

Spring Newsletter

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

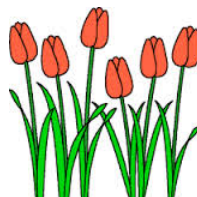
ROBERTS LAKE ASSOCIATION SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Roberts Lake Clubhouse

Coffee, juice and a light breakfast will be served.



Please remember that 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.

AGENDA

- 9AM Call to Order / Pledge/Announcements
- 9:25 Secretary's Report - mailed out
- 9:30 Treasurer's Report
- 9:40 Old Business
 - Loon Report – Lyle
 - Lake Appreciation Party is July 20, 2019
 - Roberts Lake Golf Outing - Sept. 7th-?
 - Update on first responders and ambulance - Bob
 - Storage Building Collapse/Update
 - EWM/Lake Management - Gus
 - Fish Management – Matt
 - Winter Fisheree? Jeff/Bob
 - Roberts Lake Website – Bob

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10:00 New Business

- Buoys placement: Sunday, May 26 at 10:00 am
- Pontoon Parade: Saturday, July 6 at 3:00 pm
- Fisheree Set up: Aug. 3 at 8:00am
- Fisheree: Aug. 10
- Sign up for Fisheree: need more help and someone to take over Kids games as chairperson.
- Fisheree Cleanup: Aug. 11 at 8:00 am
- Fall Meeting: Saturday August 31st.

10:35 for the Good of the Association

10:40 Adjourn

**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

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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. **If you do not have e-mail access, please let us know and we will continue to send you a hard copy.** Thank you.*

Positions Open:

This fall we will have several open board positions, including 3 directors:

Don Schroeder, Gus Nordholm, Scott Schuldes.

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!

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

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

Background Info

The Roberts Lake Association has been dealing with an infestation of Eurasian Watermilfoil (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 will explain how RLA members can help generate volunteer hours while having a little fun at the same time.

So where do we go from here?

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At this time we are into our second EDR Grant from the DNR which will possibly run out in 2020. Possible future funding is go it on our own by doing one or more of the following:

- a. Find or develop expertise within RLA to remove EWM.
- b. 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 voluntary contributed \$15,000 over the past 4 years.
 - iii. Engage in bigger, better, fund raising.
 - iiii. Find some major benefactors within or outside of RLA.
- c. Ignore the problem; Wait and see.

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

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