



ELRA Annual Meeting - Your Participation Needed

The ELRA Annual Meeting is required and necessary to conduct essential business. Essential business includes:

1. Secretary and Treasurer Reports and Approval
2. Treasurer Audit and Approval
3. Adoption of 2021 Budget
4. Election of Board Members

Because of the current and unknown situation due to COVID-19 in-person attendance will not take place for this year's Annual Meeting. Member participation in the August 15th meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. is requested via:

A. **Teleconference** - Members may call in to the ELRA conference call line. This is a free call from any cell phone plan that includes "long distance" calls. Members must call in between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. and "register" with the secretary and treasurer by verifying their name, address and lake property address. The phone number and call info are posted on the ELRA Meetings page of the ELRA web site. An email will also be sent out a few days before the meeting with the call in information.

B. **Video Conference** - Members may video in to the ELRA meeting via the ELRA video meeting. The video meeting will also include any voice only call in. This is a free video conference. Conference info and links are included on the ELRA Meetings page of the ELRA web site and will also be sent out via email before the meeting. Members must link up between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. to "register" with the secretary and treasurer by verifying their name, address and lake property address. Three practice meeting dates will be set up for members to attempt to link up - one each week for the three weeks preceding the Annual Meeting with a half hour window for each. These practice times are:

Thursday, July 30, 2020 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 6, 2020 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 13, 2020 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

C. **Proxy's** - Members unable/unwilling to attend the meeting via phone conference or video conference are encouraged to complete a proxy and submit to an attending member or Board Member. The proxy format is included with this newsletter and is also currently posted to the ELRA web site.

ELRA Board Position Opportunities!

At this year's annual meeting two Board of Director positions will need to be filled. Current board member positions held by Russ Boverhuis and Deb Hansen are up for filling this year. Both Russ and Deb have announced candidacy for re-election to these positions. Other members may also run if so interested.

If interested, please email the board your intentions at elra@emilylakes.org. Members may also be nominated for these positions during the Annual Meeting.

Zebra Mussel Inspections

ELRA participates with Crow Wing County for the testing of veligers (larvae form of the zebra mussel). **Doug Tarasar** takes samples which are tested to determine if the veligers are present.



In the past, samples and testing have been done on Emily Lake. At last year's Annual Meeting it was decided to test Mary Lake as well though the Crow Wing County AIS program will only pay for the testing of Emily. Samples have been taken and results are pending.

This testing is an "early warning system" for the presence of zebra mussels. Past year's tests have found no veligers..

Also (unfortunately) in just a few short weeks the season will start to wind down. As you remove items from the water remember to check your docks, boats, lifts, etc. for any presence of zebra mussels. Should you find any report these to the Minnesota DNR at (218-203-4354) and to ELRA at elra@emilylakes.org.

Independence Day Parade



The ELRA Annual Boat Parade was held Saturday July 4th. Thanks to those who took time to decorate their boats and pontoons in the red, white and blue. Thanks also to all those on shore who cheered on the parade!

Special thanks to Wayne Gapsiewicz, past Board member for leading the parade and to whomever was the bugle player who provided great music for the entire parade!

Proxy's must be a signed form and returned via regular mail or scanned copy via email by 8:30 a.m. of the day of the Annual Meeting.

Information to be Posted at Web Site - See the ELRA Meetings menu option.

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- 2021 Budget
- Board Member Election Ballot
- Proxy Form
- Phone Call in Info - Pass code, brief instructions
- Video Conference Link - brief instructions - practice session times and dates.
- Free Conference Call App Link and instructions

Conducting the Meeting

The conduct of the meeting will take place as close to a normal meeting as possible following Robert's Rules of Order for conducting meetings. Ensuring members have an opportunity to be recognized and given the chance to individually speak will be even more important so that only one person is speaking at a time. When a person is wanting to be recognized and speak, they will need to say their name and wait till the meeting presiding officer calls on them. Those participating via video conference can also raise their hand or post a message in the Comments section. Others must be courteous and wait their turn to speak.

Voting - Voting is expected to be mostly by voice vote. In the case of any close or contested votes, a roll call of attendees will be taken and each property owner member will be called upon for their vote in alphabetical order.

Summary

An "all of the above" approach is being used to encourage maximum member participation in order to conduct your lake associations essential business. Your attendance can be as simple as making a phone call or you can participate in the more advanced manner via the video conference. The practice sessions for the video conferencing provide you a learning opportunity. Best of all, there is no cost for either the phone conferencing or video conferencing for either yourself or ELRA!

We look forward to your participation!

Pay Your Dues

If you have not yet paid your dues you should do so before the Annual Meeting. Please send your check for \$50 to ELRA, P.O. Box 111, Emily, MN 56447. You may also pay on-line at www.emilylakes.org via credit card with a charge of \$51.50. The extra \$1.50 goes towards the credit card processing fee.

If you have paid your dues for 2020 - **Thank You!**

Decontamination Unit Sites

The following link will show you the location of AIS Decontamination Unit locations in Crow Wing County.

Eurasian Water Milfoil Update

ELRA engaged the services of PLM for treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in 2020. Survey results are not yet completed. Survey's are planned for Emily, Mary and the Little Pine River between Mary and Emily. Once the survey's are completed, maps will be posted to the ELRA web site of the proposed treatment areas and a notice sent out to members.

This year ELRA will be able to utilize funds from approved grants from the MN DNR for both Emily and Mary, Crow Wing County AIS EWM treatment funds, City of Emily Waters Committee funds and funds provided via membership and donations from ELRA members. Many thanks to those who provided those extra donations to help with this year's treatment.

Following is the required MN DNR treatment notice which also appeared in the Northland Press.

NOTICE

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

The Emily Lakes and Rivers Association has contracted to treat Eurasian Water Milfoil, an Aquatic Invasive Species in Emily Lake and Mary Lake, and if necessary, in the Little Pine River between Emily and Mary Lakes in 2020.

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 not limited to notification through the association's web page, member newsletter and annual meeting.

With regard to the treatment for this year, 2020:

1. The proposed date for treatment: June 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020.
2. The target species for the treatment: Eurasian Water Milfoil.
3. The method of control or product being used: EPA and MDA registered aquatic herbicides, such as but not limited to Liquid 2,4-D, Granular 2,4-D, Granular Tricopyr, Florpyrauxifen-Benzyl.
4. How landowners may request that control not occur adjacent to the landowner's property: If you desire that the treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil not occur adjacent to your property, please notify the Emily Lakes and Rivers Association immediately at the following address and email address below:

P.O. Box 111
Emily, MN 56447
elra@emilylakes.org

[Crow Wing County Decon Station Locations](#)

The nearest to Emily area lakes is the Ruth Lake site located at 21244 Mill Road, Emily, MN. This site is open Friday - Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Newsletter Copy

You can download a copy of this newsletter in a PDF format from the ELRA web site at www.emilylakes.org.

How's Fishing?

ELRA has been stocking walleye for several years now in Mary in addition to what the DNR has been stocking in Emily. The next official fish survey by the MN DNR is some ways off yet. The ELRA Board would value your feedback on how fishing is. What's being caught, size, etc. (Not necessary for you to give away your favorite fishing location!)

Include not only just walleye but other fish species as well. Send your responses to elra@emilylakes.org.

Thanks for your help!

ELRA Proxy Format

This is to certify that _____, a voting member of the Emily Lakes and Rivers Association, has designated _____ as his/her representative to cast all votes that said member may be entitled to vote on at the Annual Meeting of the Emily Lakes and Rivers Association to be held on August 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. as specified in the Emily Lakes and Rivers Association By-Laws.

This proxy shall expire following the adjournment of the specified meeting.

Member Designating this Proxy

Emily Lakes And River Association, PO Box 111, Emily, MN 56447