

# EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**April 22, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 2:00 P.M. ATTENDEES: Jane Schulte, Steve Kolkind, Tom Hintz, Ken Scribner and Becky Gromek. Absent: Wayne Gapsiewicz and Chuck Proshek

**MEETING MINUTES:** The meeting minutes from September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were emailed to board members prior to meeting. Ken made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom presented the accounting of funds. Opening balance on 5.1.11 was \$1,994.41. After receipt of membership dues and expenditures through 4.21.12 the ending balance is \$3,674.19. (See Treasurer's report for details.) So far 91 members have paid. Normal membership runs around 100 paid members. A second notice was sent out as a reminder already, so decision was made not to pursue the remaining unpaid. Steve made a motion to approve the report and Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

*AIS Boat Inspection Grant denied.* Ken will do an email blast to members to see if there is an interest. The DNR offers boat inspection training for whoever is interested on May 9, 2012 and June 13, 2012. It was discussed that possibly the City of Emily may have received a grant from the DNR for boat inspections. Steve will confirm with City of Emily if they received grant money for boat inspections and if so, no need for ELRA to pursue boat inspections.

*Signage at 'Fun at the Lakes Resort'* - Steve will talk to resort owner to get permission to install an AIS boat inspection reminder sign.

*Amendment to By-Laws*-Jane distributed a copy of the amendment 'Article VII-Section 4 Quorum –Acts or decisions requiring immediate attention may be accomplished by e-mail or phone with a 5 day notices to all the Directors and a majority of the Directors voting.' to board members to add to their books.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*2012 Meeting Dates reviewed and agreed upon:*

May 20, 2012- Sunday after Mother's Day

June 24, 2012 Sunday after Father's Day

July 1, 2012 1 p.m. Boat Parade

July 28, 2012 –Annual Meeting & Picnic

August 19, 2012

September 9, 2012- Sunday after Labor Day

*Annual Membership Dues:* MN Waters \$150, LARA \$50, WAPOA \$25 Agreement to continue with these memberships. Steve motioned to approve payment of membership dues and Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*E-Blast Report:* Ken reported 62% of the emails are opened which is a good percentage. If the E-blast email is forwarded on by the member, the new person can 'click' and subscribe to the emails. Cost is \$126 (this includes 30% discount). If we want to add a photo library i.e. boat parade pictures, it is an additional \$43 more for a total of \$163 for this type of communication. Ken motioned to approve and Tom seconded motion. Motion carried.

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*DNR List of Infected Lakes:* DNR Boat Inspection video available (4 min 19 sec)

AIS training for volunteers is May 9th and Steve Kolkind and Tom Hinz expressed interest in attending the training. The state is requiring a new AIS related sticker to be placed on all boats within the next couple of years, which comes with your registration renewal. The sticker info will be in next month's newsletter. No further action or discussion was required.

*WAPOA Inspections for Invasive Species:* This was not proposed in the budget for 2012 but \$525 was allocated for the boat inspection grant program. Two inspections are held, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. First location is at Lake Emily public access and second location would be the private access at 'Fun at the Lakes Resort.' Steve will speak to owner of resort for permission to hold inspection at their private access. Cost is \$200 per boat launch and was approved for both Lake Emily boat access and Fun at the Lakes Resort boat access. Results are provided by WAPOA and can be shared with ELRA members possibly through the newsletter. Steve motioned to approve and Tom seconded motion. Motion carried.

*Boat Parade:* After a discussion of the best date to hold parade, it was agreed there would be more people before the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday so Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> was selected. Plan is to meet at the Dam on Lake Emily at 1:00 and follow the lake shore down Dam Road and around past The Bungalow into the river over to Lake Mary. Steve will lead the parade this year.

*Website Update:* Advise Mark to include 'approved' meeting minutes in the Website updates. Becky to send to Mark approved meeting minutes to be added to website. Other updates for the ELRA website are community events such as the upcoming 'Emily/Outing Spring Fling' to be held in May. Becky to provide Tom with any of the educational materials and cds on how to restore shorelines for the table at the Spring Fling.

*Annual Meeting Speaker:* Research needed as to who will be the speaker for the 2012 ELRA annual meeting. Jane has 4 possibilities and will send Chuck and Becky each 2 contacts to do the research to see who is available to speak at the annual meeting/picnic.

*Newsletter Articles for June:* We all are responsible to submit something for the June newsletter. Send to Becky when completed. Becky to send to Ken by May 30<sup>th</sup> to be in time for the June newsletter.

*Walleye Stocking:* John Bergstrom has done this in the past few years. Tom will check with John if he is willing to do this again or at least walk someone else through the process.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Becky Gromek*