

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Russell Boverhuis at 6:38 p.m.

Board members present –Russ Boverhuis, Randy Holz, Jean McLeod, Jason Herfel, Randy Manlick, Steve Smith and Mike Peck

Board members absent – none

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was sent via email prior to the meeting. Jason made an approval to approve the agenda. Randy H. seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report from the June 17, 2022 meeting was emailed prior to the meeting. A request was made to change who made the approval to accept the secretary's report on the second motion from Mike to Randy H. Randy H. made a motion to accept the report with the change made. Randy M. seconded the report. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Randy M. presented the Treasurer's Report and discussed the proposed budget for 2023. A few questions were asked and answered. Russ and Mike will meet with Randy to complete an audit of the treasurer's report before the annual meeting. Jason made a motion to accept the report. Steve seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

MEMEBERHSIP DRIVE REPORT

Randy reported we have 90 paid memberships this year. We are down 10 members from last year. Our extra donations are up. Some discussion was made to increase memberships by creating a new packet/ brochure to those recently moved here to include a membership form to hand out to new potential members. Ideas were made to place new brochures at the Landing and campgrounds as well. Randy will also email the list of paid and unpaid members to the board to use for us to help communicate to those unpaid members.

BOAT PARADE REPORT

Mike led the parade and said we had a good turnout. There were 19 boats in the July 4 parade. Mike mentioned the banner we use to lead the parade was pretty dated. He updated it some, but felt we needed a better sign to reflect the ELRA. Jason said he could have one printed. People appreciated the trumpet player and candy being thrown off the bridge.

EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL REPORT

Russ reported that PLM was out on July 14, 2022 to conduct the survey. The results should be given to us soon.

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VELIGER TESTING

Russ reported that Doug Tarsar will complete this next week.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING

- Room is reserved (need to check on projector)
- Email reminder to members will be sent
- Board members plan to arrive 8:00 a.m.
- Jason will bring refreshments and make coffee. Set up by 8:30 a.m.
- Jean will work the registration table and sign people in to the meeting.
- Randy will bring the registration form for voting purposes
- Need to bring copies of the treasury and audit reports, and annual meeting notes
- Jean will cleanup
- Speakers: Russ, Jean, Randy and Jason

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Russ said we need one new board member to fill the expiring term of Mike Peck
Note: Steve Smith was officially approved to take Lori Molenaar's Board Director 's position at the July 17, 2002 meeting. The position will end on December 31, 2023.

WATER QUALITY PLAN

The members who attended the annual meeting in August 2021 raised concerns about the water quality of our lakes and rivers. We listened to them and decided to take a look at what we could do to address their concerns. Jason Herfel volunteered to create a draft plan for us to review. He presented it at the meeting.

The main points he addressed included:

- The importance of the water quality of our lakes and rivers to all stakeholders.
- Concerns raised by our members at the annual meeting last year included
 - Depth of water
 - Excessive vegetation and algae growth
 - Dam control on Lake Emily
 - What can be done to preserve our water resources?
- Draft Mission Statement for ELRA
- Watershed Management: understanding our water inlets and outlets
- What is ELRA currently doing?
 - Water clarity testing
 - Veliger testing
 - AIS surveys and treatment
 - Listening to our members for input
 - Measuring and managing lake and river water data

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Jason presented a video "Our Lake Connection" that we plan to share with the members at the annual meeting. We all felt it was excellent. Jason emailed the members the links to his presentation and videos to the board members.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion was made by Randy H. to adjourn meeting at 9:32 p.m. Steve seconded the motion. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McLeod