

Trade River Lakes News

The Round Trade Lake Improvement Association

August 2021

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Membership Meeting – The next RTLIA meeting for this year is planned for August 21st @ 9 AM at the Atlas park Pavilion.

Mark your Calendars for 2021 Events
RTLIA Membership Meeting dates:
August 21st & September 18th (Annual Meeting)

Survey - You may already have received a multi-page survey from our consultant, Lakes Education and Planning Services (LEAPS). That consultant, your association board and the Wisconsin DNR have all had input into the survey which is being sent to all lakeshore owners and long-term renters.

The purpose of the survey is to identify what you think is important about our lakes. We want to know what you think our lakes association should be doing. We're not sure we can do what you want us to do, but that too is an important question: What should we be doing? The second question is can we do it? And then how should we do it.

As Garrison Keller would ask: Do we have the capacity to do what needs to be done to preserve and protect our lakes, rivers and water shed? We're frankly unsure we're up to the task.

As the Round Trade Lake Improvement Association is now organized, we are dependent upon volunteer board officers and board members, other volunteers to donate time (pulling weeds or staffing the boat landing) and all lakeshore owners volunteering their dollars for memberships. Each year, each feels like pulling teeth.

We do have all kinds of DNR grant money, for weed treatments (but not for Big Trade this year), for surveys, for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program that staffs folks at the landings, money to support building rain gardens and for felling trees into the lake this coming winter for Fish Sticks (fish habitat). But there are also other things we could be doing. Our goal is to find out what YOU think we should be doing, or not doing for that matter.

Summer Update from Long Trade Lake -Although the summer is still in full swing, the folks have been busy making the best of it so far. The newest addition to the lake, as far as we know, is that earlier this spring Polk County upgraded the boat landing, so we no longer have a "bumpy" ride to get in and out. The county is now adding a new parking lot for boaters up the hill. Thanks Polk County. Long Trade also had a successful couple of months bringing in funds for the RTLIA by being the lake with the best percentage of dues paying members (45%) and with that, the volunteer hours were great, in fact, we have more CBCW hours than any other lake landing (thanks Stephanie and Archer B.).

Long Trade purchased 38 tee shirts for the tee shirt promotion (thanks Vicki B. for being the lead for Long Trade). "Yoga in the Park" was held during June and had up to 10 participants per weekend and the



proceeds were donated back to the RTLIA, to the tune of \$442.00 (thanks Amy K.)

Fourth of July boat parade was again a success as approximately 20 pontoons participated and the Engstrand pontoon was crowned the best of the fleet. It was held at 2 PM with a gathering at the sand bar afterwards. The annual picnic was held on July 17th and had 42 people attend. There were all the usual's with brats, refreshments, dishes to pass and even a "Bloody Mary bar" (thanks Stoney). A meat raffle was held with local bars contributing free drink tickets (thanks Suzy Q's for your 30 tickets) The raffle brought in \$365.00 thanks, in part, to the 50/50 winner for contributing his winnings back to the pot (thanks Eric G.). Talks were given about the condition of the lake and weed identification (thanks Vicki B.) and fish population and rabbit problem updates (thanks Dick H.) A big thanks to Michelle E. and Roger & Vicki B. for the hard work to pull this picnic off.

We have three Healthy Lakes Grant projects going on this summer on the lake, one is completed (Jim & Barb K.), and two in progress (Steve & Toni W. and Diane M. and Peggy K.). These will look great along the shoreline for many years to come and help with the health of the lake.

Update by Vicki B. and Scott H.



DNR measured this Crappie at 18.7" and 3.75lbs. It was approaching state record size. This fellow was staying at the resort on Big Trade Lake when he caught it earlier this year.



UPDATE from the KnowCAFOs Team - We have a brief reprieve. The CAFO permit was temporarily denied based on wetland issues. Reengineering will solve their problem. A five-township consortium is creating an Operations Ordinance. Please support it's passing.

Contact the Trade Lake town board by phone and email:

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Let them know where you stand. You may not have a vote, but you have a voice!

PLAN AHEAD: CAFO CONTROVERSY AND COFFEE, September 4, in Trade Lake. Time and place TBD.

Watch your email and KnowCAFOs.org for final details.


The KnowCAFOs Team

The Lake Association is education oriented in that it tries to keep its members informed as to the issues that may affect the lakes positively and negatively. The above information is a news release for your information.

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