**RLAA Board Meeting Minutes for November 25, 2013**

Location: Maple Grove Public Library (Room 105) Time: 7:00 p.m.

* **Call to Order at 7:20 pm**
* **Approve the Agenda**
* **Introduction of Board Members and Guests**
  + Present: George Schneider, Bill Kidder, Rick Stulac, Scott Roeglin, Luke Johnson
  + Absent: Mark Ellingson
  + Quorum was present
  + No guests were present
* **Treasurer Report** (Rick)
  + Took in $5,700 in dues in 2013.
  + Total of $20,000 in bank accounts, which represents our largest surplus in many years.
    - We should consider undertaking at least one significant project while we have funds available.
* **Old Business** 
  + **Channel Dredging for 2013-2014 Winter**
    - Discussed our options and the board decided to pursue this project this winter. Will work off-line with the adjacent homeowners to gain approval to move forward with project.
  + **Rough Fish Removal**
    - Interesting information shared from Lake Wingra in Madison, WI which has similar issues as Rice Lake. May still want to do our own removal for next winter (2014-2015), based on how other projects are laid out.
  + **RLAA Lake Management Plan**
    - Maybe look into a more formalized plan with a consultant assistance to insure it fits into the Elm Creek Watershed TMDL Project Plan and lay out specific projects (maybe use Wenck Engineering as a resource)?
* **On-Going Business**
* **Elm Creek Watershed TMDL Project Plan** (George)
  + Still waiting for announcement from project manager on next steps.
  + Citizen Advisory Committee is reviewing issues and best way to communicate project and action items to the community.
* **New Business**
  + **Public Dock for Fishing (Luke)**
    - Would this be feasible to offer an area for fishermen to congregate in a common area instead of all along the shoreline? Advantages would be to reduce shoreline erosion along City property.
  + **Social Gathering for Membership** (Rick)
    - This would be an opportunity other than the annual meeting to get members together to discuss issues, priorities, etc. Other lake associations usually meet multiple times per year; why can’t we?
  + **RLAA Member Survey** (George)
    - Did not an opportunity to discuss this, but will bring it up off-line and compare to previous surveys to determine what to poll our membership about.
  + **Discussion of 2014 LIPs (Lake Improvement Projects)** (George)

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| **Project** | **Total Est. Cost** | **LIP Request** | **RLAA Cost** | **Comments** |
| Channel Dredge | $6,000.00 | $1,500.00 | $4,500.00 | Rejected by single homeowner in 2011 and 2012; we would like to pursue this in 2013-2014. Will submit this project on the 2014 LIP menu and ask for a larger City contribution. |
| Carp Removal | $7,000.00 | $3,500.00 | $3,500.00 | Postponed in 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 due to public access requirements. Will not undertake this project in 2013-2014, but will reserve for 2014-2015 and submit as an LIP. |
| Aquatic Plant Survey for CLP | $2,500 | $1,250 | $1,250 | Only if early season visual sightings in Spring 2014 indicate potential problem with CLP. |

* + **Elm Creek shoreline erosion (Tristan Bay)** (George)
    - Update on efforts by one group to reduce/recover lost shoreline before it is too late. Hoping that the watershed’s TMDL project will allow for some funding to help residents with repairs.
  + **Third Generation Management Plan for Elm Creek Watershed** (George)
    - George and Bill are participating in the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to help the Elm Creek Watershed Commission target residents to gain a better understanding of water quality issues and how to get them engaged.
      * 2 meetings held so far; a 3rd meeting to be held later this winter to come up with a concise project plan for engaging the public.
* **Task Team Updates**
  + Lake Management
    - 7/29/13 – Held initial meeting to discuss known issues and brainstorm. No action taken yet.
  + Membership
    - We haven’t organized this group yet; do we want to?
* **Other Business**
  + None at this time.
* **Adjournment at 8:55 pm**

Minutes by George Schneider 11/27/2013 Rice Lake Area Association website = <http://www.ricelakemn.com>