

RLA BOARD
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2022, 9 AM
Valley Inn

Board members present: Tim Keane, Deb Henry, Kim Niedzielski, Jeff Crary, Sandy Weber

A quorum was present.

Absent: Ralph Klassen, Heather Hanks

1. Approve Minutes and Agenda:

- Motion was made to approve the August 13, 2022 “corrected” minutes and the Sept 3rd agenda. Motion was 2nd and unanimously approved.

2. Board Development:

- Board goal is to have each board member involved in projects, clear roles, and assignments. Board member participation and ownership by all members is critical.
- Review current roles and responsibilities at next meeting
- Areas for consideration for projects, roles and assignments:
 - RLA Membership – Take ownership of directing the efforts in driving more property lake owners to contribute to RLA
 - Establish membership committee, recruit neighborhood captains and individual lake owners to assist as appropriate
 - Water quality/level projects
 - Identify projects that could improve our water quality and determine a plan of action and priorities.
 - Water level – work with agencies to determine what is impacting our water level fluctuation and understand projects upstream from Rice Lake that are being done in the watershed.
 - Grant process and reporting
 - Ensure multiple board members are involved in the grant process.
 - Research and identify additional grants that may be available to RLA
 - Communications
 - Participate in Newsletter articles, direct mailing, RLA document updating for Website eg Lake Property Owner’s Manual, information for social media postings
 - Board Governance
 - Board Agendas
 - Board Minutes
 - Annual By-law review and vote
 - Annual Terms review and vote
 - Annual Meeting Presentation and Planning
 - NFCRWD Meeting representative
 - Attend monthly board meeting in Brooton – provide updates to RLA

3. Board Nomination

- There are 3 positions available
 - Peter Anton, Jean Tilleson and Arne Tilleson stepped down August – no transition of activities required.
- DHenry nominated Glen Bundy for the RLA Board. A motion was made to have Glenn join the board by Kim and second by Sandy. Motion approved unanimously to have Glenn on the Board and attend the next board meeting. Agenda item for October's Board meeting is to hear from Glenn on what his interests are and what he would like to contribute to the board.
- Concern of timing delays were raised on on-boarding new candidates to get them up to speed on roles and responsibilities before the end of the season.

4. Lake Management status update

- 103D assessment update: Discussed Schauman's Bay. No weeds were harvested this year. There has not been any money to date spent on projects that go into the 103D assessment.
- SSW was not found at south access on the Aug 30th Survey. However, SSW was found east of the south access. Treatment of 4.54 acres is scheduled for September 8, 2022. Permit is in place.
- Post treatment survey will take place at the end of September. This could potentially be the last treatment for SSW

5. CAC update

- DHenry is on committee to represent Rice Lake. She attended the August meeting..
- Their activity list of projects being considered and/or approved is forthcoming. DHenry has requested maps of the area for referencing these projects.
- Need to stay on top of the NFCRWSD regarding expenditures affecting 103D assessments.
- There could be a change this year in the leadership of this committee.

6. RLA Financial Position

- SWeber reported a balance pf \$21,875 as of August 1, 2022. We received \$1,373 in membership dues, had expenses of \$16,538, leaving a balance of \$6,709 September 1, 2022.
- With this month's projected expenses (lake survey, SSW treatment, post treatment survey, board meeting, and insurance) there will be a deficit of \$189.
- Discussed sending out a direct mail piece to non-members regarding membership to RLA.
- DHenry to get estimated expenses related to AIS that will go against the 103D assessment for 2022 as the RLA budget is being depleted. There will be yearly administrative costs and interest.

7. Other Business

- Morningstar Bay update:
 - JCrary spoke with Stearns County Sheriff Brandon Merkling regarding buoys. It has been approved to install two pair of “no wake” buoys. The water patrol will put them in next spring. They will act like channel markers on each end of the suggested channel. However, the water patrol will not enforce and/or ticket violators.

Meeting dismissed at 10:45 AM

Next meeting: October 8, 2022, 9 AM, Valley Inn

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Niedzielski