

**Emily Lakes and River Association**  
**Annual Meeting and Board Election**

**August 16, 2014**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 8:10 am by Ken Scribner, President-ELRA

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

**Announcements:** Ken welcomed everyone to the 2014 ELRA Annual meeting and advised members meeting minutes will be read for approval. The voting procedure was introduced by handing one card out per property owner. There were 3 proxy votes assigned and presented by Jane Schulte.

**Secretary's Report:** Becky read aloud the meeting minutes from 2013 to the members. Motion to approve the annual meeting minutes from 2013 made by Jan Pope and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Froidcoeur. Motion passed without making changes to the 2013 report as written.

**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.

See attached detailed ELRA Treasurer Reports.

Motion to accept report was made by Eric Froidcoeur. Karin Keeney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**Fish Stocking Report:** Becky Gromek presented information on fish stocking in 2014. Walleye fingerling will be stocked end of October in Lake Mary, the later we stock the stronger the fish are for sturdability. 25-40 fingerlings per lb @ \$16.00 a lb. ELRA is spending \$1600 to stock fish in Lake Mary. Our permit was denied in

2013 as the DNR asked that we match the DNR on the years they stock Emily. DNR stocks every 2 out of 3 years. Discussion followed on the benefit of stocking and Wayne Gapsiewicz made a motion to decide if we continue to stock. Vote taken. 27 yes and 1 no. Motion carried to continue stocking.

**AIS Report:** Tami Froidcoeur presented the information and video from the DNR Education Seminar that was held at the Lake Emily Public Access on August 8, 2014. Samples of the weeds were on hand for members to see up close the different types of milfoil and be able to identify the natural from the invasive species. Both Tami and Eric Froidcoeur answered questions for the membership during the hands on viewing of Coon Tail, Northern Milfoil and Eurasian Milfoil. A special rake that works best to remove the Eurasian Milfoil was shown to the membership and the members were advised where it can be bought (Fleet Farm) and cost. (\$15.00).

**2015 Budget Proposal Report:** Mark Drewitz presented two budget proposals drafted by the board for 2015. First proposal keeping the membership fee at \$25 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal to increase the membership fee to \$40 to allow for increased expenses after 2015 for possible invasive species expenses. Discussion followed on what can we do to increase membership verses raising membership fees. Jane Schulte suggested to amend the \$25 budget plan an extra \$100 to allow postage mailings for those property owners that ELRA cannot reach through email contact. Jan Pope offered to print off the fliers for mailing out. Wayne Gapsiewicz made a motion to accept the \$40 budget plan. Becky Gromek 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Vote taken and budget did not pass.

Mike Trautschold made a motion to accept the \$25 budget with additional \$100 for mailing. Wayne G. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion carried.

**Eurasian Milfoil Action Plan:** Mark Drewitz presented action plan to address the milfoil found in Lake Emily. So far only found in Lake Emily, but it affects all property owners. Both lakes and river is broken up into small zones and volunteers would be assigned to a section between 1 and 64 and monitor that area. They would then report back through the website what they are seeing and pull milfoil.

Sign up taken at meeting and the plan will also be on the ELRA website. Discussion followed as we need to reach out to businesses and put in the news letter so others are aware of the concerns and action plan to increase more participation.

**Election of Board Members:** There were 2 board member positions open this year. Becky Gromek , Jane Schulte were on the ballot and a motion by Becky Gromek was made to add Doug Tarasar to the ballot. The votes were tallied- and Becky Gromek and Jane Schulte were elected to a 3-year term on ELRA Board.

**Adjourn:** At 10:30 a.m. Ken Scribner asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike Trautschold motioned to adjourn the 2014 Annual ELRA Meeting and Barb Proshek 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Becky Gromek*