

**Round Trade Lake Improvement Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 17th, 2022
10:00 a.m. T-Dawgs, Grantsburg WI and via Zoom**

Opening:

The meeting started 10:00 a.m. on 9/17/2022. The meeting was called to order by Jim Dooher at 10:11 a.m. and seconded by Terry Schwartz. All were in favor. Due to technical difficulties with the Zoom call, the meeting started at 10:25 a.m.

Members of the Board Present:

Toni Denardo (President); Terry Schwartz (Vice President); Greg Younker (Treasurer); Mary Jo Gentry (Secretary); Richard Tober (Big Trade Lake Rep); Jim Dooher (Round Lake Rep). Missing but on/leading Zoom call: Jesse Rees (Little Trade Lake Rep).

New Business:

- The board was introduced – each individual gave a brief introduction
- Treasury report (Greg Younkers)
 - Greg reviewed the current balance sheet and grants
 - Greg reviewed the key details of the financial audit of the books
- President's Report (Toni Denardo)
 - Toni summarized the events of the June 18th meeting as they pertain to the split of Long Trade Lake from the association
 - Toni reviewed the research done and the reason behind the open letter that was sent to the board of the Long Trade Lake Association
 - Toni informed the group we are seeking to form committees and are looking for help with the website and social media
 - She mentioned the importance of having/using membership information to communicate with each other
 - Toni mentioned the motion to move from a 501C4 to a 5013C so that we can accept donations
 - Eric Olson will be here for our spring meeting but will lead some Zoom calls prior to that event
 - We will move paper to Google docs
 - Elections for vice president will be held when we are ready
 - Give us time as we learn our responsibilities and each other
- Dave Blumer – Lake Education and Planning Service (LEAPS)
 - WI DNR Grants support surface water grants
 - What do we want to accomplish, what are the individual tasks, and what is the budget?
 - What portion does the state cover and what portion do we cover?

- We have to spend the money first then get reimbursed by the state
 - Volunteer time at \$12/hour covers much of our cost; also donated services
 - Active grant with the dept of DNR to update the aquatic management plan for Big and Little Trade Lakes - effective March 2021 to December 2022.
 - Public needs to review and RTLIA board needs to approve before sending to the state for final approval
 - On the RTLIA website
 - Review of what types of things are in the management plan – invasive species
 - Eurasian Watermilfoil - \$36K
 - Curly Leaf Pond Weed - \$66K
 - Treat for three consistent years
 - If we get a grant, 75% of it will be paid by the state
 - We need to get ready for a 2024 treatment plan
 - Management plan for Round Lake needs to be completed to get grant money
 - Lake District is government body with taxing authority, with automatic involvement by the town and the county
 - Lake District tax is paid by every property in the lake district boundary, based on the value of the property
 - Every single penny you pay as a lake district tax goes directly to managing the lake(s)
 - Automatically eligible for grants
 - Steady stream of revenue for treating the lakes
 - Association has a volunteer, elected board
 - Need to be a member in or to have a say
 - Need to apply for grants and do all the groundwork
- Lake District Update (Terry Schwartz)
 - We are in a learning phase as an association
 - We have no official stand one way or another
 - Round Lake talking to all members to see how they feel about the Lake District
- Rick Painter – Communications Director of Know CAFOs
 - Application is not complete – applications have been completed but not submitted due to operations ordinances created by surrounding townships
 - Big manufacturing groups have threatened to sue the lake towns
 - Townships are fighting
 - Know CAFOs filing a petition with the EPA
 - Petition coming out for the to look at our water levels; please sign

- Apparel (Denise Schreifels)
 - Logo'd apparel available at Frederick Design; customer orders available
- Plan for our Future (Toni Denardo)
 - We do need help with committees
 - Lake District
 - Committees
 - Spring meeting/picnic as opposed to July 4th weekend
 - Fundraising
- Recognition of Janelle Moe (past secretary); Rick Painter; Reid McFarland; Terry Schwartz; April Freeman
- Questions/Comments
 - Dan Walton (Little Trade Lake) - Work together, remain neutral (less nefarious), take care of your shoreline
 - Reid McFarland (Big Trade Lake) – concerns over the stewardship donation to Long Trade Lake; strong advocate of the lake district and gave some benefits of a lake district
 - Dan Anderson (Round Lake) – winter meetings would be welcomed as well; how far does the lake district extend into an adjacent watershed?
 - Lisa Slater (Big Trade Lake) – would love to see the buoys come back; would like to see an end to the tournaments that bring many boats in; will need to connect with the sportsman's' clubs to discuss.
 - How to log hours? Web page shown

Adjournment:

Toni called the meeting to adjourn at 12:13 a.m. Seconded by Mary Jo. All were in favor. Next board meeting will be the Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Mary Jo Gentry:



Signature

September 17th, 2022

Date