

RLPOA General Membership Meeting June 21, 2008

Board Members Present: Bob Strachota, Tom Kintzinger, John Otterlei, Wally Narr, Terry Kingston, Al Reinemann, Sue Kintzinger and Jack Ardoyno.

Board Member not present: Jim Nancekivell

Attendance: approximately 40+ including board members

MOTIONS:

1. Last General membership meeting 5/26/2007 minutes approved unanimously.
2. Should RLPOA pursue/investigate Round & Little Round Lake becoming a special tax district. Yea about 4 and Nay approximately 36 and consequently the motion did not pass.
3. RLPOA should meet with LCO Tribe to explore common interests. Passed Unanimously.
4. Bob Strachota and Jack Ardoyno new Board terms from 10/2007 to 10/2010. Passed Unanimously.
5. Jim Tiffany elected to RLPOA Board replacing Sue Kintzinger who resigned – Passed Unanimously. His Board term will extend to 10/2010.

Membership: Wally Narr stated that 2007 was a record year with 405 paid members. So far in 2008 we have 91 paid members.

Treasurer: John Otterlei reported that membership yearly fee going to \$25/year and also requesting \$25/year for milfoil. Total funds approximately \$60,000+ with about \$10,000 in milfoil fund and \$23,000 in water level defense fund.

Water Quality: Terry Kingston reported that milfoil costs this spring will be about \$6100 for treating 11 acres. Seven acres were treated in Round Lake and four acres in Little Round Lake.

Areas recently treated on June 18, 2008:

Leder Bay – 1 acre
Schoolhouse bay – 1 acre
Hinton Bay – 3.5 acres
Musky Bay – 0.5 acre
Richardson Bay – 1 acre
Little Round – 4 acres

Aquatic Plant Management Study required by WDNR so that in the future over 10 contiguous acres can be treated for milfoil if necessary. Terry Kingston asked for and got 6 volunteers to attend two meetings of two hours each as part of the requirement to complete the study. A survey was also passed out and completed by most of the attendees to satisfy another requirement. If all requirements are met RLPOA will be

eligible for a \$10,000 WDNR grant to partially offset the cost of paying **Harmony Environmental** to do the Round Lake biology analysis part of the study last summer.

Water Level: Bob Strachota talked about preliminary communications with an RLPOA member (Purdin) and consideration of hiring a Madison law firm “Foley & Lardner” at \$250 to \$500/hour. Primary purpose is to better communicate with Madison WDNR officials. Also discussed hiring a local attorney as well to better communicate with local officials. Talked about need for a “political” solution. Quite a bit of discussion and two problems keep coming up and they are: **minimum flow** interpretations lowering Round Lake and lack of County compliance with **1941 PSC authorized water levels**. Bob Strachota will go to Madison and talk with Foley law firm. Recently approved WDNR flood levels unnecessarily restrict management options. The County has made a preliminary commitment to spend \$175,000 on the Carlson Dam and needs to follow WDNR guidelines and permitting process. RLPOA does not have financial resources at this time to take over ownership of Carlson Dam and liability would also be a concern.

Bob Strachota emphatically stated that RLPOA did not have any knowledge about who was responsible for welding two metal plates into the Carlson Dam recently.

Fish: Al Reinemann talked about fishing in Round Lake with somewhat favorable report. RLPOA donated \$1500 to LCO tribe for walleye extended fry stocking last fall.

Water Safety: Jack Ardoyno stated that buoys will be placed in Schoolhouse Bay in next couple of days. Also stated that some lights had been corrected on some of the other buoys.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Kintzinger, RLPOA VP & Secretary