

ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for May 21, 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 Nesemann*, Nathan Pyles, Stan Smoniewski, Lianna Spencer*, Susan Trier* Guest: Patricia Cicero *Absent
- 2) Motion and second to approve the agenda – Jim / Stan, passed
- 3) **Good News Minute** – meeting participants shared recent good news
- 4) **Secretary’s Report** – approve April 2018 Minutes, Jim / Nathan, passed
- 5) **Treasurer’s Report** –
 - a) April financial statements were distributed by Jim
 - b) Checks distributed to reimburse authorized expenses
 - c) Continue with Amazon smile program - Stan / Nathan passed
- 6) **Public Comment(s)/Correspondence** – (2-minute timelines per person, 15 minutes allotted)
 - a) No public comment at meeting
 - b) Annual membership mailing - Return on “for in service requested” holds for arrival but costs \$1.22 each, four were returned
 - c) Lake Homeowner packets - two of 19 returned from post office, plan to check addresses and re-send/deliver
 - d) Lake Services Catalog received
 - e) Rock River Reflections received
 - f) Email - swimmer’s itch - invitation to participate in country wide research - Wes to research
- 7) **Committee Reports** (5 minutes per person)
 - a) **Water Quality** - Nathan
 - i) Good news - Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants- State of WI has tripled overall funding
 - ii) Plan to utilize Lake Management Plan as a guide to execute actions
 - iii) Jefferson county is interviewing candidates for multi county position for Natural Resource Educator (emphasis on Producer Led Watershed Protection council)
 - iv) City of Oconomowoc has successful phosphorus reduction program
 - b) **Membership and Lake Recreation** - Alex
 - i) Affiliates 3
 - ii) Family 107
 - iii) Individual 14
 - iv) Total - 124 memberships
 - v) Donation only 3
 - c) **Public Outreach** (advocacy, communications, education, events & promotions) – Susan
 - i) **Land shore 101 workshop**
 - (1) approximately 22 individuals form watershed and presenters and coordinators and other lakes. Presenter was positive
 - (2) Workshop donation received \$2.06
 - (3) Next workshop June 8, 2018 in Oconomowoc area.

- (4) Patrick one of the presenter is willing to visit shore land areas with homeowners.
- (5) Presentation will be available on Lake Mills public TV.
- (6) Susan to put together flyer to TV link and next workshop.
- (7) Susan to put together portfolio of information to hand out to homeowners
- (8) Overall impression - good speakers
- ii) **Clean Up**
 - (1) Fifty people, 25 from St. Paul's school
 - (2) Pre-season for garlic mustard
 - (3) 25 people participated in the pizza afterward
 - (4) Next Year
 - (a) Goal to time the event it better with seasonal weather for garlic mustard
 - (b) Consider taking a year from pulling garlic mustard and install plants instead
 - (c) Consider how does garlic mustard pulling contributes to Rock Lake water quality.
- iii) **Culver's Night** - \$252 donation
- 8) **Other Report** – (5 minutes per report)
 - a) **County representative** – Patricia
 - i) Wednesday, May 23, 2018 train new Clean Boats / Clean Water personnel. Two people are continuing from last year
 - ii) Update on Pie Lake Association - no update from Wi DNR
 - iii) Participate in native planting by American Legion - follow up next month, Susan to contact the volunteer
 - b) **JRLC** – Stan
 - i) New brochures printed
 - c) **WI Lakes Convention Reports** – Susan, Stan, Patricia and Wes
 - i) All attended - It was great.
 - ii) Susan proposes that we talk about direction / what we want to accomplish.
 - (1) Conduct capacity survey / planning - for three evening
 - (a) Do individually and then discuss
 - (2) Think about lake in different ways - membership / resources
 - (3) Capacity of members of association / capacity of community to support association / capacity of association to accomplish activities / capacity of the ongoing relationships the association has with the community
 - (4) Small scale management grant is available through the DNR. May be less competitive to obtain.
 - iii) Stan
 - (1) Summer strategy session for RLIA would be good
 - (2) Long term goals (for example - shoreline workshop / model installation / outreach to property owner adjacent to shoreline
 - (3) Annual lake policy update - county conservation funding is about the same, rip/rap rules are looser, isolated wetland destruction allowed - urban fill one acres or less, rural three acres or less, additional funding for Producer-Led Watershed protection, grandfather period for any structures illegally placed for 10 years or more is grandfathered in and can be repaired. Foxcom and associated developments a concern
- 9) **Old Business**
 - a) Continue discussion on water sampling needs
 - i) Call into DNR - need consistent sampling spots / data sheets / bottle / etc.
 - b) Do we go ahead and publish lake management report w/o DNR input? - DNR responding to other urgent needs. Put DRAFT on RLIA website with disclaimer that DNR has not finalize review Jim / Stan passed

- c) Need to discuss publicity for lake plan once lake report is completed
- d) Lake info - graph update - Susan
 - i) No update - straw man and brainstorming, end of June
- e) Homeowner's packet update - Susan and /or Patricia
 - i) See above
- f) Update on Goose count
 - i) City of Lake Mills may plan to do goose round up

10) New Business

- a) Do we close savings?
 - i) Fourteen-month CD - every four months ladder \$2,500 and then close savings account, Stan / Wes - passed
- b) Close PayPal – motion not seconded
- c) Website software – Stan
 - i) Demo of lake kit.net - websites for WI are Organizations
 - ii) Existing 2011 website design software is near end of life, current site does not scale to portable devices,
 - iii) Plan to launch new website design over winter 2018 / 2019
 - iv) Word press software is the preferred software
 - v) Further investigation will be conducted by Stan
- d) Does RLIA take a position on association piers?
 - i) Discussion included having RLIA taking a position that piers need to comply with obtaining permit as required per regulations
- e) Stewardship nominations
 - i) Nomination for St. Paul two years of participation in Rock Lake cleanup. Jim / Stan passed

11) **Adjourn** – Jim / Alex, passed 8:45 p.m.

12) **Next Meeting:** Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Mills City Hall