



**E.L.I.A. Board Meeting - Minutes  
July 10, 2021  
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  
Conference call via Zoom**

**Call to Order – (Schott)**

**Roll Call** - (Elias) **X**= Not in attendance. Establishment of a quorum: 7/16 present. Quorum was not met.

1. John Schott, President
2. Chris Strigenz, Vice President
3. Kim Elias, Secretary
4. Randy Boeldt, Treasurer
5. Tom Nelson, Lifetime Director- **X**
6. Bill Easom
7. Mike Froh -**X**
8. Rick Gebhardt -**X**
9. Peter Gunther
10. Nancy Hanlon -**X**
11. Joe Majerus-**X**
12. Dee Sheehan -**X**
13. Awais Siddique -**X**
14. Kevin Sofen - **X**
15. Sue Staum
16. Mary Jo Vollrath -**X**

**Review Minutes – May 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Documents accepted without comment

**Treasurers Report – (Boeldt)**

- a. Membership / contributions / updated unpaid:
  - 159 paid members vs 166 last year.
- b. Weed control: over \$10k this year.
- c. Budget information presented, current income statement and balance sheet review. Total assets - \$134,314.43
  - Restricted Funds - \$57,135.00
  - Cash - \$17,658.06

**Committee Reports –**

**a. Lake Water Quality -**

- **Weed Committee / CBCWs** - (Hanlon) – **Weeds / Invasive Species**
- **Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CBCWs)** – CB/CW is in full swing. We have 4 workers who are educating boaters and inspecting their boats. There are busy days and then there are slow days. They work long on busy days and go home on slow ones. The county is writing \$25 tickets this summer for people who park on the edges of the lot in the grass. This tends to be mainly kayakers and paddle boarders who want to do the right thing and not take a trailer spot. It is unfortunate and a hard lesson to learn. Of course, the 4th of



July was a busy weekend with the lot full. At 2:00 PM the lot had 17 cars with trailers and 7 cars while the overflow had 24 cars with trailers and 8 cars.

- **AIS Survey** – PI Survey. Nancy has not heard any dates set for our DNR plant survey but Patrick, our Sheboygan county AIS person is participating in the survey and he will notify us.
  - **Treatments** -The outlet Bay and Neuses Bay were treated on June 17 for EWM and CLP. I have not been out in those areas in a boat to check but have not heard good reports from Neuses Bay. I will check this next week and report to Brian. He mentioned that it can take 14-20 days for it to start dying but should be doing that by now. It will be washing up on your shores but I know a lot of you have a lot of that anyway.  
Sheboygan “Island” was treated with an algaecide and the jury is still out on that. While not appearing to be a drastic difference, there are clumps of algae washing into piers. The water is not deep enough in that area for the dead algae to drop and disappear. This was first attempt at any treatment and they will keep searching for a solution to the problem. John has info on this.
  - **DASH** -Jeff Long and his crew are scheduled for July 19-20. He will spend a day in Sheboygan Bay and then another day working his way towards Fireman’s Park. There is a map where he located smaller patches that he felt he could eradicate as he did with the patch near Camp Brosius last year.
- b. Ecology / Water Quality** (Elias/Gebhardt)
- **Water sampling** – May and June events are completed, and July and August are scheduled. Expanded site sampling to be continued this year which includes sampling 5 stations in June, July and August. This includes the Deep Hole, Outlet, Near Village, South Bay (Merrybrook), and Neuses Bay.
- c. Boating Safety** (Gebhardt): Four buoys remain to be installed. Parts ordered. One buoy sank due to zebra mussels so we are working on a new system to address this issue. Two are somewhat known, one is still “hidden” and one needs complete re-installation.
- d. Government Relations** (Boeldt/Schott)
- Randy - Osthoff not going over 5 power boats per Village Agreement. Shoreline footage allowed 11 berths, which they exceed. Chief has been in contact with them to be in compliance.
  - Point Elkhart – has cleaned up their waterfront the last couple of years and is well within the allowed number of berths.
  - 26 tickets to date vs a total of 35 for 2020.
- e. Membership** (Staum)
- Quit Qu Oc – Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday @ 5:30pm. Appetizers and a cash bar.
  - Randy to send another email. \$13/person (\$26 a couple of the \$50 annual dues).
  - Sound system equipment available. John will go over to see the lay of the land. Likely no projector use due to light. \$300 minimum drink requirement.
  - Chris will have a table to sell merchandise.
- f. Public Outreach / Keep Elkhart Blue** (Strigenz)
- **Facebook:** Continue to post on our KEB Facebook page to help direct people to our website, build ELIA awareness, membership, donations and to increase KEB merchandise sales. Ten postings since Memorial Day. New followers have slowly been increasing.



- **Merchandise:** The 2 new 2021 KEB merchandise items (grocery/beach tote & sling back pack, \$15) and previous merchandise (stickers, glass cleaners) sold at Chamber. Note, OTR not selling any additional merchandise due to space.
- Received re-stocking orders for KEB signature items for local sales:
  - -500 KEB Stickers/Decals
  - -59 KEB baseball caps
- 2021 KEB local sales: \$1,600
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** Displayed KEB ELIA banner on our pontoon for the 4th boat parade. Team Easom KEB Sailboat float in 4th parade: Sold \$370 of KEB Stickers.
- **Chamber window:** ELIA KEB merchandise displayed over July 4th weekend & will be all of August.
- **KEB Bella Webstore:** New KEB items for 2021.

<http://keepelkhartblue.itemorder.com/sale>

**Please help support & spread the word, thank you!**

**g. Website Update** (Boeldt / Elias)

- Randy has been keep fresh information and news on the Home Page.
- Please check KEB out and provide suggestions, content or just feedback!  
<https://keepelkhartblue.org/>
- Google Drive ELIA Folder; the repository for all ELIA files:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1YTVIZQujnRgUhG95B8tOb3CR\\_v2kLjJn](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1YTVIZQujnRgUhG95B8tOb3CR_v2kLjJn)

**h. President's report** (Schott)

- **Issue of the Pedal Pontoon** – police and village lawyer are looking into this but likely there is not much we can do about them being on the lake. One question is how many customers can their boat handle as their pontoons are almost below water level.
- **Slate of board candidates & officers** - Term on the board is up for renewal and John will ask if the following are willing to be nominated for a 3 year extension of service to ELIA through 2024.
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  - Mike Froh
  - Rick Gebhardt
  - Kim Elias
  - Joe Majerus
  - Mary Jo Vollrath

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- **County Stewardship Grant** - \$10,000. Being approved this week by County Board. Looking at mapping the stormwater system. Village to look at adding GIS mapping for village in-ground utilities.
- **Septic System** - working on determining how to manage this. Will be a small part of the 9 Point Plan Outline.
- **9 Point Plan Outline** – The steps that we are filling to coordinate with the county and overall watershed assessment.

**New Business –**

- **Down Town Night** – Will have a booth, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>. John gone from 5-6 but available during the rest of the time. Nancy, Kim and Sue will work it. Set-up from 4-5PM.



- **New Banner** – Bullets what we do - John to provide suggestions.

**Next meeting – Annual Meeting – Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup> – Quit Qui Oc – 5:30 PM**

**Adjourn**

**Next Meeting Dates:**

- **TBD**