

ELIA Board Meeting

January 27, 2018

Attendees; Chris Striggens, John Schott, John Fetherston, Nancy Hanlon, Sue Staum, Dee Sheehan, Awais Siddique, Tom Nelson, Henry Jung

Minutes - Minutes from our October 7, 2017, meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Budget for 2018 showed a \$4,330 deficit.

Motion made and approved to transfer \$4,330 for cash reserves to our 2018 budget so it would be balanced. Budget approved as amended.

Total 2018 Budget set at \$24,405. Increases in weed control due to diver assisted suction harvesting and a higher cost for weed spraying, an increase in water patrol due to more planned hours on the lake, and a differential in KEB sales which were excellent in 2017 but at this stage are showing very modest impact overall. We have also seen increases in contributions from the Village and the Town, and we expect the Tourism Board to approve a contribution for 2018 to us.

Committee Reports -

Weed committee - We will be doing spraying and D.A.S.H.

(www.diverassisted suctionharvesting.com/what-is-it/) this summer. After review of areas to be treated, Nancy and John have decided that we would do DASH in both Neuses Bay -1+ acre - and Sheboygan Bay- < 1 acre, and doing spray treatment in Neuses, outlet and other targeted areas, but not in Sheboygan Bay. This way we can monitor differences. We have asked/mailed the County, Village and Town if there is a place we dump the weeds we collect. Permit requested for DASH work will be for 2 acres which will be 2 days of work. Both the Town and the County have already responded that they may have a place to dump the weeds - John will follow-up with both of them.

As follow-up to the board meeting, Nancy and John met to review the existing Lake Management Plan. They will be contacting the DNR for an appointment to discuss moving ahead with an update to the plan; look at questions and requirements for dredging (Dennis Fiedler has agreed to contribute towards DASH in front of his cottage, but what he really needs is more likely dredging or filling); get up to speed on the new Total Maximum Daily Load limit program as approved by the DNR (this still needs to be approved and funded by the legislature) and how we can coordinate with county efforts; inquire about the gas pipe under Turtle Bay contributing to sediment accumulation; getting input from the DNR on iron flocculate control in Sheboygan Bay. They will also contact two groups involved in grants for water-related projects - Lakeshore Natural

Resource Partnership (<http://lnrp.org/contact-us/>) and Healthy Lakes WI (www.healthylakeswi.com/about/).

After pulling all of this information together there will be a general email blast to the membership to update them on these developments.

Lake Water Quality:

DNR will split costs of running the Clean Boats Clean Water program. Jim Buss, will again be hired as our lead person at the boat ramp. Nancy to evaluate Dante Miller, a senior in HS. We are applying for a weed spraying permit. Riparian owners will be notified as to date of spraying. Brian suggested more areas for spraying - outlet will require a complete treatment. We will also assemble a group to do hand pulling in the outlet.

Government Relations:

Randy working with Chief to get person who ran over a buoy to pay, or the Chief will take him to court. Email sent to Chief Meeusen to place order for 4 new buoys - Rolyan Buoys Model B961R - with thicker wall structure, cone caps, and "Slow No Wake" lettering.

Boating Safety:

Buoy's to be ordered, we are getting thicker one, DNR is late on reimbursement to the Village.

Membership:

Second dues letter to go out in April. Trying to get list updated. We will check with the Village and Town of Rhine for updated lake resident listing. Check for new neighbors. Randy has list of those who did not pay for 2017, but this is now "history" as they say. PayPal is usable by members for both membership dues payment and for making donations.

Chris suggested the possibility of listing member names on the website. Vote to have member names on website if they have approved use of their name. Passed.

Public Outreach:

Chris discussed what the description of what we say our mission is. Julie has condensed this for us -

['Elkhart Lake Improvement Association \(ELIA\) is a volunteer-run, member-based, 501\(c\)3 non-profit organization. ELIA's mission is to preserve, promote and enhance the general welfare of the lake, and the safety of those that use it.'](#)

Sent this new version to Chamber for their use in their publications. Chamber will let us advertise in their in their front window - June and August. We will also get this updated mission statement into our brochure for the next printing..

Any merchandise ideas from board would be appreciated. Kevin Sofin working on selling wrist bands to raise money that we may receive. Looking for other items that we may sell to raise funds. Key rings, new hats, towels glass cleaners, etc.

Kevin has reached out to author of "Blue Water" to do a presentation and a book signing here in Elkhart Lake. Also, do pod cast with the author. Book talks about the emotion of living on water. ELIA able to get promotion effect from the activities.

Kevin also looking to do other pod casts - e.g. - John Schott / P Filter Project. Also want to get some historical interviews we can post.

The return of the Paddle Board event to the Osthoff was discussed but following the meeting, the info we received on what is involved and the value to the Village (and ELIA) makes it look like a tough sell. Lots of work for little or no return for the organizer. So, if this is to be an event most likely it will be all local volunteers and be focused on a family event vs a competitive / prize money event.

Website:

Kyle Jones continues to work on website..

President Report:

Looking for review of lake management plan and broader coordination with the county and area farmers. Most recent lake management plan was done in 2012 - thank you Nancy!. (also - Reference Weed Committee comments.)

Neuses Bay P Filter - we are pretty much completed. Future ongoing expense is \$20,000 in 10 years to cover excavation and new filter media costs. Also need to find a lawn service to cut the grass a couple times during the summer at the site.

Motion to adjourn.

Next Board Meetings -

March 10, 2018	Grashorn Hall (changed from March 3, 2018)
May 5, 2018	Grashorn Hall
June 2, 2018	Grashorn Hall
June 15, 2018	Grashorn Hall