



ELRA Today

Tales and Travails from Our Members

from the president's pen . . . water hazards . . .

Catch those rays! Summer is here!

We want to welcome our newest board member, Steve Kolkind. He will be finishing Ken Schultz's term.

The Board will be keeping everyone informed by eBlasts for those events occurring between the bi-annual newsletters (Jan. and July) including training opportunities, ELRA special events, and the **Boat Parade on July 3**. Mark your calendar as we meet this year at 1 pm from Lake Emily Resort. If you have an event that you wish for us to consider, please email us. If you have a friend or neighbor who would like to receive our eBlasts, please email us their names and addresses today!

Have you paid your 2011 membership dues? We would encourage everyone to do so.

The Annual Meeting will be August 13 so mark your calendars TODAY.

The agenda is being devised and we want to see every member at the event. Remember to bring a friend or neighbor!

Ken Scribner
2011 ELRA President

Have you ever been out enjoying a day on the lake/river and have your day rudely interrupted by hitting something with your watercraft? Deadfalls (downed trees in the water) and deadheads (free floating logs) can put a real damper on an otherwise pleasant day.

An association member suggested the Board investigate marking these water hazards. As deadheads can pop up anywhere, the board considers them the more dangerous and a priority. They will be removed as soon as possible after being reported; three have already been removed. Deadfalls will not be removed as they provide fish habitat. Any deadfalls reported will be investigated and a decision made as to whether a buoy needs to be placed to mark the hazard.

If you wish to report one of these deadfall/deadheads contact **Wayne Gapsiewicz** at **wayne0678@hotmail.com** or **763-2942**. Please be as specific as possible as to the location of the hazard. For example: on the southeast (direction) end of Lake Mary (lake/river) just west of the green cabin with a bear carving in the yard (landmark).

Submitted by Jane Schulte, Board Member

event calendar

Annual Potluck & Business Meeting

EMILY CITY HALL

Saturday, August 13, 2011

Register: 11:30 am

Meal: Noon

Special Guest Kevin Graves

Speaking on the effects of phosphorus and what we can do about it!

PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS (see col. 2)
Quorum required

Election of Officers for 2012-15

Reports

Other Business

PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS

Article VII – Section 4

A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the Directors. Every act or decision made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the action of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT

The original article should remain and the following be added:

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.

learn how to help minnesota's shorelines

"Restore Your Shore", a multimedia lake-scaping program that shows landowners how to protect a natural shoreline or restore a degraded shore with a natural buffer, is now available on the MN DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/restoreyourshore/index.html

This web version of the popular CD-ROM is the culmination of a 10-year process to bring high quality information about the values of natural shorelines to fish, wildlife and water quality and to teach the citizens of Minnesota how to restore, enhance or conserve their own shorelines.

Users can follow four different shoreland owners' experiences as they share their shoreland transformation projects and use worksheets and forms that are available to guide people step-by-step through the design and implementation process.

People can discover solutions to common shoreline issues and select from more than 400 ecologically appropriate native plants on a searchable database.

People's everyday activities can affect the health of the shoreland. For example, lawns stretched to the shoreline remove habitat from native animals. Removal of native vegetation – from upland trees to underwater plants – destroys natural cover and water quality protection. And the chronic use of fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides can contaminate the water and disrupt natural processes.

Members can contact Jan Pope to check out ELRA's copy of the Shoreline restoration DVD.

Provided by the MN Waters newsletter

educational seminar on aquatic invasive species . . .

The Crow Wing County Lakes and Rivers Alliance (LARA) has offered to host the following aquatic invasive species (AIS) monitoring workshop for Crow Wing County lake associations. Space in the workshop is limited and LARA members will receive priority for registration. Minnesota Waters will post the workshop on its web site by the end of this week. This is your early notification to enable you to assure a place at the workshop for anyone in your lake association who would like to attend.

Minnesota Waters has received funding from the MN DNR to provide AIS Monitoring Workshops for lake associations.

The AIS monitoring program is a classroom and hands on workshop that helps lake associations prepare to conduct AIS monitoring on their lake. The components of the workshop will include:

- How to put together an AIS monitoring plan
- Overview of AIS
- Hands-on practice of identification of AIS as well as native plants
- Hands-on practice of monitoring methods
- Next steps that a lake association can take either on the outreach/education side or on management

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If you have not joined, please do so. Send a check for \$25 to:
ELRA, PO Box 111, Emily, MN 56447

Working with LARA we are excited to offer this opportunity for your lake association. The AIS Monitoring Workshop will be held:

Date: July 25

Time: 4 pm to 8 pm

Location: Nisswa Community Center

There will be a \$5 registration fee to cover a light supper and beverages and the fee will be payable at the door of workshop -- cash or check (made out to LARA) only.

Space for this workshop is limited, so please reserve your spot soon by registering with Courtney Kowalczyk at: courtneyk@minnesotawaters.org or by calling **218-343-2180** today!

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don't sell AIS by the side of the road!

As one travels those winding roads around Minnesota lakes in the summertime, we often see pieces of lake equipment sitting out by the driveway with a "For Sale" sign on it. It usually doesn't take long for these items to sell – it's a great way for newer residents to get the pieces they need and for other residents to make a few bucks getting rid of something they're done with. But make sure you're not throwing in a free family of zebra mussels to sweeten the deal!

Any equipment that comes out of one lake and gets put into another can spread aquatic invasive species (AIS) to more lakes. Take the time to thoroughly clean and dry

any piece of equipment that you want to sell, before you put it out by the road or list it for sale in the local paper.

And if you buy any lake equipment from a private owner, make sure it's thoroughly clean and dry before putting it into your lake. It's all too easy for some zebra mussel larvae to hide in a puddle on a dock wheel, or for that green goop on the back of a floating dock to be a strand of Eurasian milfoil.

Remember – before you put anything new or used in your lake, make sure it's clean and dry!

Provided from MN Waters newsletter

Did you know that you can purchase your 2011 fishing license online directly from the DNR? All you need is a computer and printer and a credit card. The cost is \$18.54 (54 cent administration fee).

Why stand in line at the gas station, bait shop or other retailer? It's as easy as 1-2-3.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/fishing/index.html?type=fishing>