

# ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for July 16, 2018, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.,

City of Lake Mills City Hall, 200 Water Street, Lake Mills, WI 53551

- 1) **Call to Order** – 6:30 p.m.
  - a) Members present: Jim Colegrove, Wes Dawson, Dennis Hoelzel\*, Alex Mulligan, Mike Neemann, Nathan Pyles\*, Stan Smoniewski, Lianna Spencer, Susan Trier (\*Absent)  
Guests: Patricia Cicero, Marti Tenzer
- 2) Motion and second to approve the agenda as modified– passed
- 3) **Good News Minute** – meeting participants shared recent good news
- 4) **Secretary’s Report** – Motion and second to approve June 2018 minutes, with amendments, passed
- 5) **Treasure’s Report** –
  - a) June financial statements had been distributed by Jim. Motion and second to approve - passed
  - b) Jim previewed financial statements to be handed out at Annual Meeting, including banking summary, showing deficit of about \$5,000, and account balance which is above \$20,000. Difference between the two will be pointed out. It is important to note that we will be reviewing the previous year’s account (2017) and because our Annual Meeting is held in August, the information is inevitably rather dated.
- 6) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** –
  - a) Jim received a letter from Wisconsin Lakes noting their effort to raise \$25,000 by 7/4/18 in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. No action taken.
  - b) Wes informed the Board of a request from Jefferson County to RLIA to underwrite up to ½ of the cost for an appraisal of a property they are looking to acquire. The property in question is in the Rock Lake watershed and has some runoff issues. Purchasing said property could materially improve water quality in Rock Lake. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay for ½ of the appraisal cost, which the County estimated could cost RLIA between \$750 and \$1250.
- 7) **Committee Reports**
  - a) **Water Quality** – Nathan absent.
  - b) **Membership and Lake Recreation** – Alex/Jim  
No new issues or news.
  - c) **Public Outreach** Susan/Stan  
Held for discussion of lake stewardship award. Susan did recommend the Board consider sending hand written notes of commendation to riparian owners whose property seems particularly well managed vis-a-viz lake water quality and health. Will be considered at next meeting.

8) **Other Report –**

a) **County representative – Patricia.**

- i) Status of Clean Boats Clean Waters reviewed.
- ii) Jefferson County currently has only one DNR warden, and she is on limited duty. Thus 5 wardens in adjoining territories are pitching in, but should an issue arise, Patricia recommends calling the DNR hotline: 1-800-TIP-WDNR
- iii) Patricia received the DNR's final comments on the Lake Management Plan. Most required minor revisions which she completed. However they also recommended changes to the frequency and timing of street sweeping, i.e., more frequent and do in spring rather than summer. The Board will consider these changes.

b) **JRLC – Stan**

On the annual lake boat tour Wes' impression was that rather than *increasing* the amount of natural shoreline, it is decreasing, e.g., more trees cut down, more walls, less natural vegetation, etc.

9) **Old Business**

- a) Annual Meeting planning. Meeting to start at 10:00, Board members to be there between 9:30 and 9:45. List of speakers arranged, noted there will be no DNR warden speaking.
- b) 2018 Lake Stewardship Award. Original price was misquoted by supplier, actual price significantly higher. Susan will arrange for foto on canvas to be prepared and presented to St. Paul's Lutheran at the annual meeting as well as at a church service. Exact wording and plaque TBD when Susan discusses with supplier.
- c) Letters to farmers in watershed. Nathan: tabled
- d) Water sampling. Pending.
- e) Lake info-graph. Susan met with Karen Etter-Hale and Jefferson County re specifics and hopefully incorporating into an interactive web page.
- f) Lake Mills Market round-up. Wes reported that RLIA will be given \$8,479.13. Posting a thank-you in the Leader cannot be done as a regular letter to the editor because a specific business is noted. So instead, an "ad" must be a sponsored. Motion made, seconded, and approved to authorize \$97 to sponsor a thank you to the Market and RLIA supporters. This will also be posted on our website. Jim noted that if we run more than \$25,000 in assets (exact amount to be confirmed) it would change our tax filing status as a 5013c organization. Specifics will be determined and appropriate follow-up action taken. |
- g) Fall Festival. Wes applied for a booth at the Festival, to be held 10/7/18.
- h) Purchase of CDs. This and the items below were put on hold pending new Board.
- i) Publicity for Lake Plan. Hold
- j) New logo. Hold
- k) New promotional material. Hold
- l) Date for capacity building/strategic planning. Hold
- m) Small Lake Grant application. Hold.
- n) In-lake clean up. Hold.

10) **New Business**

- a) Nominating committee and status of candidates for Board. Stan ran through the 12 potential candidates on the current list. It was noted that as Alex is resigning, the Board can designate a replacement if need be. Several potential candidates are interested but are either hesitant to commit or, like Marti Tenzer, are not sure they can commit to a full 3-year term. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to put forward Susan Trier and Lianna Spencer as Board

recommended candidates with others possibly being nominated and elected, as long as they are present at the annual meeting.

b) Annual Meeting date for 2019. Saturday 8/17/19 was chosen, venue TBD.

11) **Adjourn** – made, seconded and passed 8:15 p.m.

12) **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Mills City Hall