



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 Minutes/Newsletter

Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Roberts Lake Association Clubhouse, Krahn Court

• 9:05 am Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mark Hauser, President

- Condolences to the family of:
 - Gus Nordholm's dad
- New members were asked to stand and were recognized
- Moment of Silence for all Veterans who have died

• 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.

- Motion to accept minutes made, seconded and approved by a voice vote

• Treasurer's Report given by Rick Dietzler, Treasurer

- Included a comparison of the 2023 and 2024 Fisherees

• Old Business:

• Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM): Brett Kaehne

- Brett shared a slideshow detailing the approach thus far and future possibilities for managing EWM on Roberts
- Property owners surveys sent out last fall - we had just over 60% participation
 - 92% of respondents oppose the "Do Nothing" option
 - 74% of respondents support herbicide treatment

- **Project Status:**

- 2025 First time in history of the lake there's a Lake Management Plan (LMP) in place. This plan needs to be updated every 5 years.
- Roberts Lake Association (RLA) could have done nothing beyond hand harvesting and Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) -- to manage EWM without a Lake Management Plan.

- **Overview and history of EWM in Roberts Lake and beyond:**

- EWM ebbs and flows year to year, never constant amount, spreads by fragmentation.
- EWM can be managed but can never be eradicated, once it's in the lake it's there to stay.
- A Point Intercept Survey has shown there's only one Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Roberts Lake - EWM, the rest are native plant species.
- 2015 - a small colony was seen by mapping and a survey on Roberts, rapid growth since then
 - RLA has spent \$10,000/year since 2015 on hand harvesting and DASH
- 2020 - 44 ½ cu feet extracted
- 2022 - 404.5 cu feet extracted
- 2024 - survey showed 47.5 acres of EWM on Roberts (2024 saw an explosion of EWM in all WI lakes)
 - North Shore by the resort now well beyond hand harvesting and DASH

- **What we can do this summer?** - don't start jet skis from shore through the milfoil. Watch your boat propellers going through the milfoil.

- Can hand harvest around your own shoreline - Don't dispose of EWM in the lake! That only increases the spread.

- **Goals and Timeline:**

- **Goal:** get EWM to a manageable level and eliminate negative impacts as much as possible. We can do nothing further without Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) permits.

- **Timeline:**

- Fall 2023 - First of two possible grants: We submitted a management plan grant application to WDNR to draft the next grant application including goals, issues and a management plan

- March 2023 - received \$10,000 grant from WDNR, the maximum allowable amount
- 2024 - put aforementioned plan into action
 - Testing for water clarity, zebra mussel and water sampling
 - Worked with Todd Hanke at Onterra to investigate possible further actions and their implications
 - Cost in 2024: Total \$17,325, minus \$10,000 grant, left RLA paying \$7325 out of pocket
- **Spring 2025** EMW committee had 2 Zoom meetings with Todd Hanke of Onterra, and two WDNR representatives, Scott VanEgeren and Ty Krawejewski, and one face-to-face meeting.
- **Possible Methods for EWM control:**
 - Hand harvesting and DASH, have been tried for 10 years on Roberts
 - Milfoil weevil - unproven and can't purchase weevils, must grow your own
 - Rusty crayfish - illegal to introduce any invasive species to the lake
 - Mechanical harvesting - limited in scope - bandaid approach
 - Can cut lanes, especially on north shore
 - Lanes last for only for a few weeks and must be recut
 - Cost approximately \$2000/day - a two day job, must be done at least 2 times per summer for a total of \$8000
 - Cutting lanes from docks on Hamilton Drive would cost an additional \$8-10,000/year
 - Who decides which property owners get lanes cut?
 - Herbicide treatment - 2 possible methods
 - Spot treatment
 - Whole lake treatment
- **Herbicide treatment options, definition and application:**
 - Whole lake treatment - not recommended as necessary at this time
 - RLA doesn't have the money for it nevertheless
 - Spot treatment - knock down the largest colony (North Shore)
 - One treatment with annual survey mapping to determine rebound
 - Hand harvesting and DASH to mitigate
 - Wouldn't treat with herbicide every year or even every other year

- Possible dissipation to surrounding colonies depending on factors like wind, etc.
- **ProcellaCOR herbicide** - Brett had several copies of a fact sheet available
 - Approved by WDNR in 2019 (REPLACES 2, 4-D)
 - Safer for humans and aquatic fauna than 2, 4-D
 - WDNR found there is an impact to native plants to a low degree (especially coontail), practically non-toxic - no risk to human health, no drinking water or recreational use restrictions
 - Kills the entire EWM plant. 2 - 4 weeks for plant to die and decompose.
 - WDNR permit required, they're not in favor of a yearly application.
 - It was mentioned.
 - Brett Kaehne mentioned that it was brought to the EWM committee's attention, minutes before the association meeting, that Minnesota DNR has listed ProcellaCOR as a polyfluoroalkyl substance. Brett said he was not aware of that. He stated neither the WDNR nor the EPA has deemed ProcellaCOR as a polyfluoroalkyl substance.
- **Next Steps**
- Committee must finalize Lake Management Plan by end of July 2025.
 - We'll make the final plan available via email, Facebook and RLA website.
- Recommended process:
 - Year 1 - one spot treatment late May or early June of Spring 2026, 23 acres @ \$44,000 plus fees for a total of \$66,000 (North Shore)
 - Year 2 - spring and fall mapping to see if there had been dissipation affecting surrounding patches of EWM
 - Year 3 - any new growth? DASH and hand harvesting if necessary
- Second of two possible grants, AIS control grant, application due September 15, 2025, which would be 75% state funding with a cap of \$66,000. We could get any part of that 75%, or none at all.
- We **may not** get grant funding, as it's a very competitive grant. We need to make a decision if we go forward with or without grant funding. We will vote at the fall membership meeting (August 30, 2025). Are we willing to fully fund if the state doesn't give us the grant?
- We recommend obtaining the permits necessary, doesn't mean we must use them.
- Contact Brett Kaehne with any further questions, comments, suggestions;

- (920) 203-6497
- kaehnelawoffice@gmail.com

• Discussion:

- There was a lengthy discussion by those in attendance including discussions of what's been done on other lakes, what have been their outcomes, what can property owners do to facilitate and assist the committee, what effects do ice out and other water factors have on EWM and more.

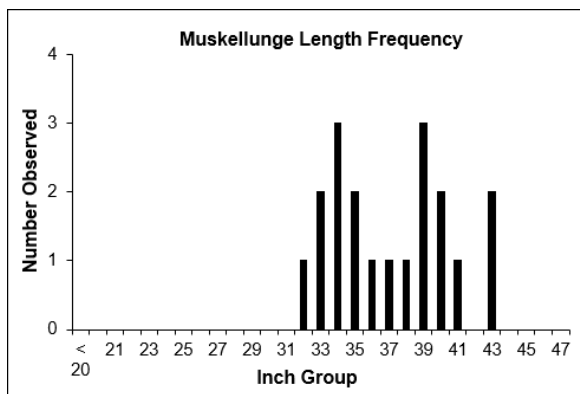
• Enhanced Wake Ordinance

- Tony Abitz explained the Wake Enhanced Ordinance passed by the Town of Freedom in Spring of 2025.
- He described the 2024-2025 process toward getting the ordinance passed.
- He pointed out the signage at the public boat landing and future signage at the resort landing.
- Tony recognized the help Last Wilderness Alliance of Presque Isle had given us and the Town on passage of the ordinance. A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote to donate \$400 to the Last Wilderness Alliance.
- If property owners see someone in violation of the ordinance they should video the boat and contact the Forest County Sheriff's Department Recreational Officer for enforcement.

• FCAL

- Lee Lamers displayed two monofilament line containers which will be located at each boat landing. These should be used to dispose of monofilament line.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote to purchase a number of "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers" pamphlets to distribute to new property owners.

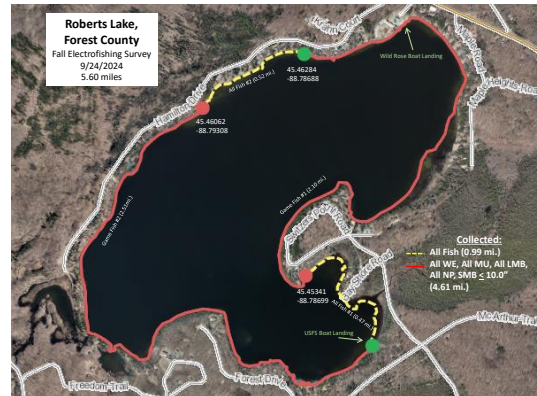
• Fish Rehabilitation Project



- Mark Hauser read Gus Nordholm's report.
- RLA planted 6500 walleye in 2024, Mole Lake planted 2966 for a total of 9466.
- Average size 7.8"
- Mole lake stocked some additional 13" walleyes last summer.
- Muskies were also stocked in 2024.
- A comprehensive survey was done in fall of 2024 - walleyes, muskies and panfish.

• Loon Report:

- Jim Borsche reported 2 nesting pairs. The pair on Switzer's Point has not been seen this year.
- Jim also reported he is continuing to do the water quality testing



• **Fisheree:**

- Set-up August 2, 2025 9:00 am at the clubhouse
- Fisheree August 9, 2025 11:00 am at the clubhouse
- Fishing contest 7:00 am - 4:00 pm on Roberts Lake, prizes awarded at 4:30
- Volunteer sign-ups were passed. Please check future emails from Roberts Lake Association requesting volunteers.
- It should be announced several times during the Wheel Raffle that a vote on EWM will take place during the Fall Association meeting on Labor Day weekend. All dues paying property owners will get one vote.

• **Roberts Lake/Trump Lake Golf Outing**

- Contact Sharon Borsche for further information: 920-655-7481
 - Saturday, September 6, 2025
 - Shotgun 9 Holes, 1 pm
 - Dinner After

• **New Business:**

• **Boat Parade:**

- Saturday, July 5, 2025
- 3:00 pm - meet in front of resort (out from the EWM!!)
- Resort is having their fireworks on Saturday, July 5

• **RLA Board positions up for re-election in fall of 2025:**

- Scott Schuldes - not seeking reelection - recognition of his service, on the board since 2019
- Secretary - Su Senso
- Board Members - Senso, Brunner, Nordholm, Abitz

• **Resort Fireworks Donation:**

- A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote to donate \$1000 to the Wild Rose Resort for their fireworks display.

• **For the Good of the Association:**

- Brett Kaehne won the \$10 attendance lottery

- **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn made, seconded and passed by voice vote
- Adjourned 11:08 am

2024 Roberts Lake Fisheree Kids' Raffle Prize Winners :

Light Up Hoverboard - Lena Dyreson

Basket Raffle - Steve Domres

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2024 Roberts Lake Top Sellers of Fisheree Raffle Tickets

\$1325 Jay Klug Holy Smokes, Jay and Jim set the bar high!	\$255 Susan Tilque	\$100 Gary & Pam Altergott
\$1000 Jim Johnson	\$250 Bill & Dennis Perpich	\$100 Jeff & Ellen Gueths
\$585 Chris & Jen Glasheen	\$250 Vicky VanAsten	\$100 Brian & Sheryl Judes
\$510 Bill & Sue Brunner	\$240 Lee & Mary Hietpas	\$100 Lee & Vi Lamers
\$455 Bob & Mary Nack	\$195 Chuck & Sue Paulson	\$100 Kristi Outhouse
\$450 Scott Trettin	\$195 Dave & Kaye Henning	
\$425 Rob & Carol Gezzela	\$180 Jeff & Joan VanGrinsven	
\$390 Butch Krahn	\$155 Rick & Michelle Trawicki	
\$365 Wild Rose	\$150 Ken & Sue Blaedow	
	\$130 Paul & Stephani Brester	

2024 Roberts Lake Raffle Ticket Winners

\$1,000 Ashley Lubkeman (Sold by Jim Lubkeman)	\$100 JoAnne Burdeau	\$50 Jeff & Joan Vangrinsven
\$500 Nancy Freiburg	\$100 Jen Glasheen	\$50 Dale McNamee
\$400 Ron Dunks	\$100 Tom Rice	\$50 Time DeBruin
\$300 Michelle Witt	\$50 Riley Kalata	\$50 Perry Haubenscmlz
\$200 Jeff Kuse	\$50 Nora Bessert	
\$100 Eric Orozco	\$50 Bob Wurdinger	
\$25 Riley Kalata	\$25 Spencer Huettl	\$25 Ashley Soukup
\$25 Elizabeth Biesterveld	\$25 Mark Gizzy	\$25 Amanda Guralski
\$25 Stacy Simpson	\$25 Justin Schumacher	\$25 De Bleck
\$25 Marilyn McCarthy	\$25 Greg Hammen	\$25 Carrie Lubkeman
\$25 Dan Vandenberg	\$25 Jim Marinello	\$25 Corey Dahl
\$25 Bill Brunner	\$25 Char Hett	\$25 Karl Vandenberg
\$25 Rich Langel	\$25 Liz Biesterveld	\$25 Barbara Kasten
\$25 Linda Abitz	\$25 Brett Kaehne	\$25 Pam Clausen
\$25 Sarah Kornowski	\$25 Jim Phillips	\$25 S & T Nelson
\$25 Justin Dunlap	\$25 Nicole Hoffman	\$25 Savannah Kaiser
\$25 Josh Wilcox	\$25 Madison Trawicki	\$25 Paul Wanek
\$25 Jackie Rogala	\$25 Don Sievers	\$25 Joe Tuttle
\$25 Janelle Rhinehart	\$25 Jeff Gueths	\$25 Sage Murphy
\$25 Michele Schneider	\$25 Shelly Smith	\$25 James Kaufman

2024 Fishing Contest Winners

Walleye Adult Winners

None

Walleye Youth Winners

None

Northern Adult Winners

Jeff VanGrinsven	24 ¼"
Scott Ruby	20"

Northern Youth Winners

Christen Juedes	18"
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Bass Adult Winners

Tim Wendland	20" (Small)
Ben Ogden	19 ¾" (Small)
Charlie Oehldrich	14 ⅞" (Large)

Bass Youth Winners

Mason Hirn	16 ⅛" (Small)
Ezrah Segum	14 ½" (Large)
Liam Cirfus	12 ½" (Large)

Perch Adult Winners

Eli Welhouse	9 ⅛"
Andy Welhouse	9"
Rick & Terry	8 ¾"

Perch Youth Winners

Ryker Behling	9 ¼"
Choloe Besse	9"
Brooks Clifford	9"

Bluegill Adult Winners

Presley Hanson	7 ¾"
Jon VanGrinsven	7 ¾"
Andy Wellhouse	7 ⅝"

Bluegill Youth Winners

Levi Hirn	7 ½"
Wes McClelland	7 ½"
Brooks Clifford	7 ½"

Crappie Adult Winners

Andy Welhouse	12"
Eli Welhouse	11 ⅞"
Josh Vandeleeest	11 ⅝"

Crappie Youth Winners

Choloe Besse	12 ½"
Ryker Behling	11 ½"
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