

ELK-SKEGEMOG LAKES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

August 15, 2024

Call to order: 9:02 AM by President George Seifried

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Campbell	Mary Beth Kazanski		John Spevacek
Deanna Seifried	Nancy Schreiber	Bob Reider	Dale Claudepierre
George Seifried	Phil Spangenberg	Bob McCririe	Steve Francis

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jan Garvey	Dean Ginther	Linda Slopsema	
Andrew Hogarth		Ruth Bay	

Support staff members: Samantha Ogle and Michael Ogle both present

Visitors / Public Comment: NONE

Next Meeting(s):

August 22, 2024 , It's a Shore Thing with Ron Reimink - 5:00 p.m. Elk Rapids Harbor Pavilion

Agenda Review/Changes: NONE

July 2024 Board Meeting Minutes were approved..

Phil Spangenberg provided the financial report for the period ending 7/31/2024. Finance report approved by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Lawsuit Update: Bob Campbell and Steve Francis

ESLA will meet with Grand Traverse Watershed Center to discuss fundraising.

Finance Committee: Nancy Schreiber

Nancy stated that the recent audit was very favorable and the final report will be submitted soon.

Membership: Deanna Seifried and Michael Ogle

Deanna handed out packets of cards for board members to write thank you notes to those who donated \$250 or greater.

George stated that a picnic will be held to thank ESLA volunteers.

The website needs more frequent updating.

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Business Supporters:

ESLA members will attend the September horse show to explore opportunities to receive cash awards to non-profits.

Shore Things:

We have Ron Reimink on August 22 to update us on Swimmers Itch, and Paul Sak, president of Friends of Clam Lake, with a presentation on Wake Boats and pending state legislation in September.

Environmental:

Sue Kelly got permission from neighbors to pull invasive species in the bayou.

Sam completed lake shore surveys for Purple Loosestrife.

Boat washes are scheduled in August at Baggs Road (Aug 16) and Whitewater (Aug 30).

We are anticipating a \$10K grant from GTB to fund invasive species control.

ERCOL and TOM:

No updates

Safety, Recreation and Lake Learning Tours:

Some lake learning tours have continued to have some no-shows. Buoys for the Elk River are in and the Elk River Marina will install them.

Champions, Legends and Major Supporters:

Bob C and Dean are reaching out with thank you calls.

Website and Email Blasts.

Bob C will follow up on this

Fisheries - Ken

Mayfly hatches have been down in recent years according to Heather H, although Elk and Skegemog appear have have seen higher levels in 2024 (not to the level of past years)

Ken also noted that crayfish populations are down across the upper midwest.

Government Relations - George

Antrim County has begun work on the Bellaire Dam.

Old Business

Need ideas to better coordinate volunteers

New Business

Upper Torch River and Bayou erosion - George will investigate.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 AM

Next Board Meeting: Thursday September 19, 2024, 9:00 AM ER Police station meeting room.

Submitted by Acting Recording Secretary, John Spevacek