

ROUND TRADE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting minutes for June 23, 2018 held at the Trade Lake Town Hall

President Reid McFarlane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Attendees stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Vicki Breault read the minutes for the May 19th meeting. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Tom Mayerhofer had emailed the Treasurer's Report which was printed and passed out to those in attendance. Report was accepted as written by voice vote.

Dave Blumer reported on the spring lake treatments. Long Trade Lake had 6.8 acres treated for EWM & CLP. On Round Lake 8.86 acres were treated on May 29th for EWM only. Little Trade Lake was treated for EWM & CLP. Big Trade Lake was treated for EWM using granular and liquid herbicide depending on the size of the treatment area. There is EWM all over the lake. Matt Berg will do post treatment surveys starting next week.

Dave said physical removal of EWM is badly needed on Big Trade Lake. He said more than 50% of the property owners on the lake would be able to see EWM from their docks. It would be good if they would just remove it at their docks if nothing else. Water sampling was done on the lakes post treatment to see how long the herbicide stayed in place for future management planning. No results available yet.

There was a discussion about zoning on lakes, how the WDNR prioritizes impaired lakes and property values being affected by "impaired" designation on lakes. Also Anne Tuttle asked Dave if physical removal events could be done in August and he said any time is good. It is better to remove it later than not at all.

Vicki Breault reported that 31% of the potential members had paid dues. Dave Blumer said this is a low percentage but not unusual. Mrs. Painter updated & printed a new pamphlet to distribute to property owners on the lakes to try to recruit new members.

A discussion followed regarding buoys on Big Trade Lake. Richard Hess asked the Town of Trade Lake to take ownership of the buoys. The DNR determined the placement and depth of each buoy. Town of Trade Lake will place, maintain, remove & enforce them. Reid said he had helped the Township place the buoys.

We discussed new signage at the landings and decontaminating boats entering/leaving the lakes using bleach water. The DNR doesn't want bleach used unless there are trained people at the landings to do it. Burnett County reportedly has passed a law requiring decontamination at landings. Dave Blumer will get more information. Regarding signage, permission from the owners of the landings is required before installing any new signs. Vicki Breault said we should start with doing the signs because they are part of our grants and deal with the decontamination issue after more information is acquired.

Dave Blumer said a EWM beetle station has been set up at Bill Piotrowski's cabin on Round Lake and it is doing well.

The Iron Man on the Trade River idea from Rick Painter was determined to be impossible due to various blockages on the river (downed trees, fences, etc.).

Nancy Hess suggested a notice be put in the local paper before the next meeting to remind people to attend.

Reid said we have three 3-year grants---one grant per lake with Big & Little Trade combined. Volunteer hours are needed from people on all the lakes. We were reminded to keep track of volunteer hours and to enter them on the website.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

