

ELK-SKEGEMOG LAKES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING  
MAY 17, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ruth Bay, Don Bonato, Bob Campbell, Gary Chenoweth, Dale Claudepierre, Kathie Gober, Andrew Hogarth, Mary Beth Kazanski, Bob Kingon, Ken Krentz, Sue McCraven, Brenda Miller, Pat Pierce, Joan Richardson, Phil Spangenberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Culver, Pete DiMercurio, Jan Garvey, Dean Ginther, Dolores Hibbard, Dave Lawicki, Jim Sak

Elk-Skegemog Lakes Association (ESLA) Board President, Gary Chenoweth, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Guest Deana Jerdee, Executive Director of Paddle Antrim, gave a presentation on their mission and activities, particularly the State grant they applied for that would pay for engineering and design work to create universal paddling access sites at the Dam Beach and Rotary Park in Elk Rapids. The grant was approved to move forward with the planning, however they need a match of \$6,348 by June of this year. Deana is asking ESLA for help with the matching funds. Deana concluded her presentation, fielded questions, then left so the board could discuss the request. Gary proposed that ESLA provide matching funding of \$6,000. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Bob Kingon requested Kewadin Park be add to the agenda under old business and Rugg Pond will be left off the agenda.

The MINUTES of the March 15, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Phil Spangenberg gave the Treasurer's report which included a standing list of Dues and Grants. The motions to approve the report and Dues and Grants funding list were carried and passed.

Dale Claudepierre suggested the finance committee discuss and recommend what our discretionary spending should be. The budget for 2019 will be finalized for approval in December.

MEMBERSHIP: Brenda reported that we have 430 paid members to date. A reminder letter will go out soon to those not paid. Suggestions for identifying and welcoming the new members were offered. Captains should have a list of members in their zones.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

COMMUNICATION: Ruth reported that a presentation from a Beekeepers organization will be the topic of Its A Shore Thing, May 25. A Loon update will be the topic on July 27. We hope the new website will be up by the end of May. Much more has had to be transferred from the old website than was realized.

NOMINATIONS Committee found a full slate of officers to vote on at the Annual Meeting. Don Bonato will be nominated as recording secretary.

FINANCE: Nothing to report.

SAFETY AND RECREATION: Pat noted the boating certification class, April 14, was well attended with 28 participants. The bouys and sign are now installed at Torch and Elk Rivers by Matt Short. Elk Rapids Township approved a "no wake" sign on Rysenga Island. We have to

pay for a permit of \$30. We will also have to pay for the sign and post but will be within approved budget.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Dale reported on several topics. Water Milfoil treatment is proceeding. Jan Garvey will work with Ed Derosha to transfer data he had collected to manage and eradicate purple loosestrife. Andrew Hogarth and Jim Sak will be working on hiring the summer college intern. Curly pond weed is building up where Rapid River comes into Torch and Ed will take a look at it and suggest a plan to control it. We are continuing to let Three Lakes Association take the lead on Golden Brown Algae. Data collected on Golden Brown Algae has not been conclusive to date.

**TIP OF THE MITT UPDATE:** Bob Kingon attended a board planning session. There is a Shoreline Stewardship Program in July.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**SWIMMERS ITCH ERADICATION UPDATE:** Sue stated that water sampling will be started in June. She asked for and recorded individuals interested in being trained to do sampling and also any sites that the board members would recommend be sampled. ESLA will get a bill next month for this year's payment.

**ARCTIC GRAYLING UPDATE:** Mary Beth reported that funding is going forward and two or three sites to plant the fish were in our watershed.

**KEWADIN PARK:** Bob Kingon reported that Milton township would like to place a greenbelt of natural plants on 167 feet of water frontage at the park going up to the kayak launch. Tip of the Mitt has granted them money to help with this project but \$2000 is needed to complete a required match of funds. Bob made a motion that ESLA fund this. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Elk Rapids Garden Club Walk July 17:** The theme of the Garden Walk is Shoreline Protection, identifying greenbelts and protection strips. Volunteers are being sought from ESLA to be at the Shippy Lane area to hand out information and discuss the benefits of greenbelts during the walk. Ruth, Bob, Sue, Mary Beth volunteered from the board.

Mary Beth discussed Clearwater Township zoning and how the revised shoreline ordinance was worded to include protection of lakes. A petition was circulated and will be on the ballot on August 7 to defeat the zoning change since people are misinformed and fearful that their shorelines would need to be changed. She wants to get more correct information to the public in support of the zoning ordinance. Bob Kingon made a motion that Mary Beth be supported with up to \$1000 as liaison to promote the shoreline ordinance and defeat the ballot proposal. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bob Campbell discussed that Whitewater Township lacks the enforcement of a greenbelt for properties around the lake. The zoning currently only applies to the Boardman River Valley. Bob attended a township meeting and asked that a greenbelt ordinance be created for the lakes and was supported by comments from Sue McCraven and Bob Kingon. The township board did not take any action. Bob Kingon suggested a letter from ESLA letting Whitewater township know our concerns and offer to help them draft a greenbelt ordinance. Bob Campbell will write the letter.

ERCOL: Gary suggested notes from Elk River Chain of Lakes (ERCOL) be shared with the ESLA board. A Lake Association Summit will be June 18. Bob Kingon alerted the board of the flooding in the upper chain.

Ken Krentz sent out 1500 fish surveys to be returned at the end of the year. The DNR will do some stream surveys in July and he will be asking for volunteers.

Gary noted that a meeting will be held immediately after this board meeting at Cellar 152 to discuss and complete a Lake Association Survey Questionnaire for Tip of the Mitt. It would be appreciated if Officers, Committee Chairs, Zone Captains could attend.

The next board meeting will be July 19. The Annual Meeting will be held on June 22 at HERTH Hall in Elk Rapids.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Joan Richardson