

**EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 20, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Mark Drewitz.

Board members present – Mark Drewitz, Russ Boverhuis, Randy Manlick, Deb Hansen, Jason Herfel, Wayne Gapsiewicz

Board members absent – None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the May 24th, meeting was distributed by Russ. There were no comments or corrections. Wayne made a motion to accept the report. Randy seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report dated June 19, 2019 was distributed by Randy. The only comment was Mark thought the amount listed for memberships was off by \$100. Russ was asked to double check the membership list and report back to the Board at the next Board meeting. Wayne made a motion to accept the report. Deb seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Emily Waters Fund: Mark reported on the recent developments regarding the City of Emily's Waters Fund. The issue is the attorney hired by the city believes the city cannot distribute funds to lake associations if the money will be spent on lakes not entirely within the city limits. This impacts ELRA because Emily and Mary have small segments in Fairfield Township and Little Pine Township. The attorney stated the city could resume distributing funds if a joint-powers agreement existed between the city and the townships. The city council did not authorize the attorney to create a joint-powers agreement. The attorney said that if the lake associations created the agreements and got the townships to agree to them, the city would probably approve them as well.

After some discussion we determined we had five options. Most of them were either too expensive or not achievable this year. We agreed our best course of action was to meet with the townships, explain the situation and work with them to get the necessary approvals on the joint-powers agreements. Mark, Randy, Wayne and Russ volunteered to meet with the township boards. Mark will take the lead on contacting the township boards and let everyone know when the meetings are being held. Jason also volunteered to ask a friend, who is an attorney, to see if we can get some advice from them.

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Membership Drive Follow-up: We have received 96 memberships thus far this year. Deb and Jason reported that they had called all the members who had not renewed their memberships. Several updates to the membership list had previously been given to Russ.

Board Vacancy: With the resignation of Tami Froidcoeur in May we have an open position on the board. Mark said he asked Jane Schulte to fill the remainder of Tami's term. As of this meeting, he has not received a response from her.

AIS Plans – Milfoil Treatment: Mark reported he has exchanged emails with PLM about the milfoil treatment plan. They said they would be doing the survey soon, maybe by the end of this week. Once the survey was done the results would be reported back to Mark, who would share them with the board. Treatment would occur sometime in the later part of the summer. Mark reminded the board we must put a notice in the Northland Press before the treatment can be done.

A couple of board members brought up that we were paying more for the survey than the treatment. The question was could we reduce the cost by doing the survey ourselves? Mark said we do not have the equipment to complete a lake survey and map using GPS coordinates for the DNR, thus we need to hire PLM to complete the survey.

Boat Parade: The ELRA Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, July 6th at 1:00 pm. Wayne will lead the parade, starting where Lake Mary and the Little Pine River meet. He will lead the parade around Lake Mary and then around the populated portions of Lake Emily. No post-parade picnic will be held.

Summer Newsletter: The summer newsletter is scheduled to be sent out around July 1. Mark said he would give the membership an update on the Waters Fund issue, a reminder on the annual meeting and an update on our efforts to treat milfoil. Other topics are welcomed. If we want to change the by-laws we need to publish the notice in this newsletter. All board members agreed to this by-laws change.

OTHER BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Speaker: Deb mentioned that she had a possible speaker for the annual meeting. She was going to ask this person (Nicole) if she was willing to speak. Otherwise, Mark, Jason and Russ will give a presentation on ELRA activities.

ELRA Fall Social Gathering: Jason reported that he was still looking at how to organize a fall social gathering for the members. No definite plans yet.

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Veliger Testing: Russ mentioned that veliger testing needed to be done. Mark said that Doug Tarasar would be collecting the water sample and will see to it that it is delivered to the testing facility.

Decontamination Station Sign: Russ said he called the DNR to ask about putting a sign at the Emily Lake public access alerting lake users about the Ruth Lake decontamination station. He left a message and thus far no one has returned his call. Mark suggested contacting Tim Plude.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Boverhuis