

E.L.I.A. Board Meeting May 6, 2017

Roll Call:

Fetherston, Strigenz, Staum, Siddique, Sheehan, Hanlon, Krieg, Gebhardt, Boeldt, Nelson, Jung, Schott, Easom, Majerus, Elias (remote)

Treasurer's report:

Savings \$12,734.88

Investment: \$29,043.52

Total of \$41,778.40

Motion (Hanlon) that we approve budget for 2017. Motion approved.

61 paid membership of 161 people on roster

501c3 has definitely helped. Last year's year-end request received over \$4,000 in donations, so status is helping us.

Investment strategy: Dee presented Mike Sheehan investment to review materials he had prepared for us.

Analyzed 4 different funds: 2 Vanguard group - low costs / higher overall returns, Pimco and Thornberg, Vanguard had best look for us, top performer and lowest cost.

Gebhardt asked if we could combine everything into one vehicle? Krieg suggested it be reviewed by the finance committee. M. Sheehan agreed that a merging would be a good idea, move out of Thornberg fund.

Western Union, not sure about the fund, looks ok, probably hang on to it.

Sheehan asked if we can pool all dollars include Waible fund.

Boeldt proposed that we leave Western Union alone, authorize us to get out of Lord Abbott,

Motion (D Sheehan) to sell Lord Abbott fund and invest in Vanguard short term fund Investment grade fund. Motion approved.

Saddique suggested we must keep Waible money separate, as we may need to use as matching funds as part of the grants being received for this project.

Boeldt stated that there was a historical goal of 400 hours for lake policing per summer. To-date, the police have not been reaching it. (Their cost per hour continues to go up.)

DNR funding continues to decrease. If we get to 400 hours our cost will go up significantly.

Krieg said biggest complaints of speeding, buoys broken, no wake violations. If budgeted, can police make the 400 hours?

Are we willing to pay an extra \$1,000?

Motion (Saddique) to approve 400 hours as the goal, and add \$1,000 to our budget for 2017 to cover this increased cost. Motion approved.

Motion (Boeldt) to move \$500 from water testing to social media fund. Motion passed.

Testing must be done in deep water to provide a consistent / comparable result. Jung opposed and his idea of additional testing was referred back to the Water Quality committee for a more in depth analysis, develop plan to do testing if that is the decision, and bring it back to the board for review.

Public Outreach - Elias updated the board on current efforts to improve our web site. Kyle Jones is now managing our website. He will not be creating content! Only posting info that has been approved and continuing to enhance the site's appearance and workability. The goal is to improve our outreach and PR efforts. Krieg suggested our mission statement should be on the website. Strigenz submitted intro piece for the ELIA organization, donate, volunteer and organize. Remove the comments area from front of website, may be more appropriate if there is a filter.

Suggestions for improvements will go to the Public Outreach committee, (Boeldt monitors the website almost daily) and the committee can respond to it. Each committee needs to review their tab on website to be sure we have the right drop-downs and content.

Board reviewed options for more Keep Elkhart Blue items to sell - ball caps are the top choice.

Lake Water Quality:

Weed Management and Clean Boat program - Brian (weed guy) coming up next week.

Two people have been hired to be part of clean boat program and manage boat launch.

Lake Ecology: Lake monitoring continues and is tied to the state-wide effort via planned satellite passing timing to coordinate data, and be able to interpolate with good accuracy, conditions on lakes where citizen lake monitors are not in place. We need to review our data which has not been posted to DNR website.

Boating Safety:

Buoys going in May 17, Sellinger, Gebhardt, and Kauer to put in. Not all buoys will be installed as replacement buoys (7) from last year are still on order.

Membership:

Staum reported that we still have list of people who own property but are not members, She and Boeldt will follow up with a mailing.

June 9th - 3 Guys and Grill East to be the site of our annual meeting. An announcement will be placed in the Depot Dispatch and we will get to use the sign at Cal & Gus's for the week prior to the meeting. Budget for meeting is \$2150. Invite a representative from town and village boards to meeting.

Old Business - Neuses Bay Project: (formerly called Waible Creek) Stemper agreed to help replace drain tile on north side of Cty A. County will pay him for his services. Some people have agreed to donate.

We need \$10,000 by this fall to cover our matching share requirement, and then: \$25,000 every 10 years to replace the filter media (this is then on-going), plus annual \$1,000 for lawn cutting on the filter bed area.

Hanlon agreed to be on nominating committee with Fetherston: need 5 new board members for the class of 2020. Current members whose terms are expiring will be asked, if they want to stay on. Also need a list of recommendations for officers for the coming year.

New Business - We will be voting on June 3rd on proposed Bylaw changes.

Krieg is working on printing a new version of the boating regulations for distribution around the lake and the village.

Motion to adjourn Approved.