

## RLAA Board Meeting Minutes for February 22 2017

Location: Maple Grove Public Library (Room 133)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

- **Call to Order at 7:08 pm**
  - Present: George Schneider, Jeremy Coenen, Rick Stulac, Al Carlson, Mike Thiede, Scott Roeglin
  - Absent: Mark Ellingson, Luke Johnson, Bill Kidder (resigned – moved away)
- **Approve the Agenda as written**
- **Treasurer Report (Rick)**
  - \$20,286 in checking
  - \$3,000 in savings
  - No outstanding bills or reimbursements at this time
- **Old Business**
  - **Channel Dredging update – Follow-up from last meeting with Grose’s on Jan. 10**
    - 2 Phase approach
      - Phase 1 – restore point for up to 100’ with rip-rap
        - Waiting for bid from Three Dogs Trucking (*Gary Shubinsky follow up*)
        - Waiting for bid from Sara Grose acquaintance (*George follow up*)
      - Phase 2 – Joint effort with Tim George property for natural solution.
        - We have not yet reached out to Tim to discuss the project, but plan to do so soon.
    - Next steps
      - Secure bid for rip-rap.
      - Get sign-off from Grose
      - Determine amount needed from “Boaters Fund” to cover what Grose unable to pay
  - **Channel Dredging follow-up**
    - Will be a part of the Phase 1 Grose restoration project
      - Need to secure letter from Grose’s approving dredging upon completion of rip-rap on point
- **New Business**
  - **2017 Annual Meeting preparation**
    - Plan to use Cambria Suites as our host again (*Scott to book facility*)
    - Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (our traditional 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month)
    - Suggest guest speaker(s)
      - Carp Solutions to discuss their process and our desire to pursue removal (George)
      - Maple Grove Parks department for update on Rice Lake Trail and future plans (George)
      - Three Rivers TMDL update from Rich Brasch (George to check if anything new)
    - Do we need more meeting notice signs? (Scott)
      - No, let’s just use what we have left (6?) since few attendees come due to signage.
    - Follow last year’s PowerPoint as a template?
      - Yes, and keep the carp animation.
  - **2017 Fish Stocking**
    - Request from Fish Management Committee to stock similar to amounts done in 2015. Suggested this rather than doing a fish survey.
    - Wade Quale to get a current estimate from Ron Rademacher (\$7,500 total cost)
      - Reduced this cost to \$6,000 for Largemouth Bass, Crappie and Bluegill which will be ready to spawn after installed.
    - Will submit this as a LIP for to City for at least 40% reimbursement
      - Wrote up LIP for 50% City reimbursement
    - Board voted 6-0 to submit the LIP for Fish Stocking in the total amount of \$6,000.
- **Other Business**

- **Carp Removal Project with Fish Lake**
  - George discussed this project, which also includes Al Carlson and Mike Thiede as Rice Lake participants. Objective is to work with Fish Lake on a joint project to reduce common carp populations in our lakes.
  - 3 Phase approach
    - Collect sample fish (2017)
    - Track sample fish (2017-2018)
    - Remove carp population (2018)
  - Funding to be sought from Watershed/Three Rivers/City plus lake associations
- **2016 Lake Improvement Project (LIP) review (George)**
  - Need to submit any 2017 LIP requests by end of February.
    - Potential LIPs for 2017:
      - Fish Stocking
      - Channel Dredging (for 2017-2018 Winter)
        - Check with City to insure they still have contractor (Butch) available to do dredging. (*George check with Rick Lestina*)
  - We had no submissions for projects by Rice Lake for 2016.
- **Additional Lake Monitoring personnel**
  - It was suggested that we have a back-up monitoring contact in addition to George.
    - Activities include: MPCA Secchi monitoring and Dissolved Oxygen monitoring.
  - Mike Thiede volunteered to assist George and become a back-up if needed.
- **Rice Lake informal summer gatherings**
  - In order to encourage more lake usage and social interaction, it was suggested that we (RLAA) post on our Facebook page and discuss at our annual meeting these types of gatherings. We can do them several times per summer and open it up to non-lakeshore residents as well.
  - Suggested this be scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from June through September.
  - This offering will be mentioned at the 2017 RLAA Annual Meeting and on our Facebook page.

- **Adjournment at 8:45 pm**

Minutes by George Schneider 2/23/2017

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