

RLA BOARD PROPOSED MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2023 – 9:00 am – Tinnies Tavern

Board Members Present: Tim Keane, Deb Henry, Jeff Crary, Zach Luedtke, Johan Sogge, Sandy Weber, Ralph Klassen

Board Members Absent: Heather Hanks, Glenn Bundy, Kim Niedzielski

1. **Review / Approve April 15, 2023, Minutes / Approve Agenda for May 20 meeting** – Meeting called to order at 9:05am. Motion made to approve April 15th, 2023, Minutes and Agenda for May 20th meeting by TKeane, seconded by SWeber. Motion carried.
2. **New Board Member Introduction and Nomination:** Johan Sogge attended the RLA Board meeting. Introductions were provided. Motion to nominate JSogge to the open board position was made by ZLuedtke, seconded by DHenry. Motion carried. RLA Board has all 10 positions filled.
3. **Treatment maps CLP review:** DHenry reported on the Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) survey that was conducted May 10th and showed survey maps of this year's CLP locations. 18.04 acres of CLP was present. Maps that compared this year's survey results with last year's survey results were provided. 103D Budget for CLP treatment was approved by NFCRWD. Vendor Contracts and DNR permits in place. Alternative Property Owner notification was approved by the DNR and published. In local newspapers.
 - a. DHenry to email map documents to board members and JSogge to laminate map document for displaying at Tinnies.
 - b. Treatment of the CLP area was discussed. Motion was made to approve treatment of CLP for areas 2 & 3 totaling 15.07 acres by DHenry, seconded by JCrary. Motion carried.
 - c. DNR to evaluate post treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed using Flumioxazin.
4. **Lake Management Plan for SSW:** DHenry reported that the management plan for Starry Stonewort (SSW) will be similar to the previous year beginning with a full lake vegetation delineation survey. The survey will be conducted in June. \$13,050 funding for SSW management was received from Stearns County AIS Prevention Committee. Vendor contracts and DNR permits are in place.
5. **LAKESCOUT Buoy update:** JCrary reported on his discussion with Steve Weeres regarding the functionality of the LAKESCOUT. The board had interest in purchasing the buoy because it provides lake level and water temperature data. However, the data is very similar to the information provided on the DNR site that reads water levels, raw levels, discharge and cfs data upriver in Paynesville by old 23. JCrary explained the data was sufficient to alert property owners of the lake level. JCrary and Steve Weeres discussed an opportunity to create an algorithm that could further enhance the data available. The Board agreed to not purchase the LAKESCOUT. The cost was included in the RLA 103D budget submitted to the NFCRWD,

however was not approved as a 103D expense. Link to the river level into Rice Lake DNR tracking site is on RLA Website:

- a. http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/csg/site_report.html?mode=get_site_report&site=18043003
 - b. JCrary to document procedures for using the link to education property owners. Procedures will be posted on RLA website.
6. **Decontamination CD3 Outpost Unit Update:** In GBundy's absence, DHenry provide a brief update that the process is moving along and GBundy has signed the agreement letter from MN Lakes and Rivers, Jeff Forester, who is donating the unit to the DNR. The DNR will own the unit, RLA will manage the maintenance of the unit.
 7. **103D Budget Approval 2023:** DHenry reported that the 103D Budget was submitted to the NFCRWD Board based on discussion at the last RLA Board meeting. The budget included funds for CLP survey and treatment and funds to purchase a LAKESCOUT. Funds for CLP survey and treatment were approved. LAKESCOUT funds were not.
 8. **Membership Report:** 51 members, \$4,345 as of May 20th. A copy of the 2023 Membership forms were sent out by email to Board members to print and distribute as needed. 2023 Membership forms were included in the Newsletter distributed to all property owners. HHanks provided membership forms and holder at Tinnies.
 9. **4th of July Boat Parade:** Scheduled for July 1st Saturday. Per notice in the Newsletter sent out early May: Registration is at 1:30 and Boat Parade is at 2:00. Registration will be from the docks in front of Tinnies. Discussion about coupons at Tinnies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners. Motion was made for RLA to spend \$60 dollars (\$25, \$15, \$10) on coupons at Tinnies for prize winners by DHenry, seconded by JCrary. Motion carried.
 10. **Annual Meeting:** Scheduled for Saturday August 5th at Hope Shores. Agreement with Hope Shores in progress. Speakers were discussed. TKeane suggested Jeff Forester, County Commissioner. ZLuedtke is open to a having "Membership Social" at Tinnies after the annual meeting. Board members to organize.
 11. **Special Projects:** Discussion about NFCRWD "One Watershed One Plan" and how RLA could get more involved in understanding projects upriver for Rice Lake. Further discussion and volunteers needed.
 12. **Newsletter:** Great feedback on Spring Edition. Very well received. Ads were included for the first time and will help offset the cost of the RLA Newsletter. Board discussed timing of Fall Newsletter Edition. September was suggested as the target before end of season. Items for Newsletter:
 - a. Annual Meeting summary, AIS Lake Management recap, Boat Parade winners and pictures, CD3 outpost, Northern lights picture, Jeff's fish picture, Membership form, Membership listing.
 13. **Apparel for Rice Lake:** HHanks continues to research apparel for Rice Lake. Members are interested in purchasing RLA sway items if they are available at annual meeting.

14. Financial Report: SWeber stated the bank balance was \$19,037 at the end of April. \$13,050 of this balance is grant money for SSW only.

15. Other Business:

- a. DHenry reported the CD at Magnifi bank is up for renewal. Maturity date, May 27th, 2023. Motion was made by DHenry to have DHenry check new CD rates and to renew RLA CD during grace period, seconded by TKeane. Motion carried.
- b. The tributary from Pirz Lake to Rice Lake is blocked preventing clean water flow from Pirz to Rice. JCrary, ZLuedtke, JSogge to check out and explore the situation and determine where the block is located. In the past the blockage has been in the culvert.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50am by TKeane, seconded by DHenry. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting June 10, 2023, Tinnies Tavern, 9:00 am

Deb Henry: 6/1/2023