

RLAA Board Meeting Minutes for October 9 2018

Location: Maple Grove Public Library (Room 107)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Regular RLAA Board Meeting

- **Call to Order at 7:08 pm**
 - Present: George, Rick, Mike, Scott, Jeremy
 - Absent: Luke, Mark, Curt
- **Approve the Agenda**
 - Add Alternative aerator (diffuser model) discussion
- **Old Business**
 - **Dredging (DIY) update? (Scott)**
 - Update on a DIY version of dredging the channel
 - Due to red tape (DNR) and difficulty in getting a solid estimate, putting this topic on hold for the time being. Will pursue having a contractor do the dredging instead.
 - **Possible Alternate Boat Ramp site**
 - Do we want to begin pursuing this? If so, who wants to own it?
 - Mike had previously spoken with the City and their contention was that if a proposed ramp was to be on City property, it would need to be made available to everyone (public access).
 - Board consensus was that we still need to pursue a potential boat ramp alternative in case we do lose access to the one we have now. We need to keep looking into this.
 - **Alternative Aerator (diffuser style) discussion (Scott)**
 - Weeders Digest company does not seem forthcoming with providing us with any information on what they can offer us, so Scott suggested not working with them on this.
 - Jeremy said his contact at Keeton Aquatics provided a robust, expensive alternative (\$30k), but maybe we can get them to scale that down to something more practical for us.
 - George is also trying to get an estimate from 10000 Lakes, who provided the system on nearby Lake Edward.
- **Treasurer Report (Mike)**
 - Have approximately \$24,000 in the bank with just 1 dues payment since September.
 - Dues receipts slightly down from last year – right around \$5,000.
- **2018-2019 Projects**
 - **Carp Assessment (George)**
 - Last of 3 electrofishing surveys completed on 9/25 with similar results to the previous 2 surveys. The sole trap netting survey for juvenile carp did not turn up much. Final report summary will be available by late October with a follow up meeting with Fish/Rice lake in November.
 - No payments have been made yet for this project, as we await billing from WSB.
 - **Channel Dredging (George/Scott/Gary)**
 - Lowest bid to date is TDT for \$15,000. May discount if include Gross rip-rap.
 - Still need to confirm with City if they would contribute something.
 - George will follow up with the new City contact (Derek Asche replacing Rick Lestina) to see what the City could do with us.
 - Boaters Fund to off-set rip-rap and dredging cost isn't looking too good, since we don't even have many of the boaters even paying dues yet.
 - We need to revisit those who use the lake and don't pay dues.
- **New Business**
 - **RLAA Insurance coverage – should we pursue? (Jeremy/George)**
 - Many non-profits carry coverage for liability.
 - Should we pursue getting our own policy?

- Both Jeremy and George are seeking insurance estimates, which will be shared with the board for a vote.
 - **Winter Aerator installation plans (George)**
 - Timing - Board voted 5-1 (2 no replies) to put in **AFTER** ice is in this winter (2018-2019)
 - Move equipment out of storage by early November
 - Wait until ice forms before putting aerator/signage in
 - Either cut out hole in ice ourselves or hire someone (10000 Docks for \$300?)
 - George later got a bid from 10000 Docks for \$300 as long as ice is 12" or less.
 - Board later agreed via e-mail to hire 10000 Docks to drill hole for us.
 - Preparation Activities
 - Obtained Lake Management Committee approval (**DONE**)
 - Obtained RLAA Board approval (**DONE**)
 - Submitted permit request to DNR; awaiting approval (**DONE**)
 - 10/10 – DNR approved permit request.
 - Submitted local newspaper notice to run in November (**DONE**)
 - Ad will run on November 8 & 15 at cost of \$124.04
 - Working with electrician (Robert Nelson) to prepare motor for operation (since ceased working end of last spring) (George)
 - Motor was checked out by electrician (Robert Nelson) who determined that it needs to be either repaired (at least \$150) or replaced (\$315 plus tax).
 - Board later agreed via e-mail to REPLACE at \$315 plus tax. George authorized the electrician to do this work.
 - Contact Xcel in October to give them start date for power (George)
 - **Season-ending Buoy Removal (George)**
 - We postponed last weekend due to low numbers and undesirable temperatures.
 - Buoys removed on Sunday (10/21) for the season and stored at Schneider marina.
- **Adjourned at 8:45 pm**