

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 15, 2023, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Russ Boverhuis at 7:05 pm. This meeting was hosted by Steve Smith at his home with call in options for those unable to attend in person.

Board members present – Russ Boverhuis, Jason Herfel, Steve Smith, Jean McLeod, and Mark Seifert.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was sent via email prior to the meeting. No changes were made. Steve made a motion to approve the agenda, which Mark seconded. Motion was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

3.1 May 2023 Board Meeting

The Secretary's Report from the May 15th board meeting was distributed via email. No changes were made to the minutes. Jason made a motion to approve the report. Jean seconded the motion.

Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

4.1 Treasurer Reports

Randy M. sent Russ the Accounts Activity and Balance Reports and Russ provided the report. The one expense (\$110) we had this month was the alternative notification announcement in the Northland Press. Our checking account balance is \$5,634.17. There is a balance of \$18,309.51 in the savings account. Steve made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Mark seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Russ commented that he recently received notice from Constant Contact that our subscription was being raised from \$14/month to \$20/month effective July 1st. We are on the lowest plan that they have. Despite the increase, this form of communication with membership was considered more efficient and cost effective than mailings.

2023 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There were no updates to our membership drive. Our second mailing may not have been effective. We will wait for Randy M. to report on this and to learn if his personal delivery of forms to residents missing mailboxes over the winter produced any results.

AIS Activities

6.1 PLM – Alternate Notification Procedure

Our public notice got published recently in the newspaper and we received a certified copy, which Russ sent to PLM.

6.2 Lake Surveys

Russ was informed that we are still on schedule for our lakes survey in late June-early July.

Social Activity - Boat Parade

The announcement of the boat parade was put in the last newsletter. Russ will lead the parade. Jason will get the sign advertising ELRA to have on-board.

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Annual Meeting

8.1 Review Agenda

Steve and Jean will serve as the Treasurer's Audit Committee and will arrange a meeting to go over things with Randy M. There was discussion as to the next steps in preparing a survey to membership of questions pertaining to lake activities enjoyed, water levels, quality, and clarity, etc., which could be reported on at our annual meeting. Russ learned that the Association would have to go up to the next tier level (\$45/month) in ConstantContact in order to have access to its electronic surveying capabilities. Other survey vehicles, such as Survey Monkey, might be employed, however, their pre-trial system only allows responses for 20 participants. While we work to identify a system that might work for us, Mark will send out his list of questions to the Board for their feedback and to obtain additional questions for use.

WATERS COMMITTEE UPDATE

9.1 Waters Committee Update

Has not met since our last meeting.

9.2 Water Monitoring

Water sampling is being carried out by Randy M. for analysis. Data from these samplings is compiled and placed in a report at the end of the year by WAPOA and not provided on an interim basis. While we would not have recent results from samplings to report on at our annual meetings, the question was raised as to whether we could compile published sampling data for the past several years to report on changes or trends. It was suggested that we ask Randy if he has access to the reported data and if he could prepare a draft of this information to be discussed at our next board meeting. Also, Jason was going to call Jacob Frie at the DNR to see if he has better access to such data that we could use for the annual meeting.

9.3 Water Improvement/9.4 Dam

The City Council meeting on May 9th included a discussion on the breach in the dam. The engineer from SEH presented a proposal that included costs for development of a quote, administration of the project, and final inspections. The proposal totaled \$13,200 for them to get a quote that will be presented to the City Council at its July meeting. At that meeting we should learn what the bid will be to fix the dam.

FISH STOCKING

10.1 No news yet on fish stocking as it is still too early in the season to do this.

OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Emily First Responders Request – AED Thoughts

Emily First Responders are interested in our thoughts about getting AEDs for boat landings and different spots. While there was consensus that it would be a good idea to have these around for emergencies, it was felt that first responders were responsible for figuring out how to manage and maintain the units. Steve will take the lead in following up on this.

11.2 AquaRealTime Lake Monitoring.

Russ talked to this company. They sell buoys that can be placed in lakes to monitor a variety of elements (green and blue algae, turbidity, sunlight, wind, and rain) in real time. They cost

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approximately \$8500 each. They report out data via a cell phone network. After some discussion it was felt that this was something we couldn't justify doing at the present time.

11.3 Miscellaneous Topics

Pine River Watershed Alliance is having a meeting on June 20th 3:00pm at the Ideal Corners Community Center if anyone is able to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Board meeting is July 20th, 7pm. The location will be announced before the next meeting. Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Steve. Motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Seifert