



- Annual Meeting Minutes-

Elkhart Lake Improvement Association

June 14, 2019

Welcoming comments - John Schott, President

Presentation on Invasives - Samantha Lammers - DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Manitowoc & Sheboygan Counties

Membership Meeting -

1. Approval of minutes from 2018 annual meeting - minutes were approved as presented.
2. Nomination of Board Members - for terms as listed - the following proposed slate of candidates was approved by the membership.

Randy Boeldt	2022
Bill Easom	2022
Dee Sheehan	2022
Awais Siddique	2022
Chris Strigenz	2022

Reports -

1. Treasurer's Report – Randy Boeldt - reviewed our budget and our YTD status. We are now showing a -\$4,448.25 deficit at this point in the year. Timing of membership renewals and donations impacts our YTD status. We projected a deficit last year but ended in the black. We hope for the same this year. Cost of our dinner (\$11/person + 2 free drinks) eats up most of the annual \$50 membership contribution. We will be eliminating the free drinks next year.
 - a. Motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed.
2. Website Update - Kim Elias walked us through some of the great improvements in our webpage and encouraged members to review our content and suggest things we could be doing to make this product even more effective.

3. Weed and Clean Boat Program Report - Nancy Hanlon showed us how to properly pull weeds to make sure we are not simply pulling them from one place and letting them move to grow in a new place. Weed Treatment is still to be done once we have warmer water temps. Suction harvesting has been completed for this year. It seems where we pulled out Eurasian Milfoil last year, we created an opening for Curly Pond Leaf to flourish. This will be an annual challenge
4. Water Quality Report - Joe Majerus reported that unfortunately, due to heavy winter run-off onto the lake (the lake was frozen at the time!) we have seen large amounts of silt and nutrients being deposited in the lake this year. It is a concern and we to watch how this singular event will impact us over time. Joe also told us about the cycle for swimmer's itch causing schistosomes. Be sure to do a brisk rub-off with towel when you exit the water, or rinse off thoroughly. Once swimmer's itch takes hold, calamine lotion can help alleviate the symptoms but it takes about a week for the process to run full cycle.
 - a. Thank you's to Jake Gerend & Rob Sellinger for getting the water testing history in place to be able to have a solid 10 year history of lake studies on which to gauge lake conditions going forward. (Note - going further back Mike McGill was involved as of 2004.)
5. Community Outreach – Keep Elkhart Blue, Social Media - Chris Strigenz talked about our Keep Elkhart Blue promotion efforts - "swag", facebook, downtown night, chamber window advertising. Lake drone pictures & video were taken & will be used in future KEB swag as well as on our website. In February, the Chamber awarded ELIA the 2019 'Elkhart Lake Area Impact Award'. Since 1968, when ELIA was incorporated by 9 Board of Directors, countless Board teams, members, volunteers and donors have carried the 'Keep Elkhart Blue' torch moving forward for 51 years to today. This one is for all of you past and present, THANK YOU!! Special thanks to Bill Thieman, one of the original founders, who could not be with us for the evening.
 - a. Mike Froh announced the presence of a new 2019 Corvette in Elkhart Blue parked outside the meeting entrance door, courtesy of Road America.
 - b. Kevin Sofen - Introduced the proposed Corporate Sponsor Program which is an effort to align corporate ID's with the values behind Keep Elkhart Blue. We feel there is real upside potential in securing a broader base of support for our programs through this channel. The board will be finalizing this program.
6. Other Business -
 - The DNR will be doing a netting survey in spring so be on the lookout to welcome them to the end of your pier as they come in close to do their work.
 - E.L.I.A Booth at Down Town Night - August 12

Adjourn

BOARD MEETING -

The board of directors convened immediately following the membership meeting to elect officers for the coming year. The proposed slate was presented and approved as follows for a one year term -

- President John Schott
- Vice President Chris Strigenz
- Secretary John Fetherston
- Treasurer Randy Boeldt

Adjourn