

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 20, 2023, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Russ Boverhuis at 7:06 pm. This meeting was hosted by Randy Manlick at his home with call in options for those unable to attend in person.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was sent via email prior to the meeting. No changes were made. Randy M. made a motion to approve the agenda. Randy H. seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

3.1 June 2023 Board Meeting

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

4.1 Treasurer Reports

Randy M. reported on the Accounts Activity and Balance Reports. No expenses were made this month. Our checking account balance is \$5,837.17. There is a balance of \$18,319.51 in the savings account (\$10.43 in interest was made). We had a discussion and reviewed our budget estimations for 2024 in preparation for the annual meeting. Jason made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Randy H. seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

2023 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There were no updates to our membership drive again this month. Membership remains at 84. Thoughts were expressed on how we might creatively engage more property owners to consider joining the Association.

Social Activity - Boat Parade

Consensus was that there were a lot of boats on Lake Mary, but that boats fell off by the time the lead boats got to Lake Emily. Perhaps this was a function of low water levels on the river entering Lake Emily or that the length of the parade was too long. For next year, consider starting in Emily and then moving into Mary. Also, we need to increase visibility of the parade by publishing photos in the Northland Press.

AIS Activities

7.1 Lake Surveys

Russ received a preliminary report from Freshwater Scientific that three Eurasian watermilfoil plants were found; two in Lake Emily and one in Lake Mary. A survey map indicated their locations on the lakes. He hopes to have their final report by the annual meeting.

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7.2 Spiny Waterflea and Zebra Mussel Veliger Testing

Russ has not heard from PLM. Freshwater Scientific is planning to get the water samples this week for lab analysis. Results may not be back by our annual meeting.

WATERS

8.1 Dam Update

Randy M. went to the last city council meeting where he learned that no contractor had submitted repair bids for the dam. Efforts are underway to find qualified vendors to do the repairs. The challenge will be in getting a permit from the DNR in a timely fashion to get the work done as soon as possible. The dam issue is still a work in progress.

8.2 Water Improvement

Randy M. reported on his water sample collection activity. The water temperature on the lakes has gone down about 10 degrees from June (82 degrees) to July (72 degrees). Water clarity was 7 ft in Lake Mary and 2 ½ ft in Lake Emily. Lake Emily is experiencing an algae bloom currently.

FISH STOCKING

9.1 Status of Fish Stocking

Russ talked with Doug who will contact the fish stocking company to get a permit from the DNR so he can do the stocking in Lake Mary. The DNR has been out recently doing fish surveys on both lakes. Randy M. made a motion that the Association provide \$2800 for stocking walleye fingerlings for 2023. This was seconded by Mark. Motion carried. The stocking should occur sometime in September or October.

2023 Annual Meeting Planning

10.1 Agenda

Russ provided an outline and timeline of setup and responsibilities for the annual meeting. He will pick up the key from City Hall that will be used to turn off the air conditioning system in the meeting room (too loud for membership to hear over). Board members should arrive that Saturday (August 12th) by 7:45 a.m. to set the room up and prepare coffee and refreshments. Jason will provide a projector, a large speaker, and a microphone for the business meeting. Eight (8.4) members are needed for a quorum.

Under Old Business/Water Quality Study.

It was learned that our water sampling data that is sent to WAPOA for reporting is currently unavailable because their office is moving. We will explore other sources for such information as we can. An update on the dam will be included in this section and Russ will work on a Powerpoint deck with this information.

10.2 2024 ELRA Budget (Under New Business)

The proposed budget for 2024 is being finalized and will be voted on for approval by members at the meeting. Several budget items were identified as needing change due to fee increases and other costs. Randy M. will update the numbers and send a revised proposal to the Board for review.

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OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Emily First Responders AED Request

We received no response concerning this request.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 21st as a potluck event including spouses. However, need for coordinating this first with spouses means we should be flexible towards another date and time. Get back to Russ as soon as possible with your preferred date and time. We also need a host site for this final meeting of the year. Randy M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jean. Motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McLeod (start of meeting to Membership Drive)
Mark Seifert