

These notes will follow the agenda items listed below. See the complete meeting presentation for content shared at the May 2nd annual meeting.

RLAA 2023 Annual Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and call to order
- Rice Lake
- Updates
- Initiatives
- Financials
- Open Forum and Adjournment

Meeting was started at 7:10 pm by RLAA President Hente Braam. An introduction was done of the 5 of 10 board members present. There was a total of 22 residents present, including board members. Each member was introduced to show where they lived on the map.

Questions brought up by members during the presentation included the following:

- **Winterkill:** Do we feel that we lost a lot of fish with the harsh winter conditions (early/long ice and snow cover)?
 - There was winterkill of what appeared to be mostly young sunfish and carp, with occasional largemouth bass, perch, northern pike and bullhead. However, this was not considered a major fish kill and many other lakes in the metro area also experienced kills (including West Arbor Lake, which is deeper).
 - A fish stocking will be done this year to add sunfish, crappies, largemouth bass, perch and some walleye.
- **Carp Removal:** What happened with this joint venture project with Fish Lake?
 - Efforts to net the carp when they congregated was not successful. Over the 3-year period the carp never bunched up where they could be easily netted. The radio tags expired last year where they were unable to be tracked.
 - Future attempts may be undertaken to net if needed.
 - Note: 2022 Fish Survey conducted by Blue Water Science showed a slight decrease in the carp #s.
- **Algae components:** What is being done to reduce nutrient levels in the lake?
 - A sub-watershed assessment of Rice Lake is being conducted by a consultant. The 1st draft was recently reviewed and comments were submitted to the consultant by way of the City of Maple Grove. The expectations are to identify some worthwhile projects which would reduce the nutrient input directly into the lake from the local watershed (not the entire Elm Creek Watershed, which is part of the state TMDL project)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Board Members TO DO items:

1. **Ultrasonic Algae treatment:** This alternative treatment method was raised by resident Paul Ray, who started to do some research if it would work on Rice Lake. It would be very costly (over \$1,000,000) but grants may be available to absorb some cost.
 - a. RLAA Board will review this suggestion and report back on their findings.