



Roberts Lake Association
... the general promoting, improvement,
and protection of the property, natural beauty
and resources of Roberts Lake.

Roberts Lake Association Spring Membership Meeting Agenda

Date: Saturday, May 27, 2023

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Roberts Lake Association Clubhouse, Krahn Court

• 9:00 am Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Nack, President

• Condolences to the families of:

- Pete Dietzler
- Mary Garrity
- Butch VanAsten and his granddaughter Kennedy
- Ronald B. Piontek
- Dorothy Perpich
- Don Gehrt
- Gene Bonét

• 9:10 Secretary's Report: was emailed in the fall and is online at robertslake.com

- Please note: meeting minutes will no longer be read at the beginning of each meeting. The previous meeting's minutes were attached to the spring email newsletter. They are also posted on robertslake.com and the Roberts Lake Facebook page.

• 9:20 Treasurer's Report: Rick Dietzler, Treasurer

• Fisheree Report

- 2022 was the best year yet. Income was up but expenses were also up.

• Balance Sheet

- Informationally: the first check issued for combatting Eurasian Water Milfoil was in 2015, since then the association has spent \$67,000 on remediation efforts

• 9:40 Old Business: Bob Nack

• Loon Report:

- Jim Borche and Rob Gazella took over last year.
- Loons are state and federally protected animals as the loon population is seriously diminishing in the Midwest. Jim and Bob must issue two annual reports per the loon situation on Roberts Lake.
- They totally rebuilt the three loon platforms last year due to muskrat damage. One in each of Turtle Bay, East Bay and Reed Bay. The platforms are easily seen with metal stakes and prey ropes.

- On May 19 all three loon pairs took to their nests. They will stay on their nests 26-28 days when the eggs will hatch 1 to 2 days apart. The loons will then take to the water and not return to their nests.
- 3 chicks hatched last season, 2 chicks made it to the fall migration to New Mexico.
- **Please stay at least 200 feet from the nesting platforms!** If you see anyone harassing the loons during the season please report it to the association or two Jim or Bob.
- **EWM and Fish Rehabilitation:**
 - **Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)/Lake Management: Brett Kaehne**
 - First located on lake in 2015, since then the Association has spent just shy of \$67,000 on mitigation efforts
 - Large progression from spring 2022 to August 2022
 - Largest colony by Wild Rose Resort
 - Onterra says EWM is beyond hand and DASH harvesting
 - There was discussions of other lakes' struggles with EWM, the possibility of using weevils, distribution of an informational flyer and map to all lake property owners, things people can do to not enhance the spread of EWM (like not gunning boat and jet ski motors near shore and through patches of EWM, reporting large infestations or problems to a board member,
 - Per Board's decision we need an Association-wide vote on the next steps
 - Brett will apply for 2 grants, one for help making a Lake Management Plan, and the second to get help with possible herbicide remediation effort (not 24D but a newer product, ProcellaCOR EC, which provides EWM control and protection of native plants).
 - That entire process will bring us to 2026, the association will look at how other lakes have fared since then, how we have fared, and whether or not we want to move on application of herbicides.
 - Lee Lamers and Gus Nordholm reviewed what they learned about EWM at the Wisconsin Lake and Rivers Convention.
 - A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote for Brett to move forward with Onterra this fall on the application for the first of two grants. Brett will also renew the association's Qualified Lake Association status.
 - **Fish Rehabilitation Project: Gus Nordholm**
 - Association paid to stock 6500 six inch fry in 2022, DNR will stock in 2023
 - DNR will survey the lake every 5 years for fish population, they now think the northern pike population is where they'd like it to be, There's no size limit on large mouth bass or northern so don't catch and release those fish. Take them out of the lake if you catch them.

- Mole Lake Sokogoan Chippewa gave the association a \$5000 donation in late 2022. They have not speared Roberts Lake for quite a number of years.
- Remember there is a slot size of 20"-24" for walleyes.

- **Clubhouse Committee update Vi Lamers**

- Several projects have been completed including painting the ceiling and fixing light fixtures
- Several projects yet to be done:
 - Repairs in men's restroom, repairs in women's restroom, repair and reduce footage of baseboard heaters, replace pegboards and put a Polyurea coating on the floor for an estimated total of \$6400-\$6900. This could all be done before the Fisheree this summer.
- Motion made, seconded and approved by a voice vote for the committee to spend up to \$9000 for improvements to the clubhouse.

- **Fisheree**

- August 12, the second Saturday in August.
- Volunteer sign-up sheets were passed around the group, posters are available.
- The Dietzens, the Trettins, and the Brosts will manage the beer tent this year.
- The association needs to track down who has the folder from Jeannie Weyers that delineates what businesses gave gifts for the raffle over the years, what the content of the letter sent to each business was, and who will chair that job.
- A chairperson for the ring toss game is needed.
- Mary Nack had \$50 worth of raffle tickets available for each association member to sell.
- Charlotte Tongas and Gus Nordholm will co-chair the duties of the fishing contest.

- **4th of July Boat Parade**

- Wild Rose is music on July 1. The boat parade will be that day at 3:00 pm.

- **9:50 New Business:**

- Wisconsin Lake and Rivers Convention Report - Lee Lamers and Gus Nordholm - see EWM discussion above.
- Roberts Lake/Trump Lake Golf Outing will be Saturday, Sept. 9 at 1:00, see the website or Facebook for further details.
- Forest County has a new "Digital Navigator" who will make house calls. Steve Watson. Contact him through the Public Library.
- Reminder of the AED on the side of the Wild Rose by the garbage cans.
- Thank you to helpers yesterday set-up: Russ Senso, Brett Kaehne, Mark Hauser, Dave and Kaye Henning, Pam Callieleri, Cheryl Juedes, Jeff Kaiser, Bob and Mary Nack, and Tony Abitz.

- **For the Good of the Association:**

- Internet on the lake, one option is Bug Tussle, formerly Northwoods Connect.
- Vi and Lee Lamers were given a lifetime membership award because of their years of commitment to the association and to the lake. Thank you and congratulations!



- The winner of the \$10 attendance drawing was Joe Bielinski. He donated the money back to the association.

- **Adjourn**

- Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.

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Annual Dues

Dues are \$10. Please pay Treasurer, Rick Dietzler.