

Minutes ELIA 10/29/16

Attending: Schott, Nelson, Jung, Siddique, Boeldt, Staum, Strigenz, Hanlon, Fetherston

Call to order, Minutes from August approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking	\$15,489
Stock Current Valuation	\$22,049
Total	\$37,993

Will finish 2016 with a profit: boat patrol costs down, total dues paid is up, keep Elkhart Blue sales are up.

Randy happy with reorganization of the finance structures, thermal cups still not resolved. Many stores in town have supplies for Keep Elkhart Blue. Will consider doing magnetic laminated KEB stickers.

Wisconsin Lakes Assoc, bill is slightly higher than in the past. Saddique asked what is our benefit Schott responds that the influence politically and understanding of what other Lake groups are doing for water issues.

Henry suggested that we pay what we have done in the past. Motion made and seconded. Vote approved. Will send to them note saying we have budgeted X dollars. Nancy to resubmit board emails to them so we receive their newsletters.

Randy is having some issue with Village for weed spraying.

Clean boat expenses slightly higher than expected.

Henry asked about membership bill from Chamber of Commerce.

Randy said we not receive bill yet. Tom to talk to the Chamber.

Motion to approve treasurer report. Approved.

Weeds:

Nancy said weed guy was out, lake looks good, minor amount of invasive. Right now does not need any treatment. DNR may request no spot treatments. Nancy to reapply for Clean Boat Clean Water grant. We went over our 200 hours. DNR said we could request more dollars. Number of people contacted was much higher this year. Hard to measure effectiveness. DNR says sitting out 5 days will result in a clean boat. Not sure about need for /cost of a cleaning station. We don't want it to come back into Elkhart or the wetlands. Biggest impact is in

educating the public to the issue of clean boat. Let's put on web site where we have been treating weeds. Must use web site for all our activities.

#### Lake Status

Joe reported 20 feet Sechi visibility. Very high

#### Boating Safety

Replaced 9 buoys this year. City helps pay for them. DNR helps also. Village has not billed us yet from this year. Siddique asked who gets fees from launch tickets Response, it goes to the county. Can we increase cost of use fee? How to decrease number of boats. Nancy reported we are responsible for 50% of income to county from water sports. County not likely to let us increase charge at ramp. Police reported no increase in tickets written this past summer (about 50 citations).

Average cost of patrol dependent on actual hours patrolled. We pay 1/3. Rhine pays 1/3 and Village pays 1/3. 2015 of ~\$1600 were lower than normal as there was some hours reductions as new personnel were being trained.

No parking near the ramp has probably decreased number of boats. Discussion of how to decrease activity on lake. Boats are bigger and now produce larger wakes. Simply too many boats on lake. We can't limit number of boats. Conflict is do we monitor but can't restrict.

Henry suggested we invite the boat patrol office to our meeting..

#### Membership:

Sue said membership payments are up. COMmittee is working to identify property owners and contact new people. Chris, Sue and Krieg developed data base which is now growing. Suggested we work with Brosius donor data base. We will share ours with them. Tom, suggested the county has all property owners in county. Point Elkhart also talked to.

Randy will keep list of "members" Chris Strigenz suggested trying to get new business members. We would provide a membership plaque for them to display on their Brag wall.

Chris and membership team will discuss this more. Henry can verify why some have not paid. Henry suggest working with chamber of commerce.

#### Other business:

Waible creek, John waiting for county update on engineering study.

Path activity - volunteers have completed stairs at Pfallers.

2017 - money for weeds and other things will be funded by town of Rhine, and village of Elkhart lake - \$750 each for a total of \$1500.

Mary Jo Knauf wants to retire and recommended Dee Sheehan. Mary Jo has spoken with her. Motion made to approach to discuss with her.

Meeting adjourned - 9:55 AM