

Enchanted Lake Residents Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

Tuesday, 14 Jan 25

PRESENT: Greg Colbert, Mike Compton, Gus Gustavson, Linda Jenks, Connie Jewell, Todd Jewell, Margaret Novack, Alan Richardson, Jim Scofield, Fran Tannen, Cindy Turner and Melody Spencer, Admin Assistant.

GUEST: Bob Bourke, Scientific Advisor

CALL TO ORDER: **Greg Colbert** called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. A quorum was declared.

ELECTION: **G. Colbert** introduced Jim Scofield, a longtime resident as being interested in joining the Board. Scofield had sat in on some Board Meetings and believes he can contribute.

Consistent with the ELRA Association Bylaws:

5.6 Vacancy. Should a vacancy occur in the Board of Directors, the remaining directors shall appoint a person to serve until the next annual meeting of the membership, when a new director shall be elected by the membership.

Board Members were unanimous in their approval of this appointment.

OPEN SESSION:

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2024 MINUTES – M. Novack had emailed draft minutes to the board prior to the meeting. G. Gustavson moved to approve the minutes and M. Novack seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – G. Gustavson had emailed the Monthly Financial Report for the month ending December 2024 to the Board along with the following summary prior to the meeting:

This is the Monthly Financial Report for January 2025. Revenues are tracking approximately the same as last year and are on track with our budget. Investment income is \$18,026 for July to December, which represents income from our Treasury Bills. In early January 2025 we transferred \$222,500 to Eastern Point Trust to deposit in the ELRA Qualified Settlement Fund (QSF). This will reduce our investment income going forward as Eastern Point Trust pays less interest than the Treasury bills. At the end of the calendar year, we have 35 Assessed Members who are delinquent in their assessments. This is down from 43 at the end of 2023. About 20 of these residents are chronic delinquencies. The total amount owed is \$75, 572. We will be sending a delinquency letter and invoice to all delinquent households this month. The American Savings Bank December 2024 end of month balance is \$2,252 in Savings and \$17,046 in checking.

The Financial report was approved by acclimation pending audit.

ADMINISTRATION:

Communications Log: Delayed.

Kailua Neighborhood Board Meeting Report: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations Committee – Board members reported that the ELRA Christmas Boat Parade was well attended and that they had heard several very positive comments.

There was a record number of decorated barges (9) and numerous kayaks. Notable was the growing number of electric barges. There was thought that attendance may have been improved by having it after Christmas Day. People may have been more relaxed.

Discussion also related to resuming the 4th of July gathering of watercraft. No parade – maybe just food? Notice should go out by June if this is deemed a good idea.

OPEN SESSION:

Environmental Committee – L. Jenks reported that On Friday, Jan 10th, there was an informal meeting with several educators at my home for the purposes of learning more about the scientific projects that were occurring on the lake. In attendance were grad student Anuj Pawar, who is doing a study on the incidence and behavior of vibrio vulnificus, his scientific advisor Olivia Nigro, grad student Ava, Cindy Turner and Hugo de Vries, Derek Esibill, Bob Bourke, Charles Laidley, and myself. There were good conversations about the history of the Kailua waterways and ongoing projects to improve water quality.

Bob attended the first meeting of the Kailua Beach Part Restoration Community Advisory Meeting on January 7th. There was much discussion about the years of mismanagement of the beach, and about the berm opening of Kaelepulu Canal. Both Cindy and I will try to make sure that one of us attends the meetings going forward, as it appears there will be opportunity to build relationships with other groups that want the best for the beach environment, and that can help us with our goal of opening of the berm on a more regular basis.

We are beginning to develop relationships with Hui O Ko'olaupoko, regarding monies that may soon become available for the purposes of removing mangrove from the Kailua waterways. The funding would come from several sources, including military sources, Army Corp of Engineers, and several others. The follow up letter to the mayor on the mangrove removal is on hold until we can sort out the potential opportunities to work with other groups for the same outcomes.

Progress is being made on writing the grant application to Hawaii Fish Habitat Partnership. We are pursuing asking for funding to augment the monies that we have set aside to do the dredging. The grant proposal will be based on the work that Cindy Turner did successfully in applying for and securing funding for dredging the wetlands two years ago. It was agreed to let the current SAM site lapse.

There have been no recent berm openings or water events on the lake.

Operations Committee – No Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dredging Committee – G. Colbert

AJOURNMENT: G. Colbert adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Margaret Novack

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board of Directors Meeting – 11 Feb 25 at 7:00 pm – Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- Kailua Neighborhood Board Meeting: 6 Feb 2025 – Greg Colbert

Note: See the *Enchanted Lake Residents Association/Ka'elepulu Pond website's home page for meeting schedule and link to the approved board meeting minutes (kaelepulupond.org)*