

RLAA Board Meeting Minutes for April 22 2021

Location: via socially responsible Zoom cloud meeting (due to Covid-19 pandemic)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Regular RLAA Board Meeting

• **Call to Order at 7:35 pm**

- Present: George, Rick, Mike, Hente, Curt, Scott, Jeremy
- Absent: Mark, Luke

• **Approve the Agenda**

- Add Lake Management Plan project discussion

• **Treasurer Report (Mike)**

- 15.5k in bank
- TDT cashed deposit check for dredge project
- 28 members paid dues so far for 2021

• **Old Business**

○ **Boat Ramp update (Scott)**

- Project update from Scott
 - System tested and ready to be installed on-site.
 - Default code will be "1234" for everyone to use through June 15 (although they can use their own assigned code during that time). After June 15th only their assigned code will work in the system.
 - Plan to get gate locked after the May 4th annual meeting (which is where we will announce it)
 - Keypad can be removed at the end of the season and reprogrammed for the next year.
- Sticker distribution procedure:
 - US Mail when member pays dues? In person? Other?
 - It was suggested by the group to send out via US Mail to those individuals when they pay their dues.
 - Ask them by e-mail if they want stickers for extra watercraft.

○ **Channel Dredging (George)**

- TDT plans to do both rip-rap and dredging in early Fall 2021 during drawdown
 - It was suggested by Rick that we should have TDT commit to a timeline when they will complete the work, since we need to inform our members when their funds will be applied. For example, by end of 2021 at the latest.
- TDT deposited the down payment check (\$15k) on 3/22/2021

○ **Carp Removal Project update (George)**

- Consultant indicated commercial fisherman set nets between the lakes in Spring
 - To date, the fish have not yet congregated in either lake for suitable netting.

○ **Winter Aeration update (George)**

- Still need to collect Thin Ice signs, most of which are hung up by aerator offshore
 - Let's plan to do this on May 1st (Saturday) when we can also put out the buoys.
 - Mike, Curt and Hente will assist George.

○ **2021 Annual Meeting**

- Will be done via Zoom on May 4th
 - RSVP request sent out 3/30; received 19 RSVPs since then
 - Still missing Board responses from Hente, Luke, Mark

- Hente provided his RSVP at this meeting.
 - Just Mike and George will present the PPT deck
 - Mike and George will do this together at one location, so one can take notes while the other presents.
 - Review the deck in this meeting as well as test Zoom license out
 - The meeting should be recorded.
 - Participants can be “muted” by default by the administrator.
 - New potential board members (Nick Mannel & Bob Shimpa): Mike will approach them to confirm they want to join. Board can vote on them.
 - Suggested that we should elect a President and VP, since just 2 officer positions (Secretary, Treasurer) are listed now. Board to take this discussion up off-line.
 - Financial Objectives page: Highlight that 66 members paid dues, which is believed to be the highest ever!
 - Channel Dredging slide:
 - Indicate boaters to remove watercraft by 10/1.
 - Drawdown to begin no later than 10/15 (preferably sooner after 10/1)
 - Boat Ramp Enhancements (slide 16)
 - Modify objective to “secure and improve”.
 - Remove 1st sentence in Reason section.
 - Add note that temporary code of 1234 to be used by all those who access ramp through June 15. After that only assigned code will work.
 - Scott will provide photo for keypad system.
 - **2021 Dues**
 - Lowered to \$100 for Lakeshore residents
 - 10 members have already paid dues
 - **Intent to Request Drawdown (George)**
 - Still trying to get DNR to let us “pull the plug” no later than mid-September
 - **RLAA Membership Packet (George)**
 - This is something other lakes are doing for members, especially new ones. Should we consider for Rice?
 - If so, we need volunteers to work on this.
- **New Business**
 - Lake Management Plan: Need to set up sub-committee to help determine direction for future aquatic plant growth.
 - 4/13 – Sent to Board and Lake Mgmt team; only George and Hente replied.
 - 4/22 – It was suggested by Rick that we vote on this project since we are not getting a clear objective of improving the lake. We are also getting short on funds.
 - Motion by Rick and 2nd by Mike to vote on if we should drop this project for 2021.
 - Vote of 6 – 0 to drop this project (3 board members were no longer present).
 - George will communicate to the vendor (FSS) that we have decided not to pursue this project for 2021.
- **Adjournment at 9:05 pm**