



## President's Note

Welcome to spring and the departure of the lake ice. It seemed to take much longer than I expected. Finally nice to see warm weather, green grass and the return of the birds and ducks. Time to get the dock and lift in the water in preparation of the fishing opener.

This newsletter has updates on the following:

- Membership Dues Reminder
- Eurasian Watermilfoil Treatment Notice
- Open Board Position
- Activities Update
- ELRA Events Calendar
- ELRA Board Members

## 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](http://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.

## Eurasian Watermilfoil Treatment

### NOTICE

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

The Emily Lakes and Rivers Association has contracted to treat Eurasian Watermilfoil, an Aquatic Invasive Species in Lake Emily and Lake Mary in 2022.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted to 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, 2022:

1. The proposed date for treatment: June 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022.
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 Floryprauxifen-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 address and email address at the top of this notice.

## Open Board Position

A position on the ELRA Board is open due to a recent resignation. Unfortunately, Lori Molenaar had to resign due to an out of state job transfer situation. We will miss Lori's input at our board meetings and wish her and her husband all the best.

According to our By-laws, the board can fill the remainder of her term from the membership. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact any board member for more information.

## ELRA 2022 Events Calendar

### Boat Parade

- Saturday, July 2

### Annual Membership Meeting

- Saturday, August 13 at 9:00 am

### Board Meetings

- 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](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	Jean McLeod, Lake Mary
Treasurer	Randy Manlick, Lake Emily
Director	Mike Peck, Lake Mary
Director	Open
Director	Randy Holz, Little Pine River

## Activities Recap

### Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) Grants

ELRA relies on membership dues and grants to fund EWM control in our lakes. Your membership dues help make this possible. The majority of the EWM control costs is covered from grants we receive from the DNR, Crow Wing County and the City of Emily. These grants give ELRA the flexibility to do complete surveys of the lakes and use the appropriate treatment methods. These grant programs are not guaranteed, as we discovered this year.

ELRA applied for the DNR grants again this year. This year the funds were distributed via a lottery system. All applications were randomly ordered and grants were awarded until the funds were exhausted. For the first time in my memory, ELRA was not selected. This will reduce the funds available to do EWM control by about \$3,000.

The Crow Wing County grant is available to ELRA. This year though, the maximum amount available to each lake association was reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500.

Thankfully, the City of Emily is funding their grants at the same level as in the past. The Waters Committee is recommending to the City Council that each lake association be awarded \$4,833.33. This should be approved by the City Council soon. A big thank you to the City of Emily for continuing this program.

The next step will be the survey of the lakes for EWM. This will probably be done in June.

### Fish Stocking

Fish stocking will not be done in 2022. Per our agreement with the DNR, we stock Lake Mary 2 out of 3 years. This is an off year in the cycle. We plan to resume fish stocking next year.

### Water Quality Monitoring

Water testing continues in 2022 thanks to Randy Manlick. Water is tested for clarity and nutrient content starting in May and is tested each month until September. Last year's sample showed no significant changes to water quality.

### Emily Waters Committee and Lake Associations

Board Member Mike Peck represented ELRA on the City of Emily Waters Committee. Representation on this committee is important so our concerns are heard.