# ROBERTS LAKE ASSOCIATION

Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Roberts Lake Clubhouse



Newsletter for Roberts Lake Association Members and Associate Members May 2019

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

Please remember meeting minutes will no longer be read at the beginning of each meeting. The previous meeting's minutes were attached to the agenda and newsletter.

#### 9 a.m. Call to Order

Pledge/Announcements:

- Condolences to Schroeder family for their loss of JoAnne, she will be missed greatly.
- Welcome new members to the lake: Kurt and Tammy Sebo, Brian and Sheryl Juedes, Barry and Laura Hintz, and Don and Joanne Sievers.
- 9:25 Secretary's Report emailed out
- 9:30 Treasurer's Report motion and accepted (attached)
- 9:40 Old Business
  - Loon Report Lyle- Of the three loon platforms two have nests with eggs, but two white swans near by the nest may affect the hatching. Stay 100 feet from nest. The 20<sup>th</sup> of June may see some chicks.
  - Lake Appreciation Party is July 20, 2019. Pig Roast starts at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. We will have a DJ from 7:00 11:00.
  - Roberts Lake Golf Outing Sept. 7th. Contact Lee Lamers if you'd like to be involved.
  - Update on first responders and ambulance Bob (See attached list of Medical personal on the lake who can respond.)
  - Storage Building Collapse/Update Will be rebuilt. Thanks to everyone who helped with the clean-up. Insurance will cover our loss. Special thanks to Bob and Jeff for taking care of all of our headaches! Walters Builders are under contract to rebuild.
  - EWM/Lake Management-Gus Nordholm reported Milfoil increased in 2018. A lot of Milfoil seen by the Wild Rose Resort. Samples were sent to Montana. We have a highbred milfoil. This milfoil is invasive and grows faster and taller. Should we keep pulling? Will it get to a point and stop spreading? We still have some grant money. We can decrease our cost by reporting we have surveyed the lake. Email Gus @Gusnordholm@gmail.com if you surveyed. He needs the names, date, how many hours and type of boat or if wading. No more grant money available if we do not do a Lake Management Plan. Picture attached of milfoil. We will be surveyed again this summer and they will be pulling again this summer
  - Fish Management Matt McClelland reported on Yellow Perch and Walleye Project. The goal is to flip it back to class A Lake. Our goal is to increase small mouth Bass, Perch and Walleye and get rid of Northern Pike and large mouth Bass. We are working together with the DNR and Mole lake.
  - Winter Fishery Tournament Will be this first week of February. This is a Northern Pike tournament. This will help decrease our Pike. Mole Lake sets up a huge tent and Todd Vesser

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will cook up some of these fish. We need volunteers to help with food, ticket raffle and advertisement. Mark Pendergast will chair the committee. A sign up was sent around and given to Mark. We are fortunate Mole Lake gives us money every year and they did not spear our lake (they will not spear for three years).

- Property next to club house Jeff Kaiser spoke to County. They are working on new ordinance to be passed by summer that addresses abandoned buildings. Please vote for this ordinance.
- Roberts Lake Website SuAnn Senso is the webmaster. Check it out. She is working on a Facebook page as well.

#### 10:00 New Business

- Buoys placement: Sunday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. Be at public boat landing. Thank you everyone for your help.
- Pontoon Parade: Saturday, July 6 at 3:00 p.m. Todd Vesser has given out a prize in the past.
- Fisheree Set-up: Aug. 3 at 8:00am
- Fisheree: Aug. 10th starts at noon. Fishing 7am to 4pm.
- Sign up to volunteer for the Fisheree for a few hours, we still need more help.
- Fisheree Cleanup: Aug. 11 at 8:00 am
- Please sell tickets! Two highest sellers are selling their cottages.
- Wendy Domres and Michelle Blocker volunteered to take over kid games.
- Lee Lamers asked each one of us to get free prizes that can used for the wheel.
- 10:35 For the Good of the Association
- 10:40 Adjourn

<sup>\*\*</sup>If you have items for discussion that are not on the agenda, please contact your board of director.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

\$10.00 – please makes your check payable to Roberts Lake Association. To expedite registering, please have your check ready.

Pay at the meeting or send to:

Treasurer: Rick Dietzler 1331 Evergreen St. West Bend, WI 53095

### FISHEREE TICKETS

Contact: Sally McClelland Phone: 715-473-3805

Or pick up at the meeting.



# E-mails Requested:

Please share your email address with us in order to receive your newsletter online and save the cost of printing and postage. In the future, we plan to send Roberts Lake Association correspondence via electronic communication.

### Positions Open:

This fall we will have several open board positions, up for re-election: Don Schroeder, Gus Nordholm, Scott Schuldes. Will need to replace John McCulloch position due to his moving. Please consider joining the board. It is important that we continue to have strong association representation. The Roberts Lake Association has done many wonderful things for the lake! We want to continue our strong traditions!

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Lake quality and controlling invasives: What do we do next? How do we finance it?

We provided this information in advance of our May 25 meeting to generate discussion, ideas, and opinions concerning where we go from here in controlling invasives in Roberts Lake. This subject is critical to the future quality of Roberts Lake. Anyone with interest in the lake needs to be aware and involved.

# **Background Info**

The Roberts Lake Association has been dealing with an infestation of Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) for about 5 years.

Our control program consists of contracting with Onterra LLC and Aquatic Plant Management LLC (APM). Onterra is a professional lake management consultant. They survey the lake twice a year, locate and provide a GPS map of our EWM, and offer expert consultation services. APM removes EWM from the lake via snorkeling and hand pulling, using GPS coordinates provided by Onterra.

During the Fall Lake Survey performed by Onterra they found a new area of EWM located in front of the 4 cottages and campground area by the Wild Rose Pub. Onterra tells us they have noticed this in other lakes as well, and it could be due to the warm summer last year. Experts tell us the EWM will never be eradicated, and without continuous control efforts, will likely spread.

75% of the costs of hiring Onterra and APM are covered by a DNR grant. Our 25% share can be covered by volunteer work such as surveillance for EWM. However, our volunteer hours are falling short, so we may not qualify for 100% of the available funds. At our May 25 meeting we explained how RLA members can help generate volunteer hours while having a little fun at the same time. So, where do we go from here?

At this time we are into our second EDR Grant from the DNR which will possibly run out in 2020. Possible future funding:

Go it on our own by doing one or more of the following.

- i. Find or develop expertise within RLA to remove EWM
- ii. Hire help on our own without grant funds. Try to increase our income to afford this.
  - i. Improve participation in RLA;
  - ii. Continued help from the Mole Lake Chippewa? They voluntarily contributed \$15,000 over the past 4 years.
  - iii. Engage in bigger, better, fund raising.
  - iv. Find some major benefactors within or outside of RLA
  - ii. Ignore the problem; Wait and see.

Make Plans to attend! Fall Meeting:8/31/2019

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