

**ELK- SKEGEMOG LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 25, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ruth Bay, Don Bonato, Bob Campbell, Steve Francis, Mary Beth Kazanski, Ken Krentz, Kate Lett, Brenda Miller, Pat Pierce, Nancy Schreiber, Deanna Seifried, George Seifried, Linda Slopsema, Phil Spangenberg

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dale Claudepierre, Jan Garvey, Andrew Hogarth, Bob Kingon

Phil Spangenberg gave the Treasurer’s report (attached to agenda). Phil reviewed the report by commenting upon the assets, income and expenses, noting that in 2020 income exceeded expenses by \$19,470.71.

Brenda Miller gave the membership report (attached to agenda). Brenda discussed efforts to increase membership, noting that the current total membership is approximately 50 less than it was in 2018. Brenda asked those in attendance to contact her if they had suggestions regarding who could be contacted to increase membership.

Mary Beth introduced Kate Lett, the most recent addition to the ESLA Board. Kate briefly discussed steps she has taken to improve and facilitate communication by creating an ESLA Facebook page and also discussed her efforts to improve the ESLA website.

Nomination Committee slate of officers for 2021-2022 was presented by Ruth Bay. Motion made and passed to accept the following slate:

President.....Bob Campbell  
Vice President.....Pat Pierce  
Recording Secretary.....Don Bonato  
Corresponding Secretary.....Nancy Schreiber  
Treasurer.....Phil Spangenberg

Zone Directors were also reviewed and accepted:

Zone A            Steve Francis, Deanna Seifried, George Seifried  
Zone B            Ruth Bay, Dale Claudepierre, Dean Ginther, Andy Hogarth, Bob Kingon, Ken Krentz  
Zone C            Jan Garvey, Linda Slopsema  
Zone D            Kate Lett  
Zone E            Mary Beth Kazanski

Bob Campbell introduced the evening’s speaker, Kelsey Froelich of Zero Gravity Aerial. In doing so, Bob noted that drone photographic mapping of 42 miles of shoreline on Elk and Skegemog lakes will be a major ESLA project in 2021. Bob stated that many lake associations have already photographed their lakes and that the DNR is considering making drone photographic mapping a staple of shoreline analysis. Bob noted that photographing will make it easier to identify and locate invasive species, such as purple loosestrife and Eurasian water milfoil.

Kelsey briefly discussed her professional background and history with Zero Gravity Aerial, mentioning that she is also the biologist for Lime Lake. Kelsey began her presentation by discussing the drones used by Zero Gravity Aerial to develop high altitude video footage and shoreline videos. Kelsey explained how high altitude video footage can be used to locate and examine aquatic gardens and invasive species and how shoreline videos provide data pertaining to algae growth and shoreline characteristics. Screen shots in Kelsey's power point presentation allowed the audience to see examples of the information obtained from drone surveys, such as detectable algal growth, presence of invasive species and shoreline characteristics that may impact water quality. Kelsey then discussed how the data gathered by drone surveys can be used by lake associations to establish goals, noting that the data provided to ESLA will include comparisons with other lakes. Kelsey also addressed privacy issues related to photographing of privately-owned shorelines, mentioning steps taken to maintain the privacy of data obtained through drone photography.

Dean Ginther spoke in recognition and gratitude for outgoing President, Mary Beth Kazanski.

Bob Campbell thanked the audience for attending and ended the meeting by asking the audience's support for ESLA's mission to preserve and protect natural resources.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 pm.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Donald Bonato.