

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Mark Drewitz via teleconference.
Board members present – Mark Drewitz, Russ Boverhuis, Randy Manlick, Deb Hansen, Jason Herfel
Board members absent – Tami Froidcoeur, Wayne Gapsiewicz

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report from the September 27, 2018 ELRA board meeting was distributed by Russ. There was no discussion or questions about the minutes. Jason made a motion to accept the report as written. Randy seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2018 was distributed by Randy. Randy noted that he had no outstanding bills to pay. The board had a brief discuss about how much money from 2018 would be carried over to 2019. We could not determine the exact amount, but Randy would attempt to determine the carry-over amount and report that to the board at the next meeting. Mark also asked Randy to prepare an Actual vs. Budget report going forward and a similar report for calendar year 2018. Deb made a motion to accept the report. Russ seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Meetings: The board set August 17, 2019 as the date for the 2019 annual membership meeting. This date was picked because it coincides with Granny's Corn Feed. Meeting on the same date as the corn feed helps ensure a good turnout for our annual meeting because a large number of members are at their cabins this weekend.

Mark mentioned that we need to make some rule changes so people who cannot attend the annual meeting have the ability to vote via proxy. Any rule change needs to be announced at least 30 days before the rule goes in effect. This means any rule change should be announced in June. A decision was made to defer any further discussion on this topic until our next meeting.

Our April board meeting will be held on April 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Jason will host this meeting at his cabin.

Eurasian Water Milfoil – Emily Waters Committee: Mark said we needed to identify someone from the board to represent ELRA at the Emily Waters Committee meetings. This person would attend the Emily Water Committee meetings and make sure our

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needs were brought up to this committee. The primary goal would be to coordinate our application for funds to control AIS. Deb volunteered to be our representative.

Eurasian Water Milfoil – Emily Waters Funds: Mark explained to Deb, and the rest of the the board, that we would need to apply for these funds from the city. He thought the application deadline was April 3.

Eurasian Water Milfoil – PLM Activities: In anticipation of more milfoil treatments needed in 2019, Mark said we would have to do get the contract paperwork started with PLM. He would pay special attention to the contract language to make sure we get the same or similar language as we used in 2018.

Eurasian Water Milfoil – Crow Wing County AIS Plans: Crow Wing County has sent out the 2019 Crow Wing County ASI Prevention Plan. It was attached to the email Mark sent for this board meeting. Comments are due back to Crow Wing County by January 30, 2019. Our comments were as follows:

1. Can Emily and Mary be counted as one body of water since the two lakes have only one public access.
2. What could ELRA do to support public education and awareness of AIS problems. Possibility of erecting a sign at the public landing on Emily informing boaters of a decontamination site on Mary lake.

Membership Drive for 2019: Mark requested comments on the membership form for 2019. A few minor changes were noted. Jason asked if it was possible to setup a text notification system for announcements to the membership. No one knew if this was possible.

Winter Newsletter: Our winter newsletter is scheduled to be mailed in early February. Mark would like to have the draft completed by January 25 and the final version ready by February 1. Topics to be included in this newsletter are no wake zones, lake levels and an introduction of the new board membes.

Mail and Bank Account Follow-up: Russ and Randy are checking the mail and both have a key to the mailbox. Randy has been at the bank to get access to the accounts. He still needs the checkbook from Kristi and is working on getting it from her.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion was made by Deb to adjourn the meeting. Randy seconded the motion. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,
Russell Boverhuis