

ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF July 11, 2018

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on July 11th. The following members were present: Dennis Overfield, Robert Recor, Toni Phillips, Mark Hastings, Tom Baehr and Dick Smith. Ten local attendees were also present. The minutes were typed by Nicole Krol.

The meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority was called to order at 7:29pm by Dennis Overfield.

The minutes from June were read aloud, Bob made a motion to accept the minutes, Toni second, the motion passed unanimously.

Lake Patrol

Lake patrol is going well, they have run into a few instances with local boaters. There are jet ski riders not following lake rules, the RLA is stopping them for safety. The 4th of July was a busy day on the lake.

Weeds

Budget

14% of the budget was remaining at the end of June. All bills will be sent directly to the town of Old Lyme for payment, lake patrol staff will now be employees for the town of Old Lyme instead of independent contractors.

Old Business

The RLA purchased new shirts and hats, they are a high visibility color, and have been distributed to the lake patrol staff and the RLA board members. Thank you to Toni for all of your efforts getting the shirts before the 4th of July!

Tom did deploy one of the weed mats, there are two more to go out. Residents have requested information on how to receive the weed mats after reading the RLA article in the Old Lyme events magazine. Carolyn Reed's mat deployed in April was taken out June 29th, the mat did not compost the decaying material. The mats do not work on decaying material, but they do work on the live plants.

Dick asked why the survey is not expanded to other areas of the lake? Dennis has a meeting scheduled with Steve Mattson this month to get more information.

Dennis sent a letter to Scott Fisher from SWCA requesting information on the parrot feather invasive. Jen from lake patrol attended the meeting with a sample of the parrot feather. There is quite a bit of the parrot feather weed growing near the boat launch, the roots are very large. When the plants were first discovered they were floating fragments and now they have taken root in shallow areas. Jen is going to continue pulling the weed. Dennis sent before and after pictures of the parrot feather weed location to Scott Fisher, he indicated the job was being done well. An attendee noticed a new plant growing near his house as well.

New Business

There was an incident with one of the rowing camp groups, one of their chase boats ended up on a resident's dock, Dennis did contact Candace Fuchs with concern and she was very responsive.

Next week is CT lake awareness week, the RLA was thinking of holding an event to celebrate and asked if anyone had ideas. Last year RLA had a lake clean-up weekend, that may work well this year and if notice is sent out the board may get volunteers. An attendee noted there are many geese in the lake.

There is a boat lift outside the launch area, Dennis has been in contact with the owner and there is a resolution in the works.

The RLA will put a danger buoy just outside the boat launch where there is a sandbar.

There are many fishing tournaments and kayak events scheduled for the next month.

Tom drafted a plan for a weed mats program: If the RLA board locates the target areas to be treated with mats, residents associated with the target areas can be contacted and asked to participate. The plan would last 5 months, and 10 mats would cover 50 locations. 20-30-man hours per month for weed mat deployment and retrieval is estimated. Deployment and retrieval would take place in two 30-day periods for each targeted area. Proposing the plan to the town would help with storage and cleaning of the mats so they are available for the next season. The number of hours involved in this proposal may be too much for a volunteer, if the town's select person could be involved and possibly hire the public works department to complete the task, it would be much more successful. The responsibility would be a shared between the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme. Cost estimate per mat is about \$280. Continuing to promote the program through articles and a possible mailing would help to educate lake residents. Tom will continue to work on the weed mat plan. Toni suggested starting the program with fewer mats if needed to fit the budget. Dennis suggested getting SWCA involved to find the target areas. Jen asked if a weed mat could be deployed past the boat launch to work on the invasive weeds, the response was yes. Dennis has received many requests for dock assistance and he thought employing a handy man to work on docks and mats may be added to the budget for next year.

There is a floating dock lodged alongside a property, Jen will look for it and see if it needs to be disposed of.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick, Toni second, motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Association will be on August 8th, at 7:30PM at the Rogers Lake West Shores Clubhouse.