

RLAA Board Meeting Minutes for March 29, 2016

Location: Maple Grove Public Library (Room 105)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Dockside Aquatics presentation (Matt)

- Matt discussed what his company does with vegetation removal using harvesters and scuba divers. They are booked for the early 2016 season for “whole lake” treatments, but can do individual properties if they get 10 or more residents signed up. Cost is \$250 per 2,500 square feet of permitted shoreline.
- Board later decided to provide their company flyer at our annual meeting and also maybe post on our website and Facebook page.

3. Non-member guests excused from meeting

4. Approve the Agenda

5. Treasurer Report (Rick)

- 2 new members (Swiss, Carlson)
- \$18,000 in the bank
- \$5,900 in dues collected in 2015 (up \$1,000 from 2014)
- \$8,000 in Expenses in 2014; \$13,000 in Income (dues and reimbursements)

• Old Business

○ 2015-2015 Winter Aeration update (George)

▪ Current Status

1. Dave Wirig and George removed from lake on 3/28. Float and motor currently stored at George’s property.
2. Anchors (3) still in place and marked with the Stonehenge Island buoy, along with the power cable.

▪ Next Steps

1. Remove the anchors & cable by pontoon boat and prepare for storage.
2. Find storage location for aerator equipment (roughly 100 sq. ft.).

▪ Future – should we consider the HCWP recommendation to relocate the site?

1. Did not discuss at this time.

○ Fish stocking follow-up (George)

- 4th and final stocking done in October 2015.
- No dead fish reported yet this spring since ice went out.
- Should we consider a fish survey this or next year (last one done in 2014)?
 1. Let’s wait at least one more year and see what we experience this year.

6. New Business

○ 2016 Annual Meeting preparation (All)

▪ Suggest guest speaker(s)

1. TMDL update and direct action items for Rice Lake.
2. Possible speakers would be the same personnel we had at our RLAA Board Meeting for an update on April 2, 2014:
 - Rich Brasch & Brian V (Three Rivers), John Erdmann & Brooke Asleson (MPCA)

- George to check if some of the same individuals would be available to give a more specific presentation on what will happen next for Ricer Lake TMDL activities.
 - Follow last year's PowerPoint as a template?
 1. Follow last year's template and update with appropriate info. George to share with board for review.
 - Facebook page (Jeremy)
 - Update on new page set up
 - How to communicate with membership/public
 1. Need to promote as a 'Group'.
 2. Jeremy to follow up with Dave Wirig and other resources on how to do that.
- 7. Other Business
 - 2016 Lake Improvement Project (LIP) review (George)
 - 2015 LIP reimbursements were all received from the City.
 - No submissions for projects by Rice Lake for 2016.
 - Flappers to control Carp spawning
 - Jeremy to follow up with Mark Lahtinen (City Engineering) on if they can close the flappers when Carp are looking to move into the shallows between our lakes. Would also need to consider impact on earlier spawning by Northerns.
- 8. Adjournment at 8:50 pm.

Minutes by George Schneider 3/30/2016

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