

Little Rock Lake News

Little Rock Lake Association, P.O. Box 326, Rice, MN 56367



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October 2017

Monthly Board Meetings: All community residents are invited to attend. We meet every second Saturday of the month at the Watab Town Hall, 10:00 to 11:00 am., 1 block west of highway 10 on County Road 79 (75th St NE). Address: 660 75th St NE, Rice, MN 56367.

From the LRLA President – Kellie Gallagher

Momentum continues to build toward the Little Rock Lake drawdown. As of this newsletter we are planning for a 6 week (temporary) lowering of the Lake and Mississippi River starting in August through mid September of 2018. On September 27th, we held our second public meeting to discuss the drawdown. This meeting was well attended with standing room only. We had an abundance of river residents who attended and I would like to personally thank them for coming and sharing their specific concerns. A few had new concerns we hadn't heard before (weed control and property values on the river post drawdown). Eric Altena of the DNR has addressed both of these concerns. For more information please go to the DNR website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/areas/fisheries/littlefalls/drawdown.html>. Also on this DNR website is an online survey you should complete that will reflect your support of the drawdown. The survey will close the end of October so please go out and complete this survey. Minnesota Representative Jim Newberger's legislative aid was also on hand to answer questions and suggest legislation that would support the drawdown of the lake and river. We will continue to look for ways to meet with the river residents and others in the community because we all care about clean water.

The LRLA continues to submit grant proposals. Most recently we have written a proposal to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). The committee is made up of 17 members from the house, the senate and members of the community. The LCCMR is a committee designed to make funding recommendations to the legislature for natural resource projects. For more information go to www.lccmr.leg.mn. Representative Newberger is supporting us through the legislative process.

We have more to do before this can become a reality. The LRLA board needs your help in making the drawdown and the lake clean up possible. The LRLA would like to put forward our own in-kind donation to the project so we will be planning several fundraisers over the next year. If this is something you would like to help with please reach out to Mary Kivi our Vice President.

Your 2017-2018 Board Members

Please welcome and support the LRLA Board of Directors who will be leading the LRLA in the drawdown efforts.

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What can you do? In the immediate time frame the following are the most pressing:

- Increase the membership. Given the start of our new fiscal year is August and historically we have had members pay yearly dues in August, our numbers have dropped again. Many of the grant conditions require us to have at least 50% or more of the lake residents documented as members of the association. So in order to ensure our membership numbers stay at the right level and to make it easier on our members and board, we have voted as a board to include a new discounted 3 year membership option. Please see the options below at the bottom of this letter and we encourage you to renew today. Watch for more updates on the web site for this.

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- Support the LRLA board and it's newest board members. Please volunteer your time and if you don't have time, please consider donating. LRLA is a non-profit organization and your contributions are tax deductible. Please come to the membership meetings every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Watab Town Hall to get an update on the project and provide your ideas. There will be many opportunities and initiatives that could use your skill and talents.
- Contact your representative and congress person to let them know that clean water is important to our watershed. Governor Mark Dayton wants Minnesota to accelerate the pace of progress towards clean water through his program 25 by 25, to address the growing water quality issue in Minnesota.
- In the coming months please watch the web site. We will be posting updates and news there.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Little Rock Lake Drawdown

In addition to the Information Sessions, we will be posting answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the drawdown on the LRLA Website and the Facebook Page.

Did you know?

- With more than 15,000 lakes and extensive wetlands, rivers, and streams, Minnesota has more inland water than any other state except Alaska. ("US Political Geography Minnesota." Encyclopedia.com. Encyclopedia.com, n.d. Web. 05 Oct. 2017.)
- **Please don't rake your leaves into the lake. Leaf decay in lakes and streams turns into phosphorous which feeds unwanted algae.**

Help Us Clean Up Our Lake - Homeowners

Is there anything you can do about your watershed to improve your lake's health? Yes! Here are three areas to consider:

- Shoreline buffer. Your land that abuts the lake represents the final watershed filter. Maintaining natural vegetation along the shore serves as a natural biological, chemical and physical buffer. It even attracts wildlife – while repelling nuisance geese.
- Unpaved areas. Are you thinking about paving your driveway? Instead, explore other options that minimize impervious surfaces and allow rainwater to penetrate the ground.
- Lastly, it's time to join your local lake association!

Tax Season

The Little Rock Lake Association is a 501(c) 3 non profit organization, speak with your tax advisor and consider a tax deductible donation to the association to further the LRLA efforts in improving the lake water and lake living. *Also keep in mind that many employers match employee contributions* Please contact us with any questions.

Up Coming Events, Stay tuned for these and more:

- Chilli cook off in January
- Carp fishing contest first week in June

The Little Rock Lake Association approves new membership fee rates

Check one: 1 year = \$25 | 2 year = \$50 | 3 year (provides a discount) = \$65

Please complete the form below and send your check. Thank you!

If the label on this newsletter is addressed to “**Non-Current Member**” your membership is not current.

Your support in dues and time to help clean up our lake is greatly appreciated!

LRLA Membership (August /July)

Payable to LRLA, P.O. Box 326, Rice, MN. 56367

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Cabin Address _____

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