



## President's Notes

As I prepare this newsletter record cold has set in so that means one's thoughts naturally turn to SPRING! Soon the lake season will start and we will all be enjoying our lakes and river.

### 2018 RECAP

**Veliger Testing** – This is the larvae form of zebra mussels. None were detected.

**Water Quality Testing** – This continues to be completed in association with WAPOA.

**Eurasian Water Milfoil Actions** – Surveys were completed of Emily and Mary for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). EWM has been previously identified as present in Emily and Mary. The presence of EWM in Emily was not able to be detected in 2018. The presence of EWM in Mary was verified and an increased area of treatment over 2017 was indicated. Treatment was completed on Mary in the fall.

**Fish Stocking** - Stocking of walleye fry was completed in Mary last fall. See related story.

**Emily Waters Committee** – ELRA participates on this Committee which recommends projects and use of funds that the City appropriates. Board member Deb Hansen is our representative going forward on this Committee.

With your membership you enable these projects to continue. In turn, ELRA is able to utilize additional resources from the City of Emily, Crow Wing County and the MN DNR.

### 2019 CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES

**Water Testing** – Water testing for clarity and quality will continue. ELRA would like to study options to improve water quality; however, volunteers for this are required. To volunteer, email ELRA at [elra@emilylakes.org](mailto:elra@emilylakes.org).

### Notes (con't)

**EWM** – This continues to be our major challenge. Thus far, major improvement has been shown on Emily; however, we must remain vigilant and respond as necessary. Inspection and survey's are necessary to establish treatment areas.

The cost for the inspection and survey as well as treatment comes from ELRA budgeted funds, Crow Wing County AIS funds allocated of \$4,000, and potentially the City of Emily Waters fund. Your efforts have allowed ELRA to treat all areas indicated the last 3 years.

**Veliger Testing** – This continues as an early warning measure for the presence of zebra mussels. Remember to inspect your docks, boats, lifts, etc. as you put them in or remove from the water. Report possible infestations to the **MN DNR and ELRA**.

**Other AIS species monitoring** – ELRA will be on the alert for the presence of other Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) such as Starry Stonewort. If you suspect something – report this to the **DNR immediately and ELRA**.

## Membership

Your membership dues for 2019 are **now due** in the amount of **\$50.00**. Membership runs with the calendar year. Checks should be sent to ELRA, P.O. Box 111, Emily, MN 56447 or you can pay online at [www.emilylakes.org](http://www.emilylakes.org). If paying on-line a credit processing fee of \$1.50 is added.

This newsletter and a membership form is being sent to all property owners on Dahler, Emily, Mary and the Little Pine River. Follow-up with your friends and neighbors. The more members we have the more we can do for the lakes and river!

To make a targeted donation to ELRA for specific projects, please use the donation option at the ELRA web site or include on your membership form. Targeted areas for EWM Control, Boat Inspections, Fish Stocking or Other are available.

## Meet Your New Board Members

Two new board members were elected at last year's annual meeting. Make sure to give a "Thank You" to these individuals for their willingness to serve!

Consider becoming a board member yourself!

### Randy Manlick

My name is Randy Manlick. My wife Denise and I moved to Emily in September of 2017 after searching for an "Up North" lake home for two years. We were fortunate to acquire the Ralph Johnson estate from a couple of short-term investors. The Emily-Mary chain of lakes are a beautiful place to spend our time as full-time residents.

I hope to help ELRA continue to improve the quality of the area we all love. As a past lake resident of Sebie Lake for 2 years in Crow Wing County, Lake Alexander for 15 years in Morrison County and now current resident on Lake Emily, I love the lake life. I am a 30-year Ducks Unlimited volunteer serving as committee member, area chair and zone chair. I am a 15-year member of the Little Falls Sportsmen's club, currently holding the position of president. Working for Floe International in McGregor, I have healthy lakes and rivers as a professional interest also.

I hope to meet and get to know all of you. Thank You for the opportunity to become a member of the ELRA Board.

### Jason Herfel

Along with my wife Jolene and our daughters Emma and Alyson, we are excited to begin our third year on Lake Mary. We have enjoyed making our cabin a place for our family and friends to gather.

Our family loves the outdoors and what every season brings for more adventure. After we found our new seasonal get away in Emily, I wanted to continue learn more about the lakes and rivers we enjoy so much. I found that being a member of ELRA and actively participating in meetings was allowing me to meet more of the residents and understand more about our community. As a self-driven individual that is active and likes to participate in groups that help look to the future, I decided to become a member of the board for ELRA. Throughout my career I have been fortunate to work with great people and continue to find ways to communicate and grow forward.

I am eager to be a part of a group that will allow me to learn and grow along with all of our neighbors throughout the ELRA.

## Upcoming Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Contact us at [elra@emilylakes.org](mailto:elra@emilylakes.org) if you have an issue you wish discussed at the meeting or you wish to attend.

## ELRA Annual Meeting

The ELRA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. We need all ELRA members present to conduct important ELRA business! Plan your attendance now!

### Q & A

Q. What is a no-wake zone? What area is designated a no-wake zone?

A. The slowest possible speed necessary to maintain steerage, but in no case greater than five miles per hour. The river between Mary and Emily is a designated no-wake zone by Crow Wing County.

Q. Where is the nearest Watercraft Decontamination Unit?

A. Ruth Lake public water access at 21244 Mill Road, Emily, MN 56447 (off State Hwy #6)

## 2019 Crow Wing County AIS Plan

The draft AIS plan for 2019 includes 300 hours of boat inspections to be provided by the County at the Emily Lake access which is the same as 2018 scheduled to cover the prime boat traffic periods during the season. \$4,000 is also proposed for EWM control - the same as 2018. The County allocates funds to the lakes that are infested with EWM that have a public access. The County has allowed ELRA to use funds allocated for Emily for Mary as well however. While \$4,000 is a significant amount it is insufficient to cover the full inspection, survey and treatment needs for Emily and Mary Lakes. The AIS plan also proposes \$250 for educational materials and includes funds for payment of lab fees associated with monitoring of zebra mussel veligers.

## Fish Stocking

ELRA completed \$1600 of walleye fry stocking in early November 2018. Thanks to Mielke's Fun at The Lake's Resort for use of their access. ELRA is allowed to stock 2 out of 3 years – matching the program that the MN DNR does with stocking of Emily. The MN DNR does not stock Mary as there is no public access.

