

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2009 Emily City Hall

CALL TO ORDER:

Ken Scribner, President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

ATTENDEES INCULDED: Ken Scribner, John Bergstrom, Ellen Benson and Jan Pope.

Absent: Tom Hintz, Jane Schulte, Roger Olson.

1. **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Reviewed minutes from Oct. 11, 2008.
John Bergstrom made a motion to accept and Ellen Benson seconded the motion.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:** Jan Pope needs to sign the association's bank authorization form at Unity Bank. Reviewed a letter Ken previously sent to Planning and Zoning regarding consideration of re-zoning of the land surrounding the inlet of the Little Pine River on the NW corner of Lake Mary. It is currently habituated by many types of wildlife, including Loons and Trumpeter Swans as well as being an ideal area for fish hatching. At a more restrictive level the parcels sold for future development would be required to be larger than the current lot sizes on the lake and river. It would then reduce the number of docks in the water which contains a thick growth of aquatic vegetation and wetlands which acts as filters to reduce pollutants into the lake.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Annual Picnic:** Considered a date in August, possibly the 8th for date. Jan Pope will check with "Bonnie the Plant Lady" from Sunshine Gardens for a speaker. Ken will check with LARA for a possible speaker as well. We agreed we would pay the usual \$50 stipend for the speaker.

- B. **TREASURER REPORT:** John's report stated that we have \$2729.26 in Savings and \$2970.98 in Checking for a total of \$5700.24. He recommended we transfer \$1500 from checking into savings. Ellen made a motion to that effect and Jan seconded the motion; the motion was carried.
- C. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** John presented detailed data gathered by Kris Bergstrom regarding this year's membership as to whom have paid dues for 2009, those who have in the past but have not recently, as well as those owners who have never become members. A decision was made to divide those names of owners who have been members in the past and the Board would personally call to re-invite them to join. Those names were divided among Ellen, Ken and Jan to call those contacts.
- D. **LETTER FROM JANE SCHULTE:** A letter from Jane was read and it was noted that her concern was the overflow water and washing out of the road on either side of the dam in Lake Emily. John discussed his meeting with the DNR who stated that the dam is intact and solid. The board suggested we speak to Tom Hintz, Board Member to follow up with the City Planning and Zoning during their open house scheduled 5/15-5/16 2009.
- E. **NEWSLETTER:** Board members are asked to help provide articles for the newsletter and send them to Ken in the next 2 weeks. We projected the date to send them out as around June 1st after Bonnie Fairchild and Kris Bergstrom complete their work on the newsletter. There will also be a special mailing for the Annual Picnic as well. Jan suggested that we offer the property owners an option of receiving the newsletters and other mailings via email.
- F. **PARADE:** Jan brought up the suggestion made by Kris Bergstrom for a possible Boat Parade on July 4th as have been done on other lakes. It would be a great way to meet our neighbors and join in as a closer community as well as great fun. We could decorate the boats and have a vote as to a winner and then give them a gag type of trophy that

would travel from home to home each year. We agreed that it could be very fun and the tentative date would be July 4th. The Board is open to further discussion in our next meeting.

- G. **WATER TESTING:** Jan suggested we might look at having the 5 or 6 areas that bring water into our lakes for testing to see if there are problem areas of phosphorous overload we need to address. Currently WAPOA is doing our lake testing several times a year for free. The additional testing might be \$15-\$20 per site. A one time testing might drive us to seek more specific solutions. John made a motion that we ask Paul Fairchild who has been working with WAPOA to get more information about this. Ken seconded the motion.
- H. **DONATIONS:** John made the motion that we continue to pay annual dues to belong to LARA (\$50) as well as to Minnesota Waters (\$150). The motion was seconded by Ellen.
- I. **WEBSITE:** John suggested we review our website and remove items that are outdated and add more current info including minutes.
- J. **ADJOURNMENT:** Ellen made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Ken and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Pope

Secretary