

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 25, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Attendees are Wayne Gapsiewicz, Tami Froidcoeur, Mark Drewitz, Doug Tarasar, Jane Schulte and Becky Gromek. Not in attendance: Kristi McLain.

MINUTES APPROVAL: September 26, 2014 minutes were reviewed by Board. Tami made motion to approve minutes. Wayne seconded motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Becky presented the Finance Report. Jane made motion to approve the Finance Report. Tami seconded motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Seasonal Camper Membership: Discussion if seasonal campers can join the ELRA was reviewed again. Resort owners advised seasonal campers pay taxes on their deck. Further discussion of bylaws revealed voting members must be a property owner. Bylaws would need to be changed in order for seasonal campers to be voting members of the ELRA. Unless there is a strong interest from seasonal campers, this is tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Drive: Kristi and Becky are responsible for membership drive, but with Kristi out of town for initial drive, Doug will assist. Becky will create labels and update the membership form. Doug will purchase envelopes, stamps and put mailers together. Mark will check for label documents from last year and possible PDF form of membership form. Goal is to complete initial membership mailer before fishing opener. Include request for volunteer for Zebra Mussel Veliger Testing.

Becky and Kristi to investigate other ways to increase membership. Tami will check with Crosby Carrier, Northland Press and the News Hopper to see if they would allow the ELRA membership form in their newspapers at no cost. We have seen other associations in the newspapers, and ELRA would like to take advantage of this advertising if possible.

AIS Action:

2015 Grant Application for Public Awareness Projects/DNR Invasive Species Program: Mark completed and submitted request for matching grant funds of \$1000.00. Five projects are proposed for these matching funds. 1) Letter for visitors of resorts and campgrounds, 2) Windshield Card; 3) License holder; 4) Fish Ruler and 5) Public Service Announcement/Radio.

Wayne made motion to approve application. Tami seconded motion. Motion carried. Jane made motion to approve ELRA to spend \$1000.00 toward these projects from money that was set aside for milfoil control. Wayne seconded motion. Motion carried.

Milfoil Control:

Permit Application: Mark to submit permit application to the DNR.

Control Options: Jane reported lack of interest in pulling milfoil. She made calls to property owners with only one member signing up. Suggestions to get others involved were to contact youth church groups or Boy Scouts who are always looking for ways to earn money. There are companies that do biological control but very expensive. Wayne will scope out what volunteer groups would be interested. Mark to check with Dan Swanson on what vendors we should check, and the rest of the board will help make the calls to get information and costs.

Zebra Mussel Veliger Testing:

Early detection is a good idea and ELRA is going to look for volunteers to test. Training is available. Becky will put out request for volunteer in the Membership Drive. We also may want to coordinate with other associations like Ruth and RALALA.

Inspection Protocol:

We have 400 base hours and we are covered through August 22nd. Approximately \$16.00 an hour and we can purchase more hours if we want. City not involved with boat inspections this year.

Spring Fling:

Tami checking if there will be a Spring Fling this year. If so, Tami, Becky and Kristi to decide if ELRA will be involved and how much we would be involved.

Boat Parade:

The boat parade will be held at 1:00 p.m. on July 4th weekend/Saturday. Starting at the mouth of the river on Lake Emily and going around Emily and then into Mary. Donny Gromek will lead the parade and a suggestion was made to move the parade around the lakes at a faster speed.

Annual Meeting:

We will need a microphone as it was hard to hear last year. Ken may have a microphone we can use. Need to start thinking about a speaker or maybe we just

discuss with the membership what the Board has been doing. Food: Rolls and Juice. Start @ 9:00 and be more efficient in moving the meeting along we we are done timely. Becky to call and reserve a room. Library was suggested given the turnout is usually around 30 people. Checking both possibilities.

Meeting Schedule Set for 2015:

Saturday, May 16th- 7 p.m. @ Becky's

Saturday, June 13th- 8:30 a.m. @ Jane's

Saturday July 11th – 8:30 a.m. @ Wayne's

Saturday August 15th -9:00 a.m. @ City Hall—ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday September 12th @ 8:30 a.m. @ Tami's

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Wayne made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Jane seconded motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Gromek

Finance Report

Checking	
Balance on 9.27.14	\$3,813.09
Deposits	
RALALA AIS	\$250.00
Nesser	\$25.00

Mitch Brinks	\$350.00
Checks	
Bosek Fisheries	\$1,600.00
Ken Scribner-postcards	\$350.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$48.00
Ken Scribner-Constant Contact	\$168.00
Checking Account Balance	\$2,525.61
Savings Account Balance	\$4,272.78