

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 18, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M by Ken Scribner. ATTENDEES: Becky Gromek, Mark Drewitz, Kris Bergstrom, Tami Froidcoeur and Kristi McLain. Not in attendance is Wayne Gapsiewicz.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion to approve minutes for April 27th, 2013 meeting made by Tami. 2nd Motion by Kristi. Motion carried.

*Going forward Becky will make hard copies of meeting minutes for board to review at meetings for approval.

Adding email votes to Minutes for approval:

- 2012 October - Motion to approve expenditure for postcard for Oct 29 dam meeting.
Yes: Chuck, Ken, Becky, Steve, Wayne, Jane - No response: Tom
- 2012 November - Motion to approve \$500 to City of Emily to defray cost of boat inspections
Yes: Chuck, Steve, Becky, Jane - No response: Ken and Wayne
Tom - "I only approve \$500."
- 2012 November- Motion to postpone in-water inspection on Lake Mary
Yes: Jane, Chuck, Steve, Wayne, Ken, Becky - No response: Tom
We had voted to inspect both lakes, but later the WAPOA report stated there was no vegetation near the resort
- 2012 November- Motion to apply for a \$1000 grant from the DNR for boat inspections
Yes: Chuck, Steve, Tom, Becky, Jane - No: Wayne - No response: Ken
This grant application was denied by the DNR
- 2013 February- Motion to approve renewal of Constant Contact
Yes: Jane, Kristi, Mark, Becky, Steve - No response: Wayne and Kris
Kris had questions that may need to be addressed before the next renewal
- Resignation letters received from Jane Schulte and Steve Kolkind.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Account Balance is \$2008.75. Kristi to send \$10.00 check for the August meeting rental at Emily City Hall. Additional checks approved for payment is \$25.00 for WAPOA membership and \$25.00 for LARA membership. Kris made 1st motion to approve. 2nd Motion by Becky. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Fish Stocking: Marc Bacigalupi sent the 2012 draft of the fish survey report. Becky forwarded to all board members to review. Marc Bacigalup/Brainerd Fisheries Area Supervisor said primary reason not to stock Walleye was it appeared they were not returning to the live wells in good numbers, possibly swimming elsewhere. However the report notes six of the seven walleyes captured in the trap nets were from stocking years. So although recent stocking did not result in a substantial growth in population, this does show a possible impact. Marc did say he would more than likely approve a Walleye stocking permit if submitted.

Stocking is done in Fall. Becky to meet with John Bergstrom to discuss moving forward. Marc suggested doing a video for the website so he would like to know the stocking date when decided. Reminder: we need to get permission from the Mary Lake Resort to go on their land to stock the fish.

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When the 2012 Fish Survey Report is posted the ELRA will do a link to this document on the ELRA website.

Newsletter: Reminder to everyone to have your articles to Ken by July 1st. Mailing/printing to be completed approximately by July 15th.

Speaker for Annual Meeting: Would like subject of talk for annual meeting to be water quality and how it is affected by the water level. We would like a more informational type speaker. Kris will contact Jeff.

Boat Parade: An e-blast will be done on 2 different days- June 24th and July 2nd to the membership to remind them of the boat parade on July 6th. 1:00 meeting at the dam. Checking with Tom's Resort if they will post a notice on their resort sign advertising the Boat Parade.

ELRA Visibility: Board discussion took place on how can the ELRA be more visible in the community. Suggestions were to put up a booth at the Lions Corn Feed in 2013 and the Spring Fling in 2014. Tami will research possibilities and report back at the June meeting.

Website: Mark is going to explore another way for people to pay membership through the website. The cost would be \$26.03 to break even. Need to add \$1.50 service. Total charge to pay through website is 26.50. 1st motion to approve was done by Kris and Tami 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Suggestion for future collection of membership dues at events using the 'Square' card charge through iPhone. Will discuss further at a later time.

Other suggestions: ELRA members to be able to share pictures of fun things happening at their places around the lake. This can be done by sending jpeg to Mark to add to website. We will let membership know through the next newsletter.

Blog input will be read by Mark before publishing on website to make sure language is appropriate.

NEW BUSINESS

Member letter received: Board received letter from member requesting board minutes be posted on the website right after the meeting so that way a board member could email the board before the next meeting and before decisions were made. After discussion it was decided the Agenda will be posted 1 week ahead of a board meeting which will allow members to know what will be discussed and they can choose to attend the board meeting. Board is just asking members to let us know ahead of time if they would like to attend as we are meeting at our homes to help save money that would normally be spent for rent of the city hall. We need to make sure we have enough space. Becky to create agenda and send to Ken to make any additional changes/updates and he will post one week prior to the meeting.

AIS: No more money to be allotted for this project. Thoughts are that spot checking does not provide enough protection. Wayne will pursue other ways to impact water quality. Kristi confirmed we are all caught up on payments for AIS 2012.

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Membership forms: Kristi will tally feedback on membership forms and provide feedback to the Board. This will help the board know what the members think is important and make decisions based on membership feedback. Next board meeting at Kris Bergstrom's June 8th, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned @ approximately 11:00 a.m.: Marc made motion to adjourn meeting. Kristi made 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Gromek