



# Trade River Lakes News

## The Round Trade Lake Improvement Association September 2019 Newsletter

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**More Fish, More Fun, Clean  
Water for Everyone**

### CAFO Update

By Rick Painter

A 26,000+ hog Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation is still proposed within approximately two miles of Trade Lake. Trade Lake Township is working on an Ordinance to control CAFOs. Burnett County and Lake town Township have passed Moratoriums and are also working on Ordinances. Polk County has developed a pro CAFO group who claim that a CAFO is just another farm and that the area's air and water will not be affected by millions of gallons of hog manure spread across the watershed.

Some beg to differ. KnowCAFOs.org, a local non-profit corporation formed to educate about the truth and consequences of CAFOs, has articles and news updates to help keep everyone informed. In a recent editorial in the Leader, a CAFO supporter attempted to portray anyone involved in protecting the area's air and water as a radical. During the deposition of the CAFO promoter, he made the statement that anyone who opposed the CAFO is a "selfish prick". The pro CAFO group wants to paint the people critical of or questioning CAFOs as opposed to all farming. That is untrue. Appropriate and sustainable farm practices feed the world with healthy food. Please visit knowcafes.org. for more information. There is a long road ahead, but some progress is being made. Trade Lake Township is going to do well testing. Every drinking water well in the Township should be tested. The Association will

email you with the details, but only if there is an updated email on file. In a worst-case scenario, if your well is compromised by chemicals or manure, having a baseline on file will protect your interests. Also, knowing that you are drinking clean water every day is one huge benefit of being near our beautiful lakes.

### 2019 RTLIA Meeting Dates

All meetings take place on Saturday mornings at Trade Lake Townhall 11810 Townhall Road Frederic, WI 54837

Meetings start at 9 am and you do not need to be a member to attend.

September 21

Annual Meeting Agenda Includes:

- Lake Treatment updates from David Blumer
- Your last chance to buy tickets before the drawing of the winning raffle tickets (\$500, \$250, \$100)
- Long Trade Lake management plan from Vicky Breault
- Election of RTLIA president and representatives from Little & Big Trade and Round Lakes.

### Join our Email Distribution List and Like us on Facebook

In light of recent activities within the Town of Trade Lake, it has become apparent that we need a quicker way to contact RTLIA members and interested parties. Please help us to quickly get a hold of you by joining our Email List and liking us on Facebook.

Email List: Go to

[\[https://tradelakeassoc.org\]](https://tradelakeassoc.org), Select [\[Join our Email List\]](#). Your data is secure and will

only be used for RTLIA business and never shared. Facebook: Go to

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# A Question of Quality

An Editorial by Reid McFarlane

Our lake association is really concerned with quality; the quality of the water, of the fishing, of the wild, natural feel and views of our lakes. In the case of shoreline quality, we are not neutral, but advocating an aesthetic: "to keep it natural." There are several reasons why.

Mowing your grass down to the shoreline and then wrapping the shore with rocks is antithetical to that natural look, but aids runoff and discourages wildlife. Rock wrappings does require a DNR permit, but the rocks don't have roots nor do they bare flowers and berries. A natural shoreline means having the plants and trees native to our area and you'll still be able to see the water while increasing your own privacy.

There are lots of grasses, shrubs and trees that thrive at the water's edge. Grasses like blue joint grass and all kinds of flowering shrubs like Arrowwood, Chokecherry, Elderberry and the Dogwoods do fine at the shoreline. And many of these plants flower and offer fruit to the birds while holding your shoreline together. There are also trees that do fine with occasional wet feet: River Birch, Willow, Eastern White Pine and Swamp Oak. When you come to the lake, don't spend all your time mowing the lawn and not down to the water. Plant a shrub or a tree to anchor your shoreline.

A full list of these shoreline plantings can be found at the Burnett County web-site left-hand side under "Departments," then "Land Services," then "Conservation Division" and finally "Shoreline Protection." Our local nurseries can help too.

# Memberships and Finances

By Scott Hansen

Since I was elected as Treasurer of the Association, I have folks indicating different thoughts on what and when memberships are due. Some have indicated that it was a year from when they wrote their check, others say it's based on the calendar year. So, in an effort to set things straight, I looked at the by-laws and it states that it's based on the calendar year (Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>) and due by June 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

In an effort to adhere the by-laws, we will let everyone know that The Association will consider

memberships due, January 1, 2020 regardless of when you paid in 2019, and payable by the 1st of June, 2020. We will be sending out reminders in January, and if required, in May and before the September annual meeting. We will try to incorporate an abbreviated newsletter at the same time. In addition, the by-laws state that dues paying members are the only people who are allowed to vote on anything that comes to the floor, including officer elections.

Membership dues goes toward day to day Association expenses, such as keeping everyone informed on issues concerning the Association, insurance, other dues/subscriptions and office supplies. With our latest push for memberships we have 35% of the total property owners as members... Thank You.

Membership donations (over and above dues) is used for DNR Grant purposes or if there is a shortfall in dues. Volunteer hours go directly against our DNR Grants, these are very important to keep our finances in check. If we do not have enough volunteer hours, the expenses to vendors, comes directly out of our checkbook.

As you know, we have been selling raffle tickets to help offset expenses. We would like to see the proceeds go against our DNR Grants because we are short on hours, but other uses could be available based on discussion.



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# Opening Day with John

## By William Piotrowski

The first year we had our cabin on Round Lake, my 13-year-old younger son and I went out walleye fishing on opening day. We fished pretty hard from our boat, but caught no walleye. A few small northern and the occasional voracious panfish were all we came up with. After supper that night, I wanted to fish some more. But my son was torn between fishing vs watching NBA playoffs. So, with some disappointment, I went down to fish off the dock with a slip bobber and leeches. Surprisingly, in about an hour, I caught a limit of decent walleye. I went up and advised my son I was doing well off the dock. He came down after the game was over, and was quite surprised to see the nice basket of walleye. He got his rod and joined in.

Now, twenty years later, he has his own family (all girls) who are all able to get up at least a few times a summer.

His daughters love to fish, play with the worms and minnows, and touch whatever is caught. My son is always the first down to fish, and the last to leave. His kids love it, and their soon to be born sister most certainly will too.

And the NBA playoffs go on without any of them.

# Own a Boat or have a dock on the Lake? You have Volunteer Hours and we need them!

## By Janelle Moe, RTLIA Secretary

Hello All!

We desperately need you to enter in all time you have spent either boating along the lake shore or for pulling weeds from around your dock into our Volunteer page

at [https://tradelakeassoc.org/?page\\_id=162](https://tradelakeassoc.org/?page_id=162). Think about the entire year and what you have done- it counts! These hours are needed to meet DNR Grant requirements to cover the Association's cost of treating the Eurasian watermilfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed that was done on our lakes in 2019. It's super easy to enter your time but if you prefer, you

can send your information to [rs.tradelakeassoc@gmail.com](mailto:rs.tradelakeassoc@gmail.com) and I will do it for you.

If we don't get these hours we have to come up with the money to meet our commitment. **\*\*You do not need to be a member of the Association to enter Volunteer Hours!**

Instructions for entering your time:

1. Go to [<https://tradelakeassoc.org>], Select [Volunteer Hours] from the Menu across the top of the page
2. Enter Name, email, the lake you were on, date, and hours worked.
3. For Task Completed, there are some common tasks listed at the top of the drop-down list:
  - a. LMIS – Inspect Around Dock/Lake for Curly-Leaf Pondweed\*\*
  - b. LMIS – Inspect Around Dock/Lake for Eurasian watermilfoil\*\*  
\*\*These can be used when removing any weeds from around docks or when driving around the lake provided you are looking for invasive species at the same time.
  - c. LMIS – Fall Dock Inspection and Weed Removal (Zebra Mussels, Invasive Plants)
    - All Weeds must be removed prior to pushing the dock back into the water every Spring.
  - d. E – Boat inspection when Removing Boat at the Landing or launching boats in the Spring
    - Enter 30 minutes for each time and remove all weeds from boat and trailer – it's the Law now in Wisconsin.
4. Additional Comments: Please enter a brief description of the work performed; such as, "Looking for invasive species".

If you have any questions about this, please send an email to [rs.tradelakeassoc@gmail.com](mailto:rs.tradelakeassoc@gmail.com) or call me directly at 651-260-5649.

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