

Emily Lakes and Rivers Association
Annual Meeting and Picnic - August 13, 2011

PICNIC - Ken Scribner, president of ELRA, welcomed everyone to our annual meeting and picnic. Tom Hintz's turkey and potluck items were enjoyed by everyone as were all the dishes shared by the members.

SPEAKER - Our speaker for the picnic was Kevin Graves, P. E. from WHKS Engineers from Rochester MN. Kevin shared his Power Point presentation as a hard copy for all to see. His presentation included phosphorous basic information on where it is found in nature through leaves and grass. He spoke how it enters our water supply via fertilizers and agriculture, runoffs as well as leaking septic systems. He spoke of how it causes algae blooms that cut off the oxygen in the water affecting the fish population as well as making swimming and boating unpleasant and ultimately causing a decline in property values. In addition, Kevin shared what we can do to reduce phosphorous by using non-phosphorous laundry detergent and dishwasher detergent, having our septic systems checked regularly, building buffer strips at our shorelines and becoming involved in Citizen Monitoring, Lakes Assessment Programs and Clean Water Partnership. Bonnie Fairchild and her husband have been collecting water samples for WAPOA (Whitefish Area Property Owners Association) for several years reported that the clarity of the waters has been very poor this year.

ANNUAL MEETING - Ken Scribner started the annual meeting by talking about projects of the last year including Walleye stocking and the many lake and flower handouts to every property owner on our lakes and river. He introduced the board members to everyone and thanked Jan Pope and Jane Schulte for their service as their terms end this year. He talked about the additions to our web site made by Mark Drewitz, who has taken over the web master position. He also thanked Darlene Weiseler for her work on the web site. Thanks to Tom Hintz for his wonderful tasting smoked turkey. Ken then called for a motion to accept the annual 2010 meeting minutes. Motions were made to accept these minutes as written and the membership voted unanimously to accept them.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jane Schulte presented her financial summary report for the period of Jan 2011 to Aug 2011. The ELRA combined checking and saving balance is \$5222.25. The current membership is 99. Jane also presented her budget for 2012 and talked about the walleye stocking for next year as well as our contract with the DNR to do AIS inspections (Aquatic Invasive Species) at the Emily boat landing. We will also place an AIS reminder sign at the Fun at the Lakes Resort on the west side of Lake Mary. The sign is free but the estimated cost of the posts is \$50.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION - Ken called for volunteers from the membership to place their names on the ballot for the election to replace Jane and Jan's positions. Jane Schulte said she would be willing to take another term for the board and Becky Gromek graciously offered to serve as well. There was a count of hands by the membership to vote on these positions and it passed unanimously. Motions were made to accept the vote and it was passed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT - Article VII-Section 4 Quorum proposes the "Acts or decisions requiring immediate attention may be accomplished by e-mail or phone with a five (5) day notice to all the Directors and a majority of the Directors voting". Following discussion, a motion was made from the membership to accept the amendment as written. The amendment was unanimously voted on by membership and passed successfully.

DOOR PRIZES - The following prizes were given out following the meeting: a \$25 gift

certificate from Rustic River, a 12" pizza from Diners, 2 sets of Viking coasters and a flag from Sweets and Such, a picnic blanket from Ace Hardware, a \$5 gift certificate from Kathy's Kut and Kurl and 2 drink chips and a gift certificate from the Bungalow and finally a beautiful matted, framed photo of flowers created by Jane Schulte was the grand prize.

Respectfully submitted
Jan Pope