

LRLA Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 15 2021

6:30 pm Watab Town Hall

Call to order by Mary Kivi @ 6:33 pm

Board Attendance: Mary Kivi, Ginny Rueter, Corrine Jacobs, Amy Claude, Liz Ring via Zoom, Chuck Rau, Frank Hard

Opening: Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Agenda – Ginny motioned to approve, Corrine seconded
2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting – motioned to approve, seconded – board approved
3. President’s Report – Mary Kivi
 - a. Annual Lake picnic – Sept 11th at Benton Beach
 - i. Annual meeting at 10:30
 - ii. Eating lunch at 11:30
 - iii. Renewal Membership at 10 am
 - iv. Looking for silent auction items, baskets preferably
 - v. 25/25/50 raffle instead of a 50/50 raffle so there’s more winners
 - vi. 2 adult meals per household membership
 1. \$10 adult
 2. \$5 child
 3. Bring a dish to share
 - vii. Will have hand sanitizer for Covid
 - viii. Also looking for volunteers for the day
 - b. Annual coloring contest at Rice Elementary
 - i. The boy that won this year had his brother win a few years back
 - ii. Sauk Rapids Herald will be doing an article on them
4. Treasurer’s Report – Frank Hard
 - a. \$4905.08 balance for May
 - b. Amazon Smile donations are coming in - \$5
 - c. Carp Contest donations from local businesses - \$300
 - d. Dispersements
 - i. \$226.54 coloring contest
 - ii. 200 Benton County for picnic damage deposit
 - iii. 1300 for LRLA Carp Contest
 - iv. Monies back to Frank for projector - \$78.41
 - e. Balance \$3405. 17
 - f. Draw Down account balance - \$9657.0
 - i. Motioned to approve by member, Corrine seconded
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership: Liz and Ginny

- i. Nothing to report at this time per Ginny
 - b. Fundraising: Corrine and Amy
 - i. Carp Contest
 - 1. 76 entrants total earning \$760
 - 2. 50/50 raffle pulled in \$373 for LRLA
 - 3. Plant and terrarium raffle pulled in \$227
 - 4. \$1360 total made off the tournament
 - 5. donated \$500 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners
 - 6. only 1300 lbs were caught
 - ii. Beaver Island next Wednesday, June 23rd
 - 1. LRLA get \$1 per beer
 - 2. Chucks band will be playing
 - 3. Will do 50/50 raffle at this event
 - a. Corrine will bring raffle tickets
 - c. Plant Sale: Jason and Mary
 - i. Not doing plant sale this year
 - ii. Did provide plant information to those members in need
 - d. Eco Harvester: Frank, Rob and Chuck
 - i. Mapping report – Eric Altena
 - 1. curly leaf is extensive this year
 - 2. Not high density but it mostly at 2'-5'
 - a. Curly leaf provides habitat but not long standing
 - 3. Lots of other species of plants coming in
 - a. Good plants that help with phosphorus
 - b. Growing at depths that aren't common
 - ii. Harvester will pull all plants, not just curly leaf
 - iii. The more emergent vegetation that stick around the better
 - 1. If you plan to plant now keep it shallow so the roots can take
 - e. Website: Ginny and Jason
 - i. Ginny and Jason haven't had a chance to meet with Brian as of yet
 - ii. Jason is trying to get a meeting but is not successful
 - iii. Ginny will try to contact Brian
 - iv. If we do not have success we may work with Amy's uncle Lynn to update the website
- 6. New Business
 - a. Recruiting new board members
 - i. Try to ask around for new members any way you can
 - ii. Only a half year commitment, summer months - snow birds are still able to assist
 - b. Geese fencing update
 - i. Steve Seviola, LRLA member, ordered stakes and geese ribbon
 - 1. Frank, Chuck and a few others put it up in public areas by Regis & Benton Beach
 - 2. Spent \$330 and Frank reimbursed Steve for this

3. Nothing left for plants at rock pile or in front of bridge
4. 5 boxes of stakes left with 5 or 6 rolls of reflective tape left
 - a. Frank let members know at the meeting that this is available
 - b. First come first served
- c. Eric is working with SCSU student for Wild Rice planting
- d. Any emergent plant that looks to have moss/mold
 - i. Pull moss off and it may continue to grow per advice from guy on north end
- e. Concerns with crappies caught off the north end and near the Kings Inn bridge
 - i. There were a few over limit cases
 - ii. No lack of fish concerns with what has been caught/removed
 - iii. Sportsman's Club is looking to purchase the Kings Inn and donating to the county – we are hopeful
7. Member Jean Potts lost her battle to pancreatic cancer
 - a. Benefit will be this Saturday at the Town Hall
 - b. She was a big supporter of LRLA
 - c. LRLA plans to create posters for members lost
 - i. This is to acknowledge their efforts to our cause
 - ii. Will display at the annual picnic and website
8. Active DNR presence on the lake is good
 - a. Some fisherman are fishing for 10+ hours a day
9. Meeting Close: motioned to adjourn by Ginny @ 7:18
10. Next Meeting: July 20th – 6:30pm @ Township Hall