

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 19, 2025, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Russ Boverhuis at 7:08 p.m. This was an in-person meeting hosted by Mark at his home, with call-in options. Board members present – Russ Boverhuis, Tori Ell, Doug Humphrey, Randy Manlick, Jean McLeod, Mark Seifert, and Ray Wagman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was sent via email prior to the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report from the May 15, 2025 board meeting was distributed. No changes were made to the report. Randy made a motion to approve the report. Doug seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Randy distributed and presented the Accounts Activity and Balance Reports. Two expense items (Spring Fling, Wake Boat Maps) under our Awareness category were made for a total of \$464.22 and deposits (\$200) from three ELRA memberships. Presently, we have \$6,099.17 in checking. For savings, there was no activity or interest accrual. We have a balance of \$2,385.23. Randy distributed and presented the 2025 Budget vs. Actual Report. With the addition of the three new membership renewals (paid by mail), our membership is now at 95. An additional \$50 was donated with no restrictions and was placed in the general donations fund (\$750). The AIS Testing & Awareness category will be renamed to Membership Outreach & Awareness. Total revenues so far are \$6,451. Total expenses to date are \$1,545.57. Ray made a motion to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Doug seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

2025 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE REPORT

a. Randy Manlick's update

Randy reiterated that we have 95 members paid as of today. There are 238 unique lake property addresses that can join our Association.

b. Community Outreach

- i. Spring Fling Report.* Spring Fling was largely a bust on account of the cold, blustery weather. Fewer vendors than anticipated were present and crowd volume was disappointing. However, it was successful in that our ELRA tent was used for the first time and it was excellent; easy to put up and take down. Our table with literature was nicely organized and we were able to talk to a few people. This was a good exercise as we anticipate Emily Day.
- ii. Emily Day Plan.* Tori registered us for a table (\$40). We will be notified in early July where our booth will be located in the city park with more information on setup and takedown times. We will create a schedule of volunteers to be present at the booth at our next meeting. Regarding responsibility and location for storage of the tent and associated informational materials for such events, Tori indicated that it would be best if everything was kept together in one place. She volunteered to store these items at her home. Doug volunteered to drive his 1956 customized Ford pickup truck wrapped with our ELRA banner in the parade. Doug will check

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on registration for the parade. Randy made a motion (seconded by Ray) for Doug to prepare the truck for entry into the parade. Motion carried.

- iii. *New lakeshore owner orientation package/meeting, realtor packet.* Tori dropped off "Welcome Packets" to the Emily Resort for their guests. To date, we have not received any new members from the Emily Campground or Resort.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY – BOAT PARADE

This will take place on July 5th at 1:00 p.m. beginning at Lake Mary, as in the past, before moving through the channel to Lake Emily. Tori indicated that she would put up and take down our ELRA banner on the bridge over the channel for everyone in the boat parade (and during the day) to see. Jean will throw candy/goodies from the bridge as she did last year. Kids enjoyed this!

CITY OF EMILY

a. Waters Committee

We received \$6,952 for lake AIS surveying and potential treatment costs. Jean sent them a thank you note.

AIS ACTIVITIES

a. Status of AIS Control Grants

We did not receive any funding from the DNR. We received \$6,952 from the City of Emily. Our known survey costs will be \$3,120 for the two lakes. Russ applied for a Crow Wing County grant. We are eligible for up to \$3,500, which is what he requested. The twist this year is that they will no longer be doing or arranging for veliger testing. Our survey costs will be covered and we will have some extra for treatment should EWM be found. Randy has noticed some curlyleaf pondweed in his outings on Emily Lake along with the native milfoil.

b. Other AIS Tasks

Russ and Tori went to a roundtable discussion on AIS at the end of May. The big discussion topic and concern was over the discovery of starry stonewort on Rush Lake in the Whitefish chain of lakes. It has been attacked pretty aggressively to isolate it. It is an algae that can quickly devastate a body of water as there are no treatment products available outside of physically pulling it out.

LAKE MONITORING

a. Water quality monitoring

Randy reported that his recent Secchi disc reading on Lake Emily was 5 ft. and 6 ft for Mary. The water is quite clear due to the lack of rain. The weeds, however, are really growing in the shallow areas of Emily and we are getting an algae bloom, but not yet on Mary.

b. Lake level readings

Tori continues to read, record, and submit the readings to the DNR.

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting is August 9th. We will need to be there by 8:00 a.m. to set up registration and refreshments. Our business meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Jean has lined up a speaker from the National Loon Center to speak about loons. Randy has a projector screen and we will reach out to

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Jason Herfel to see about getting a projector. Ray and Tori volunteered to serve as the audit committee reviewing Randy's accounting for the Association. Mark will give the Secretary's report and Randy, the Treasurer's report. Russ hopes to have the lake survey results back before the meeting to share with membership. We will review the efforts made to fund EWM treatment and express gratitude for the outpouring of support to get it done. Russ has already spoken to the fish stocking people and we're all set for that. Old Business will consist of last year's Action Items. New Business will be our 2026 Budget and the Q & A session, followed by our Election of Board Members. Jean's and Mark's terms are up.

UPDATE ON 2024 ANNUAL MEETING ACTION ITEMS

a. Buoy placement

A couple of the buoys placed into the channel were repositioned closer to where they were last year. Russ will go out soon in his pontoon and obtain GPS coordinates for each of the five buoys so we know where they are to be placed next May. They will be sequentially numbered 1-5 beginning in Lake Mary. Two of the buoys are new, but three are old and in need of replacement.

b. Loon nest boxes

Ray and Jean will contact Tim Mitchell from the DNR to obtain necessary information on building nesting platforms. We will need permission from the sheriff's office to place nest boxes on our lakes. Ray volunteered to build the nest platforms and lead this project.

c. Wake boat response

Mark reported that we have received our wake safe boat maps from the MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR) and showed them to the Board. They contain color-coded information on recommended distance from shorelines (500 ft) and water depths (20 ft) and can be used in our communications anyway we wish. Russ will publish these in his next newsletter. As of today, there are no laws in the State regulating wake boat usage and navigation on lakes.

d. Impact of EWM chemicals

Russ published on this in his last newsletter, so this item is done.

e. Wild rice encroachment

Landowners should read and follow DNR guidelines on this issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jean encouraged us to make sure we thanked membership for their financial support for the EWM treatment costs. Other nearby lake associations could not fully fund their treatment needs. In addition, it would be good to get an update on the status of the Emily manganese mine project. Tori shared that a group is seeking GoFundMe support to build a dock on the old Bungelow property so that boaters can tie up and walk into town to local businesses. They seek a donation from our Association for this dock, which we cannot do.

ADJOURNMENT

Ray will host our next Board meeting on July 17th. A motion was made for adjournment by Ray and seconded by Tori. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Seifert