

Emily Lakes and River Association
Annual Meeting and Board Election
August 15, 2015

Social Period and Light Refreshments from 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Drewitz , ELRA President.

This meeting is the annual meeting held for all members of ELRA. The ELRA Board Attendees were: Jane Schulte, Becky Gromek, Wayne Gapsiewicz, Mark Drewitz, and Tami Froidcoeur, Doug Tarasar. Absent: Kristi McLain

Reports

Secretary's Report: The 2014 meeting minutes were distributed to the membership. Erik Froidcoeur made a motion to not read the meeting minutes out loud and to accept the minutes as is. Bob Haarmon seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Audit Committee Report-

Treasurer's Report: Mark Drewitz presented treasurer's report to the membership. Discussion followed on the Pull the Plug campaign expense and membership drive expenses. Ken explained the fiscal soundness of the expenses per the board's decisions. Motion to accept report was made by Eric Froidcoeur. Karin Keeney 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Project Reports

- 1) **AIS Awareness-** Tami presented the 50/50 match by the DNR to promote AIS Education and items decided by the board to further promote education were on display for members.
- 2) **Eurasian Milfoil Action-** \$5000 was granted to ELRA and the Board worked with Ron Dewy from Nisswa who sprayed. It was decided by Ron what areas should be sprayed. The money was enough to do 8 acres from Little Pine RV Resort to McLains. The south end of Lake Emily was the highest density of milfoil and high water activity. North end of lake will be targeted in 2016. Private lake owners can apply for their own permit to buy their own chemicals, but they must be DNR approved. Mark reminded membership the volunteer program for manually pulling milfoil still exists and encouraged members to have family members participate when they come to visit. Every little bit helps. The message is we cannot eradicate but we can control if we all work together.

- 3) **Veliger Testing-** Doug presented on the Veliger Training he attended and testing was done on 3 spots on Lake Emily. The DNR said 30 lakes were tested. None were found on Lake Emily and 2 Veliger's were found on Ruth Lake. Testing will continue to be done yearly. Members advised that we are the best eyes for veligers, and when they pull their docks and boats to make sure to inspect their property. We will check to see if we can sample the Mary Lake and the River as part of the free testing.
- 4) **Fish Stocking-** Becky advised membership that walleye fingerlings were stocked in Mary Lake in 2014. Part of the program to match the DNR stocking of walleye frye in Lake Emily. Discussion followed as some members are concerned about the lack of oxygen in Lake Mary and does it make sense to stock walleye right now. Board to do further checking on DNR feedback in stocking fish.

New Business

2016 ELRA Budget

Jane presented the proposed 2016 budget to the membership. We currently have 85 members. Bonnie Fairchild and Eric Froidcouer made a motion to the floor to discuss the membership fees. Doug made a motion to amend the membership fees to \$35.00 in 2016. Tami seconded motion. Vote taken and passed unanimously. Budget amended to change the membership fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00.

AIS Inspection Money

Tami made motion to move to the floor to move AIS Inspection money to be spent on milfoil control. Wayne seconded motion. Vote taken and passed unanimously in favor of spending money designated for AIS inspection to be spent on milfoil control.

Vote taken on 2016 Budget. 2 Opposed to budget, majority of membership in favor of budget. Budget passed.

ELRA By-Laws Change

Mark read by-law proposal to allow non property owners who have a contractual rental agreement with one of the resort owners to become members of ELRA with voting rights. Change approved.

Other

Election of Board Members- 3 Positions

There are three open board positions for 2016. Ballots were distributed one per property owner. Running for the board for a three year term, is Doug Tarasar, Kristi McLain and Mark Drewitz. Jane Schulte made motion to accept the three members on the ballot to start 2016 for a three year term. Tami seconded motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn

At approximately 11:00 a.m. motion to adjourn meeting was made by Ken Scribner. Bonnie Fairchild second motion. Motion carried to adjourn the 2015 Annual ELRA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Gromek