

ELIA Board Of Directors Meeting

August 6, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Present: Mary Jo Knauf, Chris Krieg, Bill Easom, Chris Strigenz, Rick Gebhardt, Nancy Hanlon, Sue Staum, Tom Nelson, Henry Jung, Randy Boeldt, John Schott

Treasurer's report:

Checking account -	\$15,497.43
Investments	\$22,264.68
Total	\$37,762.11

- Need to check on membership dues for the Chamber (Tom)
- Chris S. agreed to act as our board rep on the Chamber. Will connect her with Jacqueline, who is the president this year.
- Need feedback from Joe about recouping all or some of our promotional funds spent on bad thermal cups.

Committee Reports:

Weeds / Clean Boat - Clean Water: Nancy updated us on hours being spent for CBCW efforts at the boat landing. We will get in the required 200 hrs. this year to meet the grant requirement. Survey data is still to raw at this point to draw any conclusions but we will be working with the state to have this once the season's data has been collected. Weed spraying was done - did Curly Pond leaf spraying in Neuses Bay. Nancy did hand pulling of Curley Pond Leaf in the outlet area but more work is needed. We need to submit to the Village the invoices for our work so we can be repaid from their budgeted funds.

John will call the Town of Rhine to confirm if they included weed management funds for Elkhart Lake in their 2016 budget. And, we need to get them to budget for both buoys and weed management as well as cover Clean Boat - Clean Water as the Village is doing (up to \$1000 in total.)

Membership - Sue S.: 157 out of 188 previous members listed have paid. SO far we have \$8,000 in membership payments and an additional \$1,950 in individual and business contributions. Sue, Nancy and Kim have been working on getting reminder letters out to our list of unpaids. They are also checking property ownership records to see who is not on our list of potential members. For sure there are some new owners who need to be contacted. We should also give them a welcome kit (KEB bag, KEB sticker, literature) to help them get familiarized with the lake and promote our activities to them! (Chris S and John will assemble these kits.) We will also have the committee approach local businesses for memberships or donations. KEB stickers are now available in a number of business locations in the Village. Rick said he could help get more awareness generated through the Osthoff owners association and we will approach Betsy Woodley at Vic Village to do the same. (Betsy might be a great candidate for an ELIA board position...!)

Boating Safety - John and Rick: There have been some damaged buoys that have needed replacement. Liz and Rick Gebhardt and Andrea and Rob Sellinger have jumped in and taken care of these so right now, we are in good shape. Concerns over the number and size of boats continue.... John will call the Vilas County Lake Assoc. as they are identified as a leader in local lake management activities, and see what we can learn that might be of help to us.

Community Outreach: Down Town sign-up sheet was passed around to get our work crews lined up for this coming Monday, August 8th. We will set-up from 4-5 PM and staff the booth from 5 - 8 PM.

Other Business: John gave an update on the Waibel Creek project. We do not need to be contributing funds right now, but we do have exposure if the project is deemed by engineering review to be a “go”. At that point we will need to begin raising funds and collecting “pledges” for coverage of future costs.

1. \$1000/yr. outlay for maintaining the filter bed and buffer zones annually (cutting the grass)
2. \$2,500/yr to be set aside so that after 10 years so we will have the needed \$25,000 to replace the filter bed media. We will then need to be accruing this same amount going forward for repeated replacements.
3. \$5,000 - this could be required “up front” to cover the engineering review work being done on the proposed plan design. Right now, the county thinks they may have the funds for this... we will see.

Work would not begin until spring. There have been questions raised about the impact of the included road repair work on building/remodeling work that is planned by owners of cottages along Shoreland Rd. (John to check with the County Planning Office on this.)

Path discussion - Michael Sellinger has posted a “Private Property” sign on his section of the lake path. The result has hikers walking up through neighboring properties to circumnavigate this blockage. There should to be a neighbor discussion on how this can be managed.

Awas related a number of disturbing incidents with the people using the path and compromising his families privacy AND insulting them in the process. He and Lori have contacted both Camp Brosius and IU directly to lodge their complaints. Sue echoed some of the same issues, and I have heard others raise this show of an apparent sense of entitlement that turns into arguments, and worse.

We also need to go back to the resorts and tell them again that under no circumstances are they to discuss the lake path with guests other than to say, should a question arise, that it is private property. Having spoken with Kathleen at Tourism last week, I know the tourism board is working very closely with the County Planning office to create recreational opportunity maps of the area that would lead people away from the lake path.

New Business:

Board members are to email to John their desired slots for committee assignments.

We still need to activate a Finance committee. Randy is asking for an arm's length group to oversee his record keeping and as a 501C(3), this is something we should be doing. I think Dan Waibel has agreed to help us and I would look for one other person (at least) to complete this new committee.

Updating Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws - Now that we are a 502C(3) we will review our present documents and see where we should be making changes to bring things into alignment with today's reality. (i.e. - adding a finance committee.) John will work with legal counsel in the coming months and keep the board updated on recommendations. (I will likely also involve Tom and Randy at various points to get their inputs.)

Meeting adjourned - 9:58 AM