

# **ELRA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AND MEMBER PICNIC**

**SATURDAY AUGUST, 2009**

## **PICNIC:**

Ken Scribner, president of ELRA welcomed everybody to our annual meeting and picnic. We had an attendance of 51 members and visitors for our picnic that all enjoyed Tom Hintz's "terrific turkey" as well as wonderful dishes and desserts brought by everyone. Thanks to all who participated, shared food, donated supplies, bought beverages and buns, helped with set up and clean up. It was a very successful picnic and a great time for everyone to visit.

## **SPEAKER:**

Following our meeting, Jan Pope introduced our special speaker, Bonnie Hiniker who shared a wealth of information about native plants, shoreline restoration and answered guest questions. Bonnie recommended that property owners could simply stoop mowing their lawn and form a buffer of 10 to 24 feet along the shore. It is very surprising to see what new vegetation will come in and fill the space and the buffer will act to hold down the shoreline and offer a place for wildlife such as birds and butterflies to visit. We appreciated taking time from her busy schedule to educate us and bring sample plants.

## **ANNUAL MEETING:**

Ken Scribner called for a motion to accept the Annual 2008 meeting minutes. Del Rucks made a motion to accept and Gordy Jacobson seconded the motion.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Scribner, President, Ellen Benson, Vice President, John Bergstrom, Treasurer, Jan Pope Secretary and Jane Schulte and Tom Hintz, Board members.

**Absent:** Roger Olson.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

John Bergstrom presented his financial Summary Report for the period of January 2009 to July 2009. It illustrated that we have \$4,231.05 in the savings account as of June 30, 2009 and a balance of \$1,731.31 for a total of \$5,962.36. The membership for our association is 98 currently. John also presented the proposed budget for 2010 which mirrors the 2009 budget with the exception that no funds have been designated for walleye stocking which is a decision that the board makes in 2010. A motion was made by Jan Pope and seconded by Joanne Luxford to accept the report as given.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION:**

Nominations were taken from the floor for the two open positions on the Board. The following individuals offered to serve on the Board of Directors for the ELRA:

1. **Ken Scribner**
2. **Julie Selberg**
3. **Chuck Proshok**
4. **Missy Montgomery**

Ballots were handed out and counted which revealed that Ken Scribner will be returning to the board and Chuck Proshek will be joining the board. The board thanks those who volunteered to be a nominee and welcomed them to volunteer for committees or other opportunities to help the lake association

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ken Schultz, who owns property on Lake Mary shared with us the efforts by the Minnesota Pollution Control Association that are being made to remove lead sinkers and substitute them for lead free sinkers. He offered the lead free sinkers for the attendees and shared with us the harm that is being done to wildlife like loons that develop lead poisoning from the lead sinkers. The MPCA also donated 2 lovely Loon prints that were added to our drawing.

John Bergstrom shared with us the work of the Environmental Responsibility Committee that has been formed to ensure that the proposed extraction of Manganese from a 12 acre parcel of land just north of Emily will be environmentally safe. It is headed by the DNR and the committee members include the Minnesota Dept. of Health, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, as well as members from the public and local lake associations. A demonstration of the project may not be done until November, if all objections are met satisfactorily. If it is too late then the demonstration will be held in the spring. John explained that Crow Wing Power has bought the land and initiated the intent of the mining of this very important mineral and if successful, the city of Emily will benefit financially, as well as all the membership of Crow Wing Power.

**BOARD MEETING:**

The board as well as our newest 2010 board member, Chuck Proshek had a short business meeting. We discussed the LARA survey that has been sent to us to fill in and return with our answers. The time and date of our next meeting was agreed upon as 1 PM Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Hintz and seconded by Ellen Benson at 2:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Pope