

Little Rock Lake Association
Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 6:30pm
Watab Town Hall

Agenda

Members present: Frank Hard, Chuck Rau, Jason Lage, Seth Caster, Mary Kivi, Corrine Jacobs, Amy Claude, Dothan Aleshire, Cliff & Sheryl Weitgenant, Mike & Diane Barringer, Bev Gerads, Al Gerads, Eric Altena

1. Opening: Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Additions:
 - i. Goose ribbon
 - ii. Pre and post draw down info – Eric Altena
3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Corrine motioned to approve; Bev seconded – motion carried
4. Presidents Report: Frank
 - a. Exciting summer ahead with the Echo Harvester
 - b. Trying to keep up momentum from drawdown to keep the lake clean
 - c. Shoreline buffer monies still available
 - i. If interested contact Frank or Nicole at Benton Soil and Water
5. Treasurers Report: Frank
 - a. Main Account
 - i. Closing balance \$78,278.53
 - b. Draw down account
 - i. Closing balance \$9,239.71
 - c. Will close the draw down account and consolidate the two – approved at directors meeting
 - d. Amy motioned to approve treasurers report, Dalton seconded – motion carried
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership: Liz, Ginny –neither were in attendance for this meeting
 - i. Talk to your neighbors, need to get more active members
 - b. Fundraising: Corrine (Hanging Basket Sale, Beaver Island Brewery, Raffle Tickets

- i. Carp contest
 - i. June 3rd – 4th, Friday 6pm to Saturday 2pm, updated 6pm to noon per feedback given later in the meeting
 - ii. Update from Mike
 - a. Will be having knee replacement surgery and will not be available this year
 - b. Can still use scale
 - c. Kids aren't interested in so we will need new carp slingers
 - d. The earlier the better for Rice Sportsmans club donations, they are already allocating their funds in April
 - e. Will look into tractor manure spreader and will let us know if available for use
 - f. Recommend shortening up fishing time, feedback from last year is 2pm is too late for fisherman
 - iii. Mary will check with Liz on barrels
 - iv. Need help from members to make this event successful
 - v. Changing to noon cut off instead of 2pm
 - vi. Eric Altena will check with Sauk Rapids School Fishing league to see if they can help sling carp, need muscle
 - vii. Will still do the 50/50 raffle at event
 - ii. Flower Baskets
 - i. Pickup April 30th 10 – 11am - pickup at Rumors
 - ii. Sold 37ish, not bad for the first year sales
 - iii. Looking to do Beaver Island again
 - i. Need participants
 - iv. Resuming meat raffles at the Legion
 - i. Will start again in June
 - ii. Once a month during summer then twice a month in the fall
- c. Eco Harvester: Chuck, Rob, Frank
 - i. On order
 - ii. Delivery on April 28th but hopeful to have it by the 27th
 - iii. Operation plan in the works
 - i. Have permits applied for and approved
 - ii. Target window for harvesting is May 15th – 30th

- iii. 6 acres of total harvest on the lake
 - iv. Staffing – volunteers needed
 - a. Need to create a list of volunteer operators
 - b. 2 person teams – 1 harvester, 1 trailer dumper
 - c. Per diem approved at directors meeting - \$125 a day per operator with a minimum of 4 hours worked
 - d. Contact Rob, Frank or Chuck if interested
 - v. 2 hours of training the day of delivery then those trained will train others
 - vi. Trailer
 - a. Will rent a trailer, much more cost effective then purchasing new
 - vii. Storage
 - a. Will find a dock to park at for the evenings
 - b. Boat storage for winter
 - viii. Saldana’s pit has agreed to us dumping the weeds there then Dr. Julius will pick up after they dry out
 - ix. Need a GPS unit to track our harvesting patterns
 - d. Website: Jason
 - i. Webmaster moved to Arizona, will work with him remotely
 - ii. Carp contest updates will be on website by May 1st
 - iii. Looking into building the Ecwid store
 - e. Newsletter: Mary
 - i. March Newsletter
 - i. No one at membership meeting has received this
 - ii. Mary will check with Liz and resend
7. Membership Signs
- a. Corrine’s son has one on his lake and it may be good for around here
 - b. Wouldn’t want to give them away but for sell for a nominal fee
 - c. Members are interested, may help get more involvement and exposure for the association
8. Goose ribbon repellent
- a. Let Frank know if you would like some and how many feet are needed
 - b. Steve Seviola may have some as well
9. Eric Altena – Lake Report
- a. Fish Report

- i. Black crappie - increase
 - ii. Blue gill - increase
 - iii. Carp – about the same
 - iv. Large mouth - increase
 - v. Northern pike – increase
 - vi. Walley – about the same
 - vii. Have big mouth buffalo fish now – filter fish, good for the lake
 - b. Plant survey
 - i. Great results
 - ii. Increase in emergent plant growth
 - c. Can claim victory for the drawdown!!! YAY!!!
 - d. Phosphorus load
 - i. Dropped quite a bit
 - ii. May send Kendra to speak to this at one of our association meetings
 - e. Light up Buoy's have been put out by the rockpile as of last week Saturday
- 10. Old Business:
 - a. T Shirts and Sweat Shirts – Mary
 - i. Will check with Pine City and Rumors to find a quality vendor with decent pricing, more to come
- 11. Public Comments
 - a. What is the actual Website?
 - i. www.littlerocklake.org
 - ii. Facebook page is linked to this as well
 - iii. There's active links on the website with current info and meeting minutes
- 12. Next Meeting May 17, 6:30 at Watab Town Hall
- 13. Adjourn – Bev Motioned to adjourn, Corrine seconded