



## **- Annual Meeting Minutes - Elkhart Lake Improvement Association August 5, 2021**

**The mission of the E.L.I.A. is to promote, preserve, and enhance the general welfare of the lake and surrounding community through furthering water quality, water safety, environmental stewardship and public education.**

### **Agenda**

John Schott – Welcoming comments were made to the group of approximately 75 attendees at the Quit Qui Oc pavilion.

Special mention and thanks were made concerning the life and service of Henry Jung to the organization. Henry passed away in August 2020 and this was our first opportunity to publicly acknowledge his contributions.

Special mention was also made of Tom Nelson. Tom was unable to attend due to current health concerns.

Both men are the only two ELIA members who have ever been honored with the designation Life Time Director as recognition to the many years they served ELIA.

Information concerning weed abatement and algae treatment was presented. Additional information concerning the recent award of a \$10,000 County Stewardship grant was discussed as was its use to help us develop our updated Lake Management Plan. In conjunction with reserve funds donated for the purpose of lake management activities, we are looking at gathering additional data concerning our watershed area, inputs to the lake, and coordinating what the county and Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, to develop an assessment for the entire Sheboygan River basin, of which we are a part. The level of boating activity was brought forward and the current record of citations and warnings was presented. There was a question as to the concerns being addressed by Crystal and Little Elkhart to address heavy wave activity.

Members were encouraged to purchase boat landing stickers. One for each boat launched at the landing. All funds go towards maintaining / improving the ramp facility.

### **Membership Meeting -**

1. Approval of minutes from 2020 annual meeting –
  - a. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented from the 2020 Zoom Annual Meeting.
  - b. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Nomination of Board Members - for 2024 term

Mike Froh  
Rick Gebhardt  
Kim Elias  
Joe Majerus  
Mary Jo Vollrath

A motion for unanimous consent approval was made by Tippy Jung and seconded by Craig Nevins. Motion was passed.

### **Reports -**

1. Treasurers Report – Randy Boeldt – An updated report was reviewed for the membership with the overall comment that we are in a strong financial position.
2. Website Update – Randy reviewed the current status of our website and outlined the general content available to those who get to our page, and it is an extensive listing!
3. Weed and Clean Boat Program Report - Nancy Hanlon – The report is that we have a strong, capable group of young people who are staffing the boat landings and helping boaters better understand their role in Keeping Elkhart Blue through the Clean Boat program. The State continues to be very supportive in subsidizing our time which makes it possible to get as many hours put into the staffing as we can manage.
4. Community Outreach – Keep Elkhart Blue, Social Media - Chris Strigenz – The role of merchandizing products to help promote our ELIA message to the public was reviewed by Chris. While we make money from the sales, the key point for us to build awareness of who we are and what we do. We also have an active social media presence with a FaceBook page that is frequently updated. We will be staffing a booth on Monday, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, for Down Town night.

**Adjourn** – Motion was made by Jeff Krueger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Krueger to adjourn.

Motion carried – meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.