



## President's Note

You should be reading this email on the eve of Emily Day. It is always fun to see the community coming together to celebrate all that is good about lake country. The park will be full of food, music and craft vendors to enjoy and explore. Then the fireworks. For me, I must visit the kettle corn vendor so I can stock up on one of my favorite snacks.

The annual meeting is not far away. If there is something lake related you would like addressed, please send your question to [elra@emilylakes.org](mailto:elra@emilylakes.org). We will do our best to have an answer at our meeting on August 12.

Information found in this newsletter includes...

- ELRA Annual Meeting
- ELRA Activities Update
- EWM Treatment Notice
- Reminder - Membership Dues
- Calendar of Events
- Board Member Roster

Have fun at Emily Day.

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## ELRA Annual Meeting - August 12, 2023

ELRA's Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, August 12 at Emily City Hall. Registration starts at 8:30. Coffee and pastries will be available while you wait for the business meeting to begin at 9:00.

Our By-laws state we must a quorum of member properties present (10%) to conduct the annual meeting. If you cannot attend in person, you can send a signed proxy to any board member. Proxies count toward the quorum count. A blank proxy form can be found on the ELRA Meetings page on our website or click here to display the proxy form.

Is there something you want addressed at the annual meeting? Send those lake related questions to [elra@emilylakes.org](mailto:elra@emilylakes.org). We will do our best to answer your questions at the meeting. Please submit your questions by August 1.

### **ELRA Activities Update**

#### **Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM)**

The lakes were surveyed the week of July 10 for EWM. Once we have the results we will share the news at the annual meeting and in a future email. We are required to publish a treatment notice to the community. This notice was published in the Northland Press, is on our website and in this newsletter.

#### **Zebra Mussel Veliger and Spiny Waterflea Testing**

ELRA will be collecting water samples from Emily and Mary that will be tested for zebra mussel veligers and spiny waterflea. Water samples will be collected by within the next few weeks. The samples will be delivered to a local lab for testing. Crow Wing County and local lake associations will coordinate distributing the results. Our results will be shared at the annual meeting, if available, and in a future email.

#### **Fish Stocking**

ELRA's fish stocking is getting underway. We are in the process of getting the necessary permits and determining availability of fish stocks with our fish stocking company. Typically the fingerlings are released in Lake Mary in the fall.

#### **Dam**

We continue to monitor the dam repair project being done by the City of Emily. As of this email, the city is awaiting quotes from the qualified vendors.

## **Eurasian Watermilfoil Treatment Notice**

### **NOTICE**

**Emily Lakes and Rivers Association**  
**P.O. Box 111**  
**Emily, MN 56447**

The Emily Lakes and Rivers Association has contracted to treat Eurasian Watermilfoil, an Aquatic Invasive Species in Lake Emily and Lake Mary in 2023.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted the Emily Lakes and Rivers Association a waiver of the requirement that the association obtain the signatures of approval of owners of lake-shore property. Instead, the Emily Lakes and Rivers Association will notify property owners of the treatment through alternate forms. This notice is one form that the Emily Lakes and Rivers Association is using to notify property owners. Other forms include but are not limited to notification through the association's web page, member newsletter and annual meeting.

With regards to the treatment for this year, 2023:

1. The proposed date for treatment: June 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023
2. The target species for the treatment: Eurasian Watermilfoil
3. The method of control or product being used: EPA and MDA registered aquatic herbicides, such as but not limited to Florpyrauxifen-Benzyl, Diquat Dibromide.
4. How landowners may request that control not occur adjacent to the landowner's property: If you desire that the treatment of Eurasian Watermilfoil not occur adjacent to your property, please notify the Emily Lakes and Rivers Association immediately at the following address and email address below:

Emily Lakes and River Association

P.O. Box 111  
Emily, MN 56447  
[elra@emilylakes.org](mailto:elra@emilylakes.org)

## REMINDER - 2023 Membership Dues

We are very close to our membership goal for 2023. We need just a few more members. If you have not sent in your dues, please join today.

Here are two ways to join ELRA...

### **By Mail**

Fill out the membership form found on our website and mail it, along with your check to ELRA, P.O. Box 111, Emily, MN 56447.

### **Online**

Go to ELRA's website, [www.emilylakes.org](http://www.emilylakes.org), and from the homepage click on...

**CLICK HERE TO BECOME AN ELRA MEMBER.**

Fill in the information and click **BUY NOW**. Next, you will be directed to PayPal to complete the payment process. Note that a fee of \$3.00 is added to your membership to defer the credit card processing fees.

## ELRA 2023 Calendar of Events

### **Annual Membership Meeting**

Saturday, August 12, 9:00 am at Emily City Hall. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

### **Board Meetings**

Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 21 at 6:00 pm

*Contact the Board at [elra@emilylakes.org](mailto:elra@emilylakes.org) if you wish to discuss something with the board or if you wish to attend a board meeting.*

## ELRA Board Members

President - Russ Boverhuis, Lake Emily

Vice President - Jason Herfel, Lake Mary

Secretary - Mark Seifert, Lake Emily

Treasurer - Randy Manlick, Lake Emily

Director - Randy Holz, Little Pine River

