

## ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF September 14, 2022

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on September 14, 2022. The following members were present: Toni Phillips, Jenell Janes, Richard Smith, Maneesha Joshi, Mark Hastings, and Dennis Overfield (via phone). John Freer was also in attendance as well as a number of local attendees, an estimate of 21. The minutes were recorded by Erica Correia.

The meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority was called to order at 7:34pm by Mark Hastings. The added section from June's minutes was read aloud and a motion to accept the minutes from June 8<sup>th</sup> was made by Jenell Smith and seconded by Toni Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were read aloud and a motion to approve the August minutes with correct spelling of names was made by Maneesha Joshi and was seconded by Jenell Janes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Budget Review - Only major expenses were \$2513.50 for patrol boat operation, \$28 gas for boat, and \$200 docking fee.

Dennis spoke via phone - \$150 CT Federation of Lake Dues. \$25 left that won't be spent. Patrol boat operator expenses – finance – clerk line item says no expenditure but Erica Correia was paid for August meeting and minutes.

Docking fees and patrol boat expenses are all nominal.

\$16,592 invoice for RLA Contracted Services Clam. Will be paid end of September.

June Weed Treatment survey was paid in June so still have \$20k for Weed Treatment/Survey.

Jenell asked if can move salary funds around and Dennis said they can be they just can't go against normal expenses.

### **PATROL BOAT Update by John Freer**

Greg & Peter are doing all patrol boat endeavors and are having really good interactions with people on the ramp. Traffic has died down this month so they operating Tuesday and Thursday evenings to be there for crew boats as well as Saturdays and Sundays.

Have done many fishing tournaments and have Sun Fish Regatta on 9/24 and have towed approximately 10 boats. Greg spends time on ramp and sees people from all over the state. He has been educating and enlightening them on rules.

There was an incident where a property owner didn't want fishing boat on their shoreline but that was only incident he has heard of this year. Suggests logs are cleared out by looking into issue with DEEP because it is difficult to get by with more than one boat at a time.

Jenell asked if Greg & Peter will come back next year and John believes they will. He would like to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> person hired to be able to fill in with shifts. Should start looking to hire in January.

#### REPRESENTATION FOR ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Jenell has reached out and there are 3 associations on the lake. Sandy Beach, West Shores, and Oak Tree Lane. Jenell and Maneesha will meet with presidents Dave Evers (West Shores Assoc), Steve Wells (Sandy Beach Assoc) and a delegate for Bob Burke (Oak Tree Lane Assoc) 2 on 10/11 at 6pm at the Stumble Inn. Will hopefully come to some recommendations they can share.

#### NEW BUSINESS

5 seconds of silence for passing of Dr. Robert Recor

ALYSSA MULLEN - The Sound School Aquaculture/Agriculture Science and Technology Education Center support - Dennis tried to find an email for her via school website and Facebook but could not. Sent her a text thanking her for coming to Rogers Lake to look at Asian Clam infestation and letting her know RLA is interested in having her come out to help with Asian Clams. He has not received any response from her. His understanding is that students have to do Capstone projects and if they want to do some at Rogers Lake it would give us a better chance of staying on top of things.

Jenell knows where Alyssa's father lives and could contact him there if needed. Dennis is going to give her another week and then will let Jenell know. Toni Phillips and Maneesha Joshi are both willing to stop at the school since they are in New Haven often.

#### ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

9/24 SunFish Regatta – 12p-4pm – will basically run the whole lake.

Mark Hastings contacted DEEP about the permit for the one-way sign and turns out we do have a permit from 1993. Will get a sign ordered.

Dennis emailed everyone when we got the bill in late June for weed treatment that was completed in June. Pond & Lake identified 1.3 acres right at the mouth of the creek going up to state boat launch that was heavily infested with the milfoil. Jenell Janes confirmed she saw it and it is loaded with it. Dennis reached back out to Pond & Lake as they are due back out in the fall to treat the 1.3 acres. Dennis fears the area has gotten larger over the summer.

Dennis Overfield made a motion to increase \$11,258 by \$1500 to cover the variable milfoil treatment at the mouth of the boat launch creek. Seconded by Dick Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Evers Comment: Spoke with Danielle from Ledge Light and she will test other areas of the lake for what sounds like is free – suggested Devitt, Sandy Beach. He appreciates the board reaching out to presidents of associations.

Dennis Overfield suggested Right of Way 13 in West Shores – child who goes there is immunocompromised so would be a good place to test as parents have suggested that the water is poor quality.

Greg Insulo Comment: Since we found permit for one way is there also a permit for boat launch to get the sign back? Mark has not discussed this specifically with Yolanda. Board does not think we would have permit for this since it is a state sign and the state took it down because information on it was not correct. Greg also commented the water does not seem as clear this year. Are they using a different chemical to treat the weeds? He knows the chemical is working because there are much fewer weeds when they are fishing. David Evers said the Asian clams would make the water more cloudy. Public noted that good weeds help to clarify the water.

Dennis Overfield stated that Yale University is doing water quality testing on the lake 2x/month and Dennis will reach out to Andrew to see if he has seen any variations on the quality through the testing.

John Evers Comment – Can we at least put a little mailbox by the boat launch with lake rules? Board can ask Yolanda again but state has not let us in the past. Jenell stated that Greg is handing them out when he is at the ramp. Dennis stated there is a QR code you can scan on the state bulletin board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jenell Smith, Maneesha second. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority will be on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:30pm.