Rogers Lake Authority

Regular Meeting

April 8,2026 7:30pm
Hybrid Meeting

Disclaimer: Please note these minutes are considered draft until accepted at the next meeting.

1. Call to Order - Mark Hastings called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

   Attendance - Mark Hastings, Toni Phillips, Joel Hawkins, and Dick Smith and 1 member of the public.

2. Approval of Minutes

   a. Meeting March 11, 2026 – Toni Phillips made a MOTION to approve the March 11th meeting minutes as written. SECOND by Dick Smith.
   Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL. OPPOSED: NONE. ABSTAINING: NONE. **APPROVED.**

3. Old Business
   a. Review expenditures for March 2026 – Clerk and cell phone were the expenditures last month. In May RLA will start to pay for seasonal employment. Joel reached out to a university and found less expensive water testing for RLA to use. Other upcoming expenses were reviewed.
   b. Discussion of Rapid Response Plan for Invasive Species – Jenell is creating a summary and Mark would like some re-work to be done on his proposal. There is not a specific deadline for when this must be completed.
   c. Review draft response to DEEP Draft Wake Boat & Wake surf Study – Mark has received comments from both Joel & Toni.
   Mark Hastings made a MOTION to approve sending the letter to DEEP as drafted and amended by Joel and Toni to submit our thoughts to CT DEEP in response to their draft wake boat and wake surf study. SECOND by Joel Hawkins. Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL. OPPOSED: NONE. ABSTAINING: NONE. **APPROVED.**
   d. Status of Boat Launch Monitor plan – Certificate of insurance has been accepted but we have been asked to change the name on the license, so things are positive, but we still do not have the actual license. Will need to post the job once we are certain we have the license.
   Toni Phillips made a MOTION to approve the Rogers Lake ramp monitor job description as presented to us tonight. SECOND by Dick Smith. Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL. OPPOSED: NONE. ABSTAINING: NONE. **APPROVED.**

5. New Business
   a. Lake Events:
      i. Fishing tournaments:
         1. 5/23/2025 7 am to 3 pm Renegade Bass
         2. 5/27/2026 5 pm to 8:30 pm Mid-Week Drive4Five

3. 7/21/2026 7 am to 1 pm Size Matters Invitational

ii. Rowing regattas:

1. 4/08/2026 3 pm to 6 pm
2. 4/11/2026 8 am to 12 pm
3. 4/18/2026 8 am to 1 pm
4. 4/22/2026 3 pm to 6 pm

b. Other New Business – Joel did analysis (handed out) on the water quality report from Yale. There is data from 2005 to present. Mark will run questions by Martha around having a student doing water collection. Discussion around how the public will be educated on keeping the lake clean to prevent algae blooming. Information will be given to Jenell next week to be included in the newsletter. Recommendation to use verbiage - "We've measured. We're concerned. It's time to be proactive. Here's what you can do yourself…"

4. Public Comment – N/A

5. Adjourn – Joel Hawkis made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. SECOND by Dick Smith. Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL; OPPOSED: None; **APPROVED.**

Next Scheduled Meeting Wednesday, May 13, 2026