

ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes from the October 10, 2011 Meeting

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1. Call to Order – Introductions and Approval of Agenda

- Roll Call: Members Present: Johanna Chworowsky, Larry Clark, Jim Colegrove, , Carl Glassford, Scott Johnson, Andy Petraszak, Jeanne Scherer, Stan Smoniewski, Milt Strauss,
- Members Absent: Ken Hobbs
- The meeting was called to order by Andy at 6:30 PM.

2. Secretary's Report –

- Minutes from August meeting were read. Minor corrections were made. The amended minutes are accepted.
- Minutes from September meeting were read. The minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report - Financial Statement and Membership Report

- Financial Report as of October 10, 2011 presented by Jim:
 - Lake Grant: \$11,959.45
 - PayPal Checking: \$1.00
 - RLIA Checking: \$9,319.35
 - RLIA Savings: \$6,258.83
 - Total Bank Accounts: \$27,538.63
- Membership Report as of October 10, 2011 presented by Carl:
 - 179 total memberships
 - There are 124 family memberships, 51 individual memberships and 4 corporate memberships.
 - A motion by Johanna and seconded by Stan to inform members (after October 1) in the thank you note that the membership is for calendar year 2012.

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

- Jan Jenrich - Suggested that the Board reform the bylaws committee to: 1) indicate that the election of Board officers take place at either the Annual Meeting or the first Board meeting thereafter, 2) tweak a few bylaws issues and 3) start a policy page as an addendum to the bylaws. The Board decided to discuss reforming the Bylaws Committee at the November meeting.

5. Correspondence –

- Rose Gallery requested that they sell the RLIA t-shirts on consignment. A motion by Scott and seconded by Carl to let the Rose Gallery and other businesses know there will be one business who can offer the RLIA t-shirts to their customers as a service and no commission or consignment can be charged. The business can rotate periodically, generally annually at the will of the RLIA Board. Motion carries.
- A business approached Andy if a certificate of recognition for businesses who take out a corporate membership. A motion by Johanna and seconded by Scott to provide a certificate of recognition for businesses who take a out a corporate RLIA membership and,

if desired, recognize their names on the web site. Motion by Larry and seconded by Carl to table this motion until next the RLIA meeting. Motion to table the motion passes.

6. Committees Reports –

a. Lake Mills fall Festival

- RLIA had a display which included historical pictures of the lake. There was good attendance at the table as people were interested in the history of Rock Lake. This is an effective way to discuss lake issues. In addition, six t-shirts were sold and one membership.

b. Grant Committee Update

- Ken and Larry presented to the September Rotary Club. Some members were aware of Rock Lake issues while others were not aware of any issues, believing that the lake is pristine. Larry suggested that RLIA attempt to meet with more civic groups, City and Town Boards as well as the public at large to share the need for stewardship of the lake.
- Our consultant, Steve Gaffield, professors from the University of Madison and nine university students who will be assisting on the grant met with Board members at the Miljala Channel and ditch. The professors and students represented a broad range of related (lake) disciplines. Three core soil samples were taken behind the turbidity curtain (filtering screen) in the Miljala Channel as well as some water samples from the ditch itself were also taken.
- Soft shell turtles lay their eggs on the south shore of Rock lake and a number of turtles cross Highway B to lay their eggs on the other side of the road. Some of the turtles and their offspring die while crossing the road. The university students are interested in adding this to the study.

c. Publicity / PR Committee Report

- Jeanne had a Making Waves article in the Leader regarding the RLIA grant presentation at the ditch and channel.
- A speakers bureau, composed of members and Board members would be a good idea to develop.

d. Joint Rock Lake Committee (JRL) Report

- Excessive noise levels on the lake, raised at the RLIA Annual Meeting, were discussed at JRL. A nuisance ordinance could be written but it is hard to enforce.
- Vehicles on the lake and sunken vehicles on the lake were preliminarily discussed.
- Chloride testing in the deepest part of the Lake was recently taken this Fall. This will be repeated next Spring. These tests have not been done since the late 1980's. These prior tests can serve as a baseline. Also, samples will be taken at the outlet at the Mill Pond this Fall and Spring and at run off events.
- The Rock Lake Plan of 47 initiatives were presented by Ken and Larry. JRL will consider which initiatives are the responsibility of JRL. Communication between the two groups was discussed.

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

- Tonight (10/10/11) is the night where a fish biologist shocks the fish, nets the floaters and measures the fish. The fish are returned unharmed to the Lake.
- Assembly Bill #165 would do away with restricting the display of phosphorous in home fertilizers at retail shops. A compromise measure is to only allow starter fertilizer to be displayed publically.
- Wisconsin Lakes Communication: The Governor has proposed special session that will among many other measures affect water quality and wetland protection in Wisconsin. Legislation is expected to move very quickly through the session with potentially little notice.
- RLIA can consider its role in events such as the Knickerbocker Ice Festival and in the ice fishing tournament. Also, consider a campaign with the City of Lake Mills and Jefferson County Councils regarding lake issues to engage the City in the management of the lake. Suggest getting together to brain storm for ideas in order to present topics in a way that RLIA is seen as a beneficial organization and not nuisance.

7. Old Business

- a. State regulation changes – Phosphorus issue and other, if needed
 - Covered above

8. New Business

- a. Request for funds
 - Jan Jenrich is heading up a home owners group that will dredge the channel at a cost of \$8,000.00 from the culvert (at the road) to the turbidity curtain this Fall. In Spring, the plan is to strengthen the turbidity curtain by adding more posts. She is requesting funds from RLIA to help support the project.
 - A motion by Johanna and seconded by Larry to consider making a contribution from the general funds to support the dredging of the channel this Fall. Motion fails.

9. Other Items

- a. Next regular meeting Monday November 14 , 2011 at 6:30 pm.

10. Adjournment

- A motion by Jim and seconded by Larry to end the meeting at 8:53 PM. Motion carries.