

# ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for June 18, 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\* Guest: Patricia Cicero\* (\*Absent)
- 2) Motion and second to approve the agenda – passed
- 3) **Good News Minute** – meeting participants shared recent good news
- 4) **Secretary’s Report** – approve May 2018 Minutes, passed
- 5) **Treasure’s Report** –
  - a) May financial statements had been distributed by Jim
  - b) Check to Stan for reimbursement of mileage (one way, other way shared with township) to lake conference.
  - c) Jim alerted re need to update authorized signers. Will do so after next annual meeting and subsequent election.
  - d) Question of whether to put most of balance in CD vs (current procedure) in very low interest bearing savings account. Tabled for decision by new officers in September.
- 6) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** – (2-minute timelines per person, 15 minutes allotted)
  - a) No public comment at meeting
  - b) Stan discussed a summer outdoor party at his house. Details to follow.
- 7) **Committee Reports** (5 minutes per person)
  - a) **Water Quality** - Nathan
    - i) Discussion re upcoming (12/11/18) Water Quality Workshop led by producers at Wisconsin Dells. This is a very good program and other counties have seen significant enthusiasm amongst farmers as the program has been shown to maintain or increase crop yield at lower cost due to less fertilizer and a more “healthy soil.” We would like to identify a Jefferson County farmer/advocate to attend. Ideally would enlist County Agent to assist, but hiring for Jefferson County position currently in progress and new person not onboard till September at earliest. A discussion ensued re best way to identify a candidate and it was decided Nathan would draft a letter to the Dodge County agent asking for advice and discuss at next meeting. We could also consider expanding the area of eligible candidates to include the Crawfish watershed. However, this would dilute the amount of grant/capita as the \$40,000 (maximum) would need to be shared.
  - b) **Membership and Lake Recreation** – Alex/Jim

Jim pointed out that most of the members are long time members but that there has been some jumps, i.e., 15 new members in 2017 and 11 so far in 2018. This compares to the usual of 2-3/ year the previous six years with a high of 7.

- i) Affiliates 3
  - ii) Family 109
  - iii) Individual 17
  - iv) Total - 124 memberships
  - v) Donation only 4
- c) **Public Outreach** (advocacy, communications, education, events & promotions) – nothing to report.
- 8) **Other Report** – (5 minutes per report)
- a) **County representative** – Patricia absent.
  - b) **JRLC** – An email re the association/keyhole piers situation was sent to the town board for comment. They have not yet responded. Apparently there is a laudable effort to get the town and city ordinances to match. Also, it was noted that the City will only put up the yellow caution sign when warranted by high bacterial levels.
- 9) **Old Business**
- a) RLIA position on association/keyhole piers.  
An RLIA position statement was drafted, sent to DNR for review who returned it to us for some alterations. These were done and the statement sent back to the DNR for final OK , motion made and passed to accept once DNR finished, which has subsequently occurred and the statement has been posted on our website.
  - b) Discussion on water sampling needs: tabled.
  - c) Publicity for lake plan once lake report is completed: tabled
  - d) Lake info - graph update – Susan: tabled
  - e) Update on Lake Market round-up. Susan’s posted nicely displayed.
  - f) Update on Stewardship Plaque. This is an annual award for outstanding work and this year will be award to St. Paul’s. Various ideas discussed including wooden plaque including lake topography. Susan was absent but working on other ideas – motion made and accepted to authorize up to \$200 for suitable award.
  - i) Update on native plantings at dam outlet and whether we need to participate. Overtaken by events.
- 10) **New Business**
- a) Select nominating committee. Stan will chair, with Mike and Jim serving . It was noted that there will be 5 positions open, including two where the incumbents are leaving the area. Filling these positions is critical and a discussion was held regarding the sense that despite solid membership numbers, the general level of enthusiasm and commitment seems to be low. Could this be because the lake seems so healthy and thus little impetus to get involved? A “We need you” message will be drafted (Mike) and sent out.
  - b) Annual Meeting ((8/18/18) at Korth Park. Will need to focus on elections, Lake Management Plan, and Treasurer’s report (will be sent out in advance). Will invite Lake Police to address and consider other speakers and enticements, e.g., coffee and donuts.
  - c) Participation in Fall Festival. Would require a permit, discussion inconclusive and tabled.
  - d) Need for new logo. A local artist has expressed interest and this will be pursued.
  - e) Need for new promotional materials for sale. Tabled.
  - f) Select dates for capacity building and/or strategic planning. Tabled pending new board.
  - g) Application for small lake grant (2/1/19). Tabled for new board (October)

- h) Consideration of additional lake clean-up effort, this one from aboard boats was brought up by Nathan. At first consideration was given to hiring a commercial hoist/barge but it seems cost would be prohibitive. But possibility of doing it on a smaller scale, e.g., using regular boats and volunteers diving (not scuba) to bring small items up was discussed and will be left to new board.

11) **Adjourn** – made and passed 8:45 p.m.

12) **Next Meeting:** Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Mills City Hall