

RLPOA General Membership Meeting June 27, 2009 Minutes

Location: Round Lake Town Hall at 9 AM

All Board Members Present: Strachota, Kintzinger, Otterlei, Reinemann, Ardoyno, Narr, Kollodge, Tyson, and Tiffany.

55 total members attended

Treasurer report: John Otterlei notes we have about \$68,000 in cash and that we just received \$10,000 from WDNR for Aquatic Plant Management Study reimbursement through the efforts of Otterlei & Kintzinger. Accounting has to note large Hausman non cash gift of several hundred thousand dollars for next few years.

Bob Strachota apologized for the **newsletter** coming out a little late because of communication issues with Advanced Printing. Because of this individual membership dating not on newsletter. Strachota asked for newsletter volunteer. (Addendum” **Carl Scheider** has volunteered for this).

MILFOIL: Kintzinger noted that there is Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant money available (75%) and that application for same will be done by early deadline August 1, 2009. (*Addendum: application for over \$80,000 for 2 or 3 years completed by 8/1/09 largely due to consultative help of Dan Tyrolt*). It is understood that milfoil treatment money will most likely not be in any future budget cuts by State of WI. Consequently money will most likely be available for some time obviating any need for tax district if there ever was one.

RLPOA needs to keep track of milfoil (AIS) volunteer time and any boat use because that is reimbursed by WDNR. WDNR record keeping forms passed out at meeting by Kintzinger.

Frank Tyson & Dan Kollodge were introduced as the new board members in charge of water quality and treating milfoil. Subsequent to meeting it was determined that Tyson will manage the detection and monitoring of milfoil and Kollodge will be in charge of administrative duties. Dan Tyrolt will continue to be a paid consultant. Kollodge will reportedly meet with Terry Kingston prior board member heading water quality. New process for reporting milfoil and shoreline volunteers will be started.

Tyrolt can be reached at 634-2353 or cell 715-699-0641. Pretreatment milfoil survey this spring requested 3 acres of treatment on Little Round & 9 acres on Big Round. WDNR only allowed about 6 acres of treatment in total. Chemical concentration increased this year to #150 pounds per acre from #100. Spring treatment cost over \$5418. (Addendum: another major treatment is planned for early September of 2009 mainly in Leder & Schoolhouse Bays if WDNR approves).

Tyson said milfoil out of control on Richardson Bay.

Zebra Mussels not a problem yet.

Snails no exotic ones yet and can be host for “swimmers itch”

Reportedly can use hose at Round Lake Marina to spray off milfoil.

Hinton Bay has problem with increased vegetation apparently from increased fertilizer use. New state laws coming soon concerning fertilizer and **Wisconsin Association of Lakes** has info on this.

Water Level: Kintzinger states that RLPOA wants to modify the 1941 PSC Order not to vacate it. The purpose is to reduce likelihood of lawsuit against Sawyer County.

Wording should include language so that there is not a fixed absolute high management water level. **Water level petition** distributed and will be on website.

Placid Diversion Canal supplies about 2-3% of Round Lake Water. Volume flowing thru dam has been measured by engineers in past at about 1 cubic foot second. There is still water flowing thru the canal even during this drought time. There may be a public notice in paper soon concerning Placid Diversion Canal So members asked to keep on the lookout for this.

Dredging under Highway B Bridge brought up and it was suggested that interested members need to get together to form committee. RLPOA will support dredging and help pay for same but there needs to be a volunteer committee spearheading this effort. No one stepped forward to do this at the meeting.

Fish: Smallmouth biting.

Reinemann showed new synthetic fish crib material and will contact WDNR.

(Addendum – these have been approved by WDNR pending public review).

These cribs weigh several hundred pounds. Old cribs don't last because made of wood and concrete. New cribs should last much longer.

Membership: Wally Narr states that in 2007 RLPOA had 405 paid members, 2008 had 384 paid members and so far in 2009 66 “which is not unusual” for this time of year.

Usually get 100 or so members after each newsletter and a few dozen with two reminder mailings per year. Newsletter is sent to all homeowners plus some government organization and other associations.

Jim Tiffany will be replacing Wally Narr when Narr sells his house and moves out of area.

Water Safety by Jack Ardoyno: Buoy lights destroyed at entrance to Hinton Bay.

Ardoyno has been authorized by RLPOA Board to replace these at recent board meeting and to be reimbursed. Round Lake Marina helpful by providing their service pontoon and personal to deploy buoys.

Not practical for RLPOA to mark all hazards during this low water time and would need WDNR approval. Reportedly there is a big rock 75 feet off Famous Dave's to left. Log floating in Hinton Bay. Rocks stacked at opening to Hinton Bay.

We need a volunteer to attend **Sawyer County Lakes Forum (SCLF)** four times per year (Reinemann has volunteered for this). SCLF did write a letter asking for more prompt action on water level issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kintzinger, RLPOA Secretary & VP