

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 20, 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: Becky to make revisions to in a couple of areas for further clarification to the meeting minutes from April 22 2012 , and then send to Mark to post the revised version on the website. Steve made a motion to approve the revised minutes and Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom presented the accounting of funds. After receipt of membership dues in April and partial May, running balance is \$3949.19. April and May expenditures were: Rent- \$8.00; Website -\$169.00; WAPOA Dues- \$25.00; MN Waters Dues- \$150.00; LARA Dues- \$50.00; WAPOA Invasive Species Inspections- \$200.00; City of Emily Hall Rent- \$32.00. Checking account balance as of 5.18.12 is \$3,315.19 and Savings Account balance \$4259.19. Total of accounts to date \$7,574.38. Steve made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boat Inspection Training- Tom Hintz attended the boat inspection training held by Keri Hull from the DNR. The general discussion was around invasive species to our lakes, what to look for and how to inspect a boat. A boat inspector can only make suggestions to the boat owner accessing or leaving a lake. Watercraft Inspection handouts were available for only those that attend the training. There were no handouts to provide to board.

The City of Emily received a non-matching grant from the DNR to conduct boat inspections. This will require the inspector to be a 'city employee.' Opens new position and this is on the agenda for the City of Emily meeting June 12, 2012.

Signage and AIS Inspection (WAPOA) at Fun at the Lakes Resort- Steve spoke to resort manager and he gave approval for WAPOA to come in and do an in-water inspection. Also received approval for 2'x2' sign. Inspections to be Spring and Fall and Steve will contact WAPOA to coordinate. Cost is \$200.00 and includes both Spring and Fall inspections. Steve motioned to authorize \$100.00 per inspection to be performed by WAPOA no more than two times a year. Tom seconded motion. Motion carried.

MN Waters membership- still waiting for Membership fee to be returned

Boat Parade. Ken advised the E-Blast is ready to go and advising members to gather at the Dam.

Spring Fling- This is first day after the city of Emily's Spring Fling and Tom reported it appeared the businesses did well. General feedback from board members on Emily's first Spring Fling is that it seems to have been successful.

Annual Speaker- Chuck contacted WAPOA but no response yet. Becky did not make any contacts yet. Tom suggested in the past some speakers have been too long and we have talent right within our own membership. After

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a discussion it was decided that Steve Kolkind will be this year's speaker and will review the AIS law with the membership. This will take approximately 15 minutes and then allow time for questions.

Jane has supplies but may need to add, and will make list of what supplies are needed. Steve will call Jan Pope who coordinated door prizes last year on what she did and we will devise a plan from what was done in the past. Items for annual meeting are: last year's annual meeting minutes need to be approved, sign up for attendees, copy of the Finance Report, name tags, ballots, and Tom will do his famous turkeys. The rest is potluck brought by the attendees.

There will be 3 open spots on the board for 2012. Replacements needed for Tom Hintz, Chuck Proshek and Ken Scribner. 3 Nominees needed to be named prior to Annual Meeting to be placed on ballots.

Newsletter Articles- Ken advised we need more articles for the newsletter. Steve and Jane both have articles they will forward to Ken. Becky sent one article. The newsletter needs to be sent out by mid June to be in enough time before the boat parade on July 1st.

Ken advised he needs details of the Annual Meeting to add to the newsletter. Details: 11:30 registration starts, 12:00 Dinner and 1:00 Annual meeting and program begins. Board should be there by 11:00 a.m. for set up.

Walleye Stocking of Lake Mary-John Bergstrom advised he will do the walleye stocking again . Jane will send Thank-You.

NEW BUSINESS:

E-Blast to alert of storm damage- Jane suggested and the board agreed it would be a good idea to use our E-Blast capability going forward to alert members of storm damage in the area i.e. the recent storm that caused multiple trees down on Lake Mary and a boat lift that was overturned. If situations occur we just need to let Ken know and he can send out the E-Blast alert to ELRA members.

Water Sampling- Paul and Bonnie Fairchild will continue to manage the water sampling of Lake Mary and Lake Emily this year but were are looking for another volunteer. Mike Peterson to assist.

Open House for Lake Associations- Jane attended this open house for the lake associations. There are two Crow Wing County Land Use Workshops coming up- Monday-July 9th @ Lake Edward Town hall and Friday-July 13th @ Long Lake Town Hall. Crow Wing Soil compiled water testing and projected trends. Lake Emily water has diminished in the last 10 years. Jane handed out the results of the 2012 WAPOA test results for over 30 local lakes. The results for Lake Mary and Lake Emily show high TSI number. (A higher TSI number (unfavorable) means more algae in the water.) The results will be added to the ELRA website.

Cross Lake Workshop- Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District held a free workshop on shoreline buffers, why it is important and how to plan your own. Both Tom and Jane attended and found the work shop both interesting and helpful. Participants received a book on rain gardens and information about grant programs available to help pay for your own a shoreline buffer along with local landscaping, plant resources and a plant list.

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WAPOA Annual Meeting Meeting is Saturday, June 9, Ideal Town Hall. Jane will plan on attending to see what we can learn from the larger lake association.

AIS- new laws take effect July 1, 2012 There are new rules that we all need to be aware starting July 1st. Also and anyone transporting a watercraft by trailer will need to take the online class by 2015. This class is not yet available.

Meeting Adjourned: Tom made motion to adjourn meeting. Steve seconded motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Sunday, June, 24th @ 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Gromek