



**E.L.I.A. Board Meeting - Minutes  
May 30, 2020  
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  
Conference call via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order** – (Schott)
2. **Roll Call** - (Schott)
3. **Review Minutes** - (Schott)
4. **Treasurers Report** – (Boeldt)
  - Copies of the Treasurers Reports were attached with Agenda and on our website: <https://keepelkharblue.org/>
  - Annual Meeting; Monkey Survey; decided that we will not pay the \$100 to receive the last 10 results since we have received the majority, 40 votes.
  - Randy will send Board email addresses of the unopened and unpaid for input about taking off. And emails that bounced back.
5. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Lake Water Quality -  
Weed committee / Clean Boat program (Hanlon)**
    - Started CW/CB program – boat landing busy; DNR ok'd program to start.
    - Nick Schreiber will donate time and Lucy Schreiber is planning to work for Nancy this summer to support the program. DNR will prorate for the 200 hrs as needed this year unlike previous years when we had to complete all the hours.
    - Brian – will again treat weeds. There was a mix-up and we need to get him the copy of the published announcement so he can complete his permit application. Suction harvesting will be done again in Neuses and Sheboygan Bays.
  - Ecology Committee (Majerus)**
    - Joe – Covid19 has caused citizen lake program to be temporarily suspended. Board voted to complete additional sampling as appropriate at the four additional locations to begin data collection and ELIA will cover costs if the DNR does not. \$250 budget for testing.
    - Kim Elias -explained the hydrodynamic and sediment transport from recent heavy rains which causes the lake water along the shore to be green cloudier than in the middle of the lake.
    - Kim and Rick to collect clarity and temp test 5/31/2020 & help set up future water quality testing.
  - b. **Boating Safety (Gebhardt)** – Sharpe's buoy to be replaced
    - All in and have not moved. Quite a bit of work went into getting the proper cable and re-installing the lost buoy at Sharps. Thanks to Rob Sellinger and



Rick for getting this final buoy back in place. We have one more new buoy for emergencies and there are 2 old buoys we can use for display and offer for sale.

**c. Government Relations (Boeldt/Schott)**

- i. Power boats and in water boats at Osthoff number have appeared to increase. Police and Jessica (Village Clerk) to discuss. Many more boat racks in the water.

**d. Membership (Staum)**

- i. Membership numbers currently at 148 current # vs 167 last yr.
- ii. Zoom meeting to be held Friday, June 12, at 10 AM via Zoom - John will send Randy the info. Audio via Zoom only to manage it all.
- iii. Kevin reported on business membership plans. Email sent with materials to be reviewed.
  - Soft opening proposed; "We are fighting for the lake even when you are not."
  - John spoke with Adam from the Osthoff and they would like to have our brochures at their desk.
  - Brochure, amount in \$100's not \$1K, need pledge card.
  - Kim sent proposed edits to the "Threats" handout page.

**e. Public Outreach - Keep Elkhart Blue (Strigenz)**

- ELIA KEB Bella Webstore launch 5/1. Webstore contains 12 KEB direct shipment gift items. Announced on ELIA website and KEB Facebook. Will review sales to date. See: <https://keepelkhartblue.itemorder.com/sale>
- Other KEB Facebook postings included buoy launch, Mother's Day, Memorial Day etc with ELIA website & webstore links to promote interest.
- KEB Hand Sanitizers arrived. Sale Price: \$3/ea or 2 for \$5. Plan to sell at Chamber & possibly Elkhart restaurants.
- Delivered \$170 cash in KEB sales to Randy.
- Kim -collected \$290 from OTR merchandise sales.

**f. Website update - (Elias)**

- Randy continues to make website updates and re-organization improvements.

**g. President's report (Schott) - Watershed plan to be developed over the summer and coordinate with the LNRP project for assessment of the Sheboygan River basin. Our DNR grant to support the updating of our lake management plan is confirmed and a copy of the paperwork is posted on our website.**

**New Business –**

- Nominating committee report. Peter, Kevin, Nancy, Chris and John all renew.



- Board election of secretary. John F – retired; Kim voted to replace.
- Replacement candidates for John Fetherston —Voted yes for Mary Jo Vollrath to join the Membership committee.
- Open discussion on lake traffic management: WI DNR recommends less than 20 boats on the lake at one time for the size of Elkhart Lake. The main parking lot has slightly more parking spots than that number and the over parking lot has additional boats ~30. There are around 170+ lake property owners along the lake plus Osthoff and Water Sports have additional boats on the lake. County owns the boat launch and is not interested in transferring ownership to the Village. Crystal Lake likely going no wake given the high-water levels so we may see more of their lake residents putting in at Elkhart Lake this summer. Overflow is typically used on Saturdays only which is only about 5 days/ yr. Noted that there were about 23 boats in overflow last Sat.
- DNR NR 1.91 Guidelines – for watercraft on lakes - 100 to 499 acres - One or more access sites which in total provide 1 car–trailer unit per 15 open water acres:
  - Using this guideline, we could have about 20 boats on the lake.
  - [http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/nr/001/1.pdf#page=23](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/nr/001/1.pdf#page=23)

## **Adjourn**

### **NEXT MEETING(s)**

June 12, 2020 – Annual Meeting, VIRTUAL – Zoom Meeting