

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 7, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM. **Attendees:** Ken Scribner, Tom Hintz, Jan Pope, Ken Schultz, Jane Schulte, Wayne Gapsiewicz. **Absent:** Steve Kolkind

MEETING MINUTES: September minutes were not available to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darlene Wieseler has resigned as webmaster and Ken Schultz has also resigned from the board. Steve Kolkind has agreed to accept Ken's position on the Board. Wayne made a motion to accept Steve Kolkind as a new Board member and Jane seconded the motion.

Jane Schulte reports that the dues for WAPOA (\$25), LARA (\$50) and Minnesota Waters (\$150) are now due. Jan Pope made a motion to pay these dues and Wayne seconded the motion.

Jan Pope brought forth the cost of 70 hours of Aquatic Invasive Species by the DNR and their trained interns which was awarded to ELRA by the grant of a 50/50 share in the cost of providing this service. The usual cost of the interns is \$15 per hour. After the award of the grant our cost will be \$7.50 for 70 hours or \$525. Jan made a motion to pay for this expenditure and Jane Schulte seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 1.

Jan also brought information from the DNR regarding large warning signs about Invasive Species and what boaters need to do to stop their spread into our lake and river waters to be posted at the Emily public access. This is a free grant application with the lake association covering the stakes to install the signs and volunteers to put them up. Jan will as Steve Kolkind to check with the owners of the former Flagg Resort since they allow boaters to enter the lake for a fee and get permission to add a sign there.

Discussion ensued regarding the thought of amending the association's bylaws to include voting via email or teleconference. Since this action can only be voted on by the whole membership, we will work on a possible amendment to be presented at the annual meeting in August. Jan will also do a trial run of what a conference call might be like in the future as a test.

Ken discussed the use of email blasts to membership using a web site that costs \$15 per month allowing up to 500 email contacts. This site tracks all the statistics of the use of the site and also provides discounts if paid one year in advance. These emails could also send out newsletters and important announcements and alerts. We could then let our lake association web site go which has had very poor viewing. Jan Pope made a motion to try this service for a one year trial and Wayne seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: Jan Pope reported that the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Water Patrol (Sgt. Scott Goddard) is the contact person for placing buoys in the waters if that is what we wish to do

to designate deadheads. The buoy he recommended is \$149 with shipping and would say **“DANGEROUS HAZARD”**. Discussion took place as to whether or not the deadheads could be identified by volunteers and safely removed or moved out of the way for boaters. Wayne and Tom have volunteered to go out and see if they can find any that need removal.

Water testing questions arose about how to find out the results of the testing WAPOA does (Paul Fairchild is the point person for this) as well as the testing done 6 miles south of town on the Little Pine River. Jane will check with Paul regarding where they are testing and if they have testing results to report. Jan will check with the Crow Wing County Soil and Water division regarding their test results.

TREASURER’S REPORTS: Jane Schulte reported that there is a balance of \$2663.99 in the checking account. This includes \$1825 in membership dues and \$150 in donation. She also stated we have 80 members who have signed up following the first mailing. Jane stated that 4 individuals wrote on their membership form that they would volunteer if needed. One suggested a clean up day for all the roads that surround our waters. She will work on preparing a second mailing soon. She anticipates expenditures for the newsletter printing, membership mailing and the dues to LARA, MN Waters and WAPOA to tally \$950. The savings account balance is \$4245.67. Total balance prior to meeting is \$5909.66. Wayne made a motion to accept the financial report and Tom seconded it.

ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST, 13TH WITH REGISTRATION AT 11:30 AM, LUNCH AT 12 WITH SPEAKER TO FOLLOW. (A speaker has not yet been decided and suggestions are welcomed. Currently Tom suggested that the DNR may have a 15 minute video on AIS as well as inspecting your boat for AIS. We also mentioned Wayne Nelson the photographer as a possible speaker)

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS JUNE, 12, 2011 AT 2PM AT CITY HALL.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM with Tom making the motion to adjourn and Wayne seconding the motion.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JAN POPE