

ELIA Board Meeting

1-24-15

Attendance: Randy, Tom, Bill, John S. John F., Kathy, Joe, Henry, Jake, Nancy, Sue, Rob

Minutes: Approved

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Finance:

Checkbook Balance 11,056, There are a few small bills outstanding

Lake mgnt 2,607 weeds water

Restricted 20,000+ coupon bond

New buoys \$57, \$ 176 for repairs cost of new are in budget.

John S and Randy to review budget and cost of lake funds

Additionally to review membership fees paid

Joe wants to make sure we have a line item budget for Keep

Elkhart Blue, Henry assured him that it is in there. Membership in good shape.

Membership approximately 165. Good shape.

Ecology

Nancy DNR awarded grant and state grant.3072, grant will cover 75%, our will be applied to Ramp project:

GET FROM NANCY

Randy: meeting with Chief, he said the village has had interns, offered that may be right for the intern. Watch boat ramp. Use intern for weed enforcement. He is supportive of this. Nancy also checking with schools and other groups. Doing job search for summer intern.

Kathy suggested to email members about college kids home for the summer. Our cost \$750.

Boat wash, where do weeds go. They can go across street and staff will be trained to assist boat owners

In cleaning boats. County supplied brushes etc.

Nancy wants to notify entire lake owners, not just owners where the treatment is. Approx cost of treatment is \$6,000. Treat in Sheboygan Bay, Neuss's, and boat landing. Should discuss how to cover recurring cost, because this will be a recurring expense.

Motion to approve Nancy act for permit and treatment. Max \$7,000

Approved.

Boat Safety:

Rob order 10 new buoys, all quite new. Discussion with Chief to add one new buoy at Camp Brosius.

Chief to purchase now, because there is grant money available if ordered by municipality.

37 tickets last summer which is relatively close to past years.

Steve Niles continues to help/ Henry sent money to thank for all help.

Joe: finalized testing, have satellite Passover, 4 times passed over to look at the algae reflectivity, compare to other lakes. We had better clarity early, but a little less in late summer. Not much different from last summer. That data is available on DNR web site. Doing water samples and looking at clarity and algae look... System set up almost 10 years ago. Deep part may be different in small bays.

Government:

Randy: Aircraft ordinance prohibiting unapproved landing of any kind of aircraft in area to include water, and land area's around. Town of Rhine may be more willing to work with us in the future.

John S. Membership, need to discuss next year annual meeting. John to have the conversation with board members.

Julie Chapple Morter, gave us access to take water samples from her property. Other areas open to public access. Must move forward on remediation plan. Hay report may give us recommendations on the plan. Filter beds, may be useful, but need on going maintenance plan. John to keep board aware.

Marybrook runoff water situation improved since pipes cleaned. Jake had water study testing Marybrook and lake. Tested for Iron, phosphorous other. Results showed no issues. Red color on boats may be due to tannins. DNR looking at the issue. Two families will not swim by their lake fronts. Issue is serious.

Wieble creek area will need to be dealt with every year. Kathy, why do this every year. Why not have farm owners deal with. Tile system will always make the problem continuous.

John: there is a plan for at least one property to mitigate process. North

South side the county must collect data to address. John discussing with county next week. There are discussions with county going on to try to deal with issue.

501c3 topic brought up. We are W181, which allows us to be non-profit. It does not allow donaters to deduct donations from their taxes. Hal Karas is reviewing our situation to file. If we start to have larger amounts of money to do projects we need to do it. There would be some expense and effort to do this. John S willing to go ahead, but needs board approval to continue.

Randy Motion to move ahead. Passed

Nancy asked about foundation vs 501. It is possible to do that. Henry commented that many members ok with being members, but not wanting to do too much activity. Wieble issue seems to move this forward. He questioned the change in image and activity of Elia. Kathy why are we spending money to fix Wiebels problem. Schott: we working with the county to be stewards of the lake. Rob: we are working with county.

Question of motion:: Motion and second to fund effort and filing of 501c3 up to \$2100 to move forward. Sue this is not done just for the Wieble issue, but for long term structure of the Elia. Randy: the big picture is we will run out of money if we don't; change how we do it. John S reads the mission of ELIA to protect lake: This supports the activities of the board.

Motion passed 12-2

Summer event at park, does board want to continue? Joe has park rented for the Sunday, June 21. PA system set, effort to get approval for boards, some local business have agreed to help. RACE IS THE POSSIBILIT Mid morning start, possibly 2 races, 3 and 6 miles. Called Paddle, non-motorized boats, Does the board want to become a part of this. There have been gatherings like this in the past. Other local people have had other kinds of races in past. Joe is asking the board how much do they want to be involved.

Six people from board offered to help. John and others to discuss. More information to come back to the board. John and Joe to get info before next meeting.

Henry: we have 9 entities which we pay out to. The Marsh tower Henry would like to send them 100-200 donation to send them. It has been a part of our community outreach. Discussion whether it fits in our mission statement. It is a similar mission and our outlet goes to the marsh.

Motion to approve 200 to friends of marsh 6-7 against.