



President's Note

As I prepare this newsletter, it is just a few days until spring arrives. Winter's cold has been a constant companion this year, so I am sure you are as anxious as me for warm spring breezes. Spring also marks the beginning of the "ice out" watch on our lakes and the return of the snowbirds. It will be nice to shed the winter gear.

In this brief newsletter you will find the following.

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REMINDER - 2022 Membership Dues

Thanks you to everyone that sent in your 2022 membership dues. We really appreciate the quick responses. If you have not sent in your membership dues, here is the information you need to join.

By Mail

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

Online

Go to www.emilylakes.org and from the homepage click on **CLICK HERE TO BECOME AN ELRA MEMBER**. Fill in the information and click **SUBMIT**. Next, look for the **BUY NOW** button to submit your payment using PayPal. A fee of \$1.50 is added to your membership to defer part of the credit card processing fees. A fee of \$1.50 is added to your membership to defer part of the credit card processing fees.

Our membership is open to all property owners on Dahler, Emily, Mary and the Little Pine River.

ELRA on Facebook

ELRA is now on Facebook. This provides an additional means of communicating with ELRA members and lake property owners. Please check out our Facebook page, give us a LIKE and follow ELRA on Facebook.

If any member has pictures or information of general interest they wish to share, please forward your information to ELRA at elra@emilylakes.org.

To reach our Facebook page, click the Facebook icon at the bottom of this email or use this link...

<https://www.facebook.com/Emily-Lakes-and-River-Association-708274746629144/>

Opportunities

ELRA has received a couple of requests to publish volunteer and employment opportunities. Since these opportunities are on our lakes or in the immediate area, it seemed appropriate to pass them on to our membership.

Crow Wing County

Crow Wing County will begin hiring for seasonal watercraft inspectors on February 28. If you are interested in being a paid watercraft inspector, information about these positions and how to apply can be found on the County website. Interested individuals can apply directly on our County website at [Careers | Crow Wing County, MN - Official Website](#).

DNR Lake Level Monitoring Program

The DNR is seeking volunteers to assist with its Lake Level Monitoring Program. Each year the DNR installs gages on select lakes throughout MN to monitor lake levels. These gages are read by volunteers who report their findings to the DNR Lake Level Monitoring Program Coordinator.

Ruth Lake is one of the lakes the DNR has monitored for the past 60+ years. Last year the volunteer gage reader retired and we are looking for someone to fill that vacancy. Individuals interested in being a volunteer may contact me Dani McNeil (DNR Hydrologist) at 218-203-4367 or via email at Danielle.McNeil@state.mn.us.

ELRA 2022 Events Calendar

Boat Parade

- Saturday, July 2

Annual Membership Meeting

- Saturday, August 13 at 9:00 am

Board Meetings

- Friday, April 15 at 7:00 pm
- Friday, May 20 at 7:00 pm
- Friday, June 17 at 7:00 pm
- Friday, July 15 at 7:00 pm
- Friday, September 16 at TBD

Contact the Board at elra@emilylakes.org if you wish to discuss something with the board or if you wish to attend a board meeting.

ELRA Board Members

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