

Rock Lake Improvement Association
Minutes for June 13, 2011

1. Call to Order – Introductions and Approval of Agenda

- Present: Johanna Chworowsky, Larry Clark, Ken Hobbs, Scott Johnson, Hope Oostdik, Stan Smoniewski, and Milt Strauss.
- Absent: Barb Smith-Baker, Carl Glassford, and Andy Petraszak.
- The agenda was accepted with minor changes.

2. Secretaries Report – Minutes from May 9, 2011 meeting

- A motion by Larry and seconded by Johanna to accept the amended minutes. Motion carries.

3. Treasurer's Report - Financial Statement and Membership Report - Check Summary by Scott Johnson

- Two checks have been written since the last Treasurer's report: Postmaster for PO Box Rental (\$96.00) and Hack Company for a new water meter (\$1,158.95).

4. Public Comment – 2 minute limit per person, 15 minutes allotted to this agenda item

- Jeanne Scherer - Thought the Aquatic Plant Seminar sponsored by RLIA was useful.

5. Correspondence

- Pete Spencer – Sent questions via e-mail regarding the density of the lily pods on the Mill Pond. The County will investigate the ability to take a boat from home owner's docks to Rock Lake via Mill Pond. County staff have already responded to Mr. Spencer.

6. Committees Reports

a. Management Plan Summary – Part Five - Andy and others

- Delayed until next month.

b. Publicity/Membership – Activities- Review dates – Brochure

- Town and Country Days – RLIA booth starts 3:00 PM Friday, June 24 and continues on Saturday, June 25. Board members are asked to cover 1 or 2 two hour shifts.
- Goose Count – 9:00 AM Thursday, June 16
- New T-shirt design featuring the Three Sisters (boathouses) was shown. The Board voted on colors.

c. Making Waves

- The history of the Three Sisters (boathouses) on Rock Lake (which is on the new t-shirts) will be the next article; also will add an update on the grants. In July, the committee will focus on making video disks from the April Aquatic Plant Seminar available for checkout at the Lake Mills Public Library.

d. Education –

- A clean-up involving students was held from 9:30 AM to Noon, May 16 beginning at Bartels Beach. Seven students and eight adults came. Stan and Patricia along with Aleta Edwards from the High School led two groups.

e. Grant for new meter – report

- RLIA has paid for and received the new meter. Patricia and Larry will complete the paper work with the State to receive the funds from the grant.

f. Grant Committee Update

- A number of Board members met with 19 homeowners on June 1. Reviewed information and asked for input.
- Larry and Milt attended and updated the Joint Rock Lake Committee on June 7.
- Met with Joe Nehmer, Jefferson County Parks Departments, to keep him informed. The Parks Department is a key stake holder.
- Drafts of the revised Lake Planning Grants have been sent to Sue Graham, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, for her preliminary review.
- Will be sending the approved grants to a number of engineering firms requesting their proposal.
- A motion to approve the re-scoped Lake Planning Grants with the addition of Dr. Ken Potter and graduate students, from the University of Wisconsin Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Dr. Potter and graduate students will collect and analyze additional data at a reduced cost, allowing more data to be collected to support development of an engineering solution. Dr. Potter's

work is in addition to the engineering firm who is awarded the work was made by Scott and seconded by Hope. Motion carries.

- A draft copy of the Request for Proposals: Engineering Services for Sediment and Water Quality Controls in the Miljala Channel Tributary for Rock Lake was reviewed by the Board.

g. Frog Count – Nolan

- Will present a final report at the July Board meeting.

h. Joint Rock Lake Committee Report

- Writing a letter supporting the 2007 ordinance (except for the bonding portion) to the City of Lake Mills. In addition, the letter is asking the City to consider Patricia Cicero's report and answer the questions she has raised. Members of the Committee will attend the July 19 City Works meeting.

i. County Staff Representative Report – may be given as needed

- Two research scientists from the DNR have taken samples of filamentous algae blooms on Rock Lake this summer; their report was read.
- Working with the Town of Lake Mills on the invasive signage at boat landings The State has required all of the old signs to be taken down and replaced with the one approved sign. The State wants one sign which is consistent with their message on print media, web site, etc. She will be working with the City on this issue soon.
- The elimination of the ban on phosphorous in home fertilizer has been dropped from the State Budget. However, a new motion to allow stores to display home fertilizer with phosphorous has been made.

7. Old Business

a. Report on proposed City zoning ordinance as it pertains to Rock Lake

- A review of the proposed City zoning ordinance will be held at 6:00 PM, July 19. There will be a public comment time period. The 2007 ordinance is closer to the Town's zoning ordinance. This is an important topic to RLIA as one of the top goals of the association is to bring the City and Town shoreline zoning ordinances in line.
- A motion to write a RLIA position paper regarding City zoning ordinance was made by Stan and seconded by Larry. Motion carries. Milt will take the lead with assistances of Board and the County.

b. State regulation changes - Phosphorus issue and other, if needed

- See above

c. Other

- Nothing was brought up at this time.

8. New Business

a. Nominating Committee

- A motion to elect Julie Clark, Jim Colgrove and Joe Harcarik to the 2011 Nominating Committee was made by Hope and seconded by Johanna. Motion carries.

b. Other

- Stan created copies of part 1 and 2 of the April Aquatic Plant Seminar. He will be obtaining part 3, the final portion of the seminar.
- Annual Meeting
 - A motion to have the annual meeting at 9:00 AM August 20 with an alternate date of August 27 was made by Johanna and seconded by Larry. Motion carries.
 - Board members are requested to have their individual reports for The Annual Report by the July Board meeting. While the by-laws indicate the Annual Report should be published one week before the Annual meeting, the Board will strive to have the Annual Report on the Web site by August 1.

9. Other

- a. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

10. Adjournment - A motion by Hope and seconded by Larry to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM. Motion carried.