

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 17, 2015

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: April 25, 2015 minutes were reviewed by Board. Jane made motion to approve minutes. Kristi seconded motion. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS: No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Drive: 2015 membership forms were completed, supplies purchased and Doug and Becky completed first mail out for membership drive. A few people did not receive so Mark is going to check for missing names. Both Kristi and Jane stated they did not receive a mailed form. Mark to send out email blast reminder this week. The email blast to include membership reminder, requests for volunteers for milfoil project and public awareness project and grants on AIS. After Memorial Day we will do a postcard mail out reminding members to become members if they haven't already, include reminder for Boat Parade and Annual Meeting. Becky to create the verbiage for postcard and send to Mark for graphics. Tentative plan to send postcard out the week of June 13th.

AIS ACTIONS:

Public Awareness: Out of the \$2000 of matching grant funds, so far \$1567 has been spent on AIS educational documents, ruler and fishing license holder. \$433 is left for radio spots. The DNR has canned radio commercials to use with a tag lines that says 'brought to you by ELRA.' Goal to set these up by Memorial Day, but most likely will be done by July 4th and Labor Day.

Letters and AIS education cards are printed. Waiting for the Fishing License Holder and Fish Ruler. Once these are done, Kristi and Becky will distribute to businesses to give away. Jane to take items to the resorts.

Milfoil Control: Wayne was checking on volunteer groups so we will wait for his report. Mark reported on other options such as hiring outside vendors like Dive Guys to help with control. Board was in favor of pulling vs cutting. We will continue to try and get more volunteers for the AIS control and will include this in the email blast to the membership.

Veliger Testing: Volunteer request went out on the membership drive but no response yet. We will give it more time for a volunteer to come forward. Each lake is to buy their own supplies so there is no question of contamination. Equipment is ordered online. If no volunteer comes forward, we will check with board member Doug Tarasar if he is interested. Becky made motion to expend \$200, reallocating from milfoil control to Veliger Testing. Jane seconded motion. Motion carried.

Other business:

Boat Inspections- 14.5 hours used on the fishing opener at the Lake Emily Access out of the 400 hours granted. These hours expected to cover through August 22nd. We still have \$253.50 available for boat inspections. Mark will inquire on the particulars of the scheduling.

Kristi presented mail from two organization for ELRA to join. Board agreed \$300 it would cost to join these organizations would not make sense right now. MN Lakes & Rivers and Conversation MN.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Kristi made motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m. Jane seconded motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Gromek

Finance Report

Starting Balance	\$2525.61
Expenses	
Ken Scribner	\$780.00
Mark Drewitz	\$787.00
Credit Card Fee	\$ 1.07
Total	\$1568.07
Deposits	
Membership	\$725.00
Credit Cardd	\$1.50
Total	\$726.50
Outstanding Checks for AIS	\$253.50

Ending Balance	\$1430.54
Savings	\$4272.78
Total Checking and Savings	\$5703.32
Total Memberships to Date	28