jean McLeod for her second term. The motion was accepted by acclamation.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Mary Eppen made a motion adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Doug Tarasar seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean McLeod