

ELTA Board Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2020

6:30 PM

Zoom – Coronavirus

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Brett Cummings, Amy Coon, Jim Caporale, Frank Loedeman, Len Bosma, Steve Ott, Kasi (Casterline) Barrow, Ken Toy, Phil DeYoung

Members Absent:

Other: Tom and Debra as area representatives; Tricia Keala (by request)

Agenda:

President Report

Treasurer Report

Lake Quality Update

Short Term Pumping Update

Long Term Project Update

Annual Meeting Planning

Membership Committee Update

Safety/Legal Update

Communication Committee Update

President's Report

N/A

Treasurer's Report

Jim went over the Treasurer's report. There were no questions – everything is relatively status quo

Lake Quality Update

Phil informed the board that the Goose roundup has been cancelled state-wide due to budgetary cuts and Covid.

The lake survey was done yesterday; Len tagged along in the boat. The lake looked quite clear. Milfoil was present and PLM/RLS will be putting a plan together for treatment. They are coming back the 2nd week of June to do another quick survey since the weeds appear to be somewhat late this year. Len is recommending a minimum treatment for pond weeds this year to conserve money in our budget.

PLM has our bioaugmentation shipment. Typically, the bioaugmentation is done about a week after the weed treatment. We will evaluate the desire for additional

bioaugmentation treatments as the summer progresses.

Tricia Keala by request:

She has some concerns about the fact that the short-term pumping keeps getting setback further and further. Now it appears as though it will take another 5 years to get to our target level before the drain commissioner can take over. She feels as though she has been blown off time and time again by the governmental units. She is requesting the board seek private legal counsel. There were lengthy discussions about legal counsel and the board's involvement with the same. There is a rumor floating around that the long-term project can't occur until we reach our draw down goals. We are not sure where this rumor started but it's contrary to what Prein Newhof and the Drain Commissioner have said. Tricia was asked to send a list of things she believes an attorney can assist with to the board for further consideration.

Short Term Pumping Update

There is a taskforce meeting tomorrow. They are putting a drain in at the Vineyard and Amy has some questions she intends to ask at the taskforce. There were discussions about questions for the taskforce about what happens when our short-term permits/easements end.

Long Term Project Update

Kalamazoo County approved the Petitions. Prein Newhof completed their study on the legal lake level and sent it to the Drain Commissioner. Len is hoping we will be told numbers for their requested legal lake level.

Annual Meeting Planning

We are likely adjourning our annual meeting until August and if we can't do it in-person by then, we will try to do it virtually.

Area Rep/Membership

Tom asked if we should do the 2020 stickers or just save the money and push a year. The design is done, and the expenditure has been approved, so he will find out when he can get those produced by the printer. The issue of delivery was discussed and it may be up to the area reps to deliver due to the annual meeting being pushed.

Legal/Safety

The access is supposed to be closed. Every day the barricade is moved and now its broken. Brett will evaluate list supplied by Tricia or others related to legal counsel and will respond accordingly.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 22, 2020 6:30 virtually .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM