

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Russ Boverhuis at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held at Russ Boverhuis' lake home.

Board members present – Russ Boverhuis, Jason Herfel, Randy Manlick, Mark Drewitz, Lori Molenaar and Mike Peck.

Board members absent – Jean McLeod

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was emailed via email prior to the meeting. Mike made a motion to approve the agenda. Lori seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report from the June 17, 2021 board meeting was distributed via email prior to the start of the meeting. No comments or corrections were made to the report. Mark made a motion to accept the report. Mike seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for June and July were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Randy provided explanations for the questions that were raised at the June meeting. He explained that he moved \$26.50 from Dues to the General Donation category since one person did not pay the full membership dues and has not responded to our inquiries. Reported that he had returned membership dues to Pheom and Crawfords since both sent in membership dues twice. Updated the membership count to 96, which reconciled with the dues received.

Mike made a motion to approve the reports. Lori seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Membership Drive Update:** There was no updated Membership List to discuss. Randy will meet with Jean to confirm his membership dues data matches Jean's membership list.
- **Boat Parade Report:** The board discussed the boat parade. Everyone felt the parade went well. Attendance was at least as many as last year, probably a few more. Suggestions for next year included publishing start times for each lake, publicize the event on the City of Emily website and include starts times for each lake. The trumpeter and the people who did the candy drop from the bridge made the event memorable.

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- **Eurasian Water Milfoil Update:** PLM sent the results of the lake surveys prior to the meeting. No EWM was found in Mary and only one plant was found in Emily. They are recommending no treatment in either lake. The board was surprised at the results since everyone is talking about how bad the weeds are in the lake this year. Russ said he contacted PLM to get more feedback, but has not heard back.

We thought we should contact Mary Eppen and request that the funds granted to us be carried over to next year. The board strongly suspects that next year will not have the same results. Also, encourage members to report to us if any EWM is found. Russ was also tasked with checking with Nicole at Crow Wing County to see if they track how many boats are inspected.

- **Veliger Testing:** Russ reported that Doug Tarasar collected water samples from Emily and Mary and delivered them to the testing collection site. Test results are not back from the county yet.
- **Annual Meeting Agenda:** Mark reported the proxy form is on the website. Each board member needs to get one proxy so we can be assured we have a quorum. Jean and Mike will do the treasurers audit and report their findings at the annual meeting. Discussed the 2022 budget and Randy said he would prepare that document. Jason also said he would stop at the fish hatchery in Outing to see if he can get someone to talk at our annual meeting.
- **Fish Stocking Report:** The board discussed increasing the fish stocking dollars to \$2,200. The increase is possible because of additional contributions received from members. Doug Tarasar will continue to coordinate the fish stocking. Randy made a motion to increase the fish stocking amount to \$2,200. Mike seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discussed taking advantage of the Public Awareness Campaign money from Crow Wing County. Mark said he would pull together an ad and check with Northland Press on the publishing cost. If under \$250, we agreed to proceed.
- Facebook mentioned the ELRA Facebook page is up and running.
- Next Board Meeting will be held on September 16, 2021 at Mark Drewitz's. Mark said he would provide meat to grill. Everyone else needs to bring their own beverage and a dish to pass.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McLeod