**Little Rock Lake Association**

Membership Meeting

Saturday, August 24th 2024 10:30 AM

Benton Beach Campgrounds

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of agenda and minutes of last meeting -Amy motioned to approve, Jamie seconded - motion carried
3. Treasurer’s Report – Rob
   1. Opening Balance - $5085.08
   2. Closing Balance - $3315.88
   3. This winter we will get reimbursed for 90% of expenses from Echo Harvester – AIS funding
   4. Amy motioned to approve, Jason Seconded - motion carried
4. Presidents Report: Corrine
   1. People to be recognized
      1. Thank you for donating a motor for our barge, we now have one and a back up
         1. Dave and Marie Hechsel
         2. John and Rachel Alstrup
      2. Jim Rau – Thank you for all of your hard work with the Echo Harvester
      3. Thank you for all that help with the Meat Raffles
         1. Team Rumors
            1. Rob and Corrine Jacobs
            2. Tom Boyda
            3. Linda Westby
            4. Bob Rahn
         2. Team Legion
            1. Phyliss Post
            2. Sherry Weigenant
            3. Bob and Karen Hengel
      4. Thank you Liz Ring for taking care of our membership list and getting the newsletter out for us for years
   2. Watab Cleanup day – Pines Edge Grocery parking lot
      1. Need volunteers
      2. Oct. 5th 8am – 11 am
5. Speakers
   1. Eric Altena
      1. Little Rock Drawdown: 5 years later
         1. Had poisonous blue green algae prior to drawdown
         2. Drawdown was easiest and least expensive way to better the lake
         3. We also planted many emergent plants
         4. Have been monitoring for the past 5 years
            1. Found there’s a 5% increase in emergent plants
            2. Plants are popping up in various locations around the lake

Eric will try to keep planting seeds yearly as long as funding is available

Submerged plants

Increased northern milfoil – good milfoil

* + - * 1. Big increase in:

Big Mouth Buffalo fish

Great species to have

Filter feeders

Provide food for many predator species

Bluegill

Crappie

Bass

* + - 1. Was able to stop Sucker Creek and Mayhew Lake creek illegal water way into lake last spring
      2. Didn’t have the best conditions for the drawdown – timing could be better if we decide to do this again in the future
      3. Takeaways
         1. Increased water clarity

Phosphorus is lower

Blue green algae is now non existent

* + - * 1. Increased fish habitat
        2. Changed timing of blooms
        3. Fish populations continue to show improvements
      1. Where to go from here
         1. Continue seeding
         2. Work with MN Native Landscapes for buffers
         3. Continue planting emergent vegetation
         4. Transplant thick bullrush beds if possible
         5. Continue water quality monitoring
         6. Continue water shed projects
         7. Consider another drawdown but during July

Could look into Eagle Creek for funding

1. Elections
   * 1. President 2 year term – Corrine Jacobs (current)
        1. Rob nominated Corrine Jacobs, Amy seconded – motion carried
     2. Treasurer 2 year term - Rob Jacobs (current)
        1. Steve Seviola nominated Rob Jacobs, Phyllis seconded – motion carried
     3. Director - Del Shane is moving
        1. Will need to fill this position
2. Committee Reports
   1. Rice Elementary 4th grade Coloring Contest – Phyliss Post
      1. Pizza party for kids – pd for by LRLA
      2. Creamery donates a free meal to 4th graders that participate in this event
      3. Have been doing this for 20+ years to show lake awareness
      4. Thank you Phyliss for your hard work and dedication
   2. Website: Jason & Seth
      1. Up and running
      2. Looking for LRL historical story or photos
   3. Silent Auction: Jamie Deering & Deb Knight
      1. 102 items
      2. Closing at 1pm
      3. Will take left over donations to Savers or donate elsewhere
   4. Fundraising
      1. LRLA plaques – Marie Hechsel
3. Membership remarks
   1. Phyliss – not in favor of Tuesday night meetings
      1. Some board members will step down if meeting days moved to weekends
      2. Would need new volunteers to fill these positions
   2. Upcoming Meat Raffles
      1. Legion at 7pm
         1. Sept 28th
         2. Oct 5th
         3. Nov 23rd
            1. Looking for volunteers for this one
            2. Talk to Phyliss if interested
         4. Dec 28th
   3. Echo Harvester – Jim Rau
      1. Had a lot of down time
      2. Got 3 times more weeds this year than last
4. Amy motioned to adjourn- motion carried

Next Meeting: September 17th @ 6:30pm Watab Town Hall