

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Mark Drewitz at 7:10 pm.
Board members present – Mark Drewitz, Wayne Gapsiewicz, Randy Manlick, Deb Hansen, Jason Herfel
Board members absent – Russ Boverhuis
New board members present – Jean McLeod, Mike Peck

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the June 18, 2019 meeting was distributed by Mark and Jason. This was a revised version of the report to update the comments in regards to the website update. Wayne made a motion to accept the report. Jason seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report dated September 19, 2019 and was distributed by Randy. Randy noted the fact we now have 104 members and everything balances. The milfoil budget was to be increased to accommodate the higher expenses of \$569 that will be incurred. We are waiting to determine the cost of the Veliger testing that was previously approved for Lake Mary. Once we have this amount the budget will be updated for 2020 with that amount. Deb made a motion to accept the report. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Change of Agenda Order: Mark requested to change the order of the agenda so the board could confirm the appointment of Mike Peck to the board for the remainder of 2019. Mike had previously agreed to fill this position at the annual meeting. Wayne made a motion to approve the appointment of Mike Peck as an active board member, filling Tami's position until the end of 2019. Deb seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

EWM Treatment Status: Mark reported the DNR was waiting for lily pads to die. Once confirmed that the lily pads are dead, treatment will be applied as previously approved. Mark will continue to cruise the lake and take more pictures. This will be completed between Friday, September 20 and September 22. Mark will then follow-up with the DNR by emailing pictures. The treatment sites will be posted by PLM when treatment is being completed.

Mark confirmed that we should be receiving up to \$3,750 from the City of Emily towards the treatment of EWM. This is an estimate and we will not know the final amount until

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the city deducts all of the attorney's fees from the process of completing the joint powers agreements with the City of Emily and the townships. Mark did confirm to the City of Emily via email that we would be using the total amount of the funds approved in 2019 for the EWM treatment on both Lake Emily and Lake Mary. PLM will directly bill the City of Emily for the final amount once treatment is completed. The City of Emily will pay them directly. This is the only way to access the approved funds as the City of Emily cannot pay the association. Crow Wing County can either be billed directly or they will reimburse the association if we pay for the treatment.

In 2020, the \$5,000 amount will be adjusted downward once the City of Emily determines the costs incurred by the city for hours spent by the City Clerk on processing documents and communication for the agreements between the City of Emily and the townships.

Deb reported that she contacted and reviewed the services provided by Limnopro. They replied to Deb with a quote for services for both the survey and treatment. They did offer to speak to the association. They were slow to follow-up. They do either point intercept or meandering plant surveys. The first review of the quote would not be favorable for the association as far as treatment. The survey portion of the quote could be viable as it is lower than we are currently paying. More follow-up is needed on Limnopro and Deb was going to reach out. A comment was made to reach out to Ron Duy of Nisswa who did the surveys previously and get a quote from him. It was also mentioned that we could do our own surveys and that thought was discussed and dismissed.

Election of 2019 Officers:

President: Mark was nominated by Jason. Deb seconded the nomination. Motion carried. Mark noted this will be his 8th year on the board the last year he will serve as President. He would like the board member that assumes the President position next year, have a full year of his support to ease the transition and make the second year in that position less stressful.

Vice President: Deb was nominated by Jason. Wayne seconded the nomination. Motion carried.

Secretary: Mark let us know that Russ was interested in continuing in this position. Wayne nominated Russ. Deb seconded the nomination. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Randy let us know he would like to continue in his position. Wayne nominated Randy. Deb seconded the nomination. Motion carried.

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Banking & Mail Responsibilities: Randy will remain as the main banking representative for the coming year. Deb will need to be added as the second approved representative to our bank accounts. Wayne made a motion for Deb to be the approved person with access for association banking. Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried. Post Office will remain with Randy and Russ.

Website Redesign: Mark has completed the website redesign and it has been refreshed. He will complete the updating of email addresses to add Jean and Mike to the list.

Mark did request that all board members go to EmilyLakes.org to review the new refreshed website. He did ask for any comments or feedback of anything that we would like to add. Mark recommended that he add a calendar to the website for important upcoming events that are pertinent to the association or to life on our around the lakes and river and surrounding communities.

January 2020 Board Meeting Conference Call: The January call will be on Thursday January 9, 2020 at 7:00pm. Discussion points to include Grants, Welcome New Board Members and to set the April Meeting date. Jason has volunteered to host the April meeting at 22512 South Shore Drive on Lake Mary.

Winter Newsletter Articles: Reminder that dues paid are for that calendar year – January through December. Dues paid in 2019 are good through December 31, 2019. Newsletters in 2020 will be in early February (winter edition) and mid-June (summer edition).

Follow-up and Action Items from Annual Meeting: Committee Position: We needed to find a new volunteer for the monthly water quality testing – May through September. Randy Manlick volunteered to cover the monthly testing and sampling. Randy will need training.

No Fish Stocking in 2019: This is our year off as normally scheduled.

Updating of Constitution and By Laws: An update is needed due to the proxy vote that was approved at the Annual Meeting on August 17, 2019. Mark will handle the update of these documents for the association.

New Committee: A Social Committee was discussed to get a social gathering together for Lake Association Members to connect, meet and get to know each other. After some discussion an idea to have a gathering either at the park in Emily or another location. A date that sounded good was during the Spring Fling weekend in May. Possible Wienie Roast, Coffee with Board or Ice Cream Social. Jason and Russ are the newly appointed members to this new committee.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of the meeting, there was a social gathering with refreshments and food brought to share.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Boverhuis