

**Round Trade Lake Improvement Association  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, February 9th, 2023  
6:00 PM Zoom Meeting**

**Opening:**

The meeting was called to order by Mary Jo at 6:07 PM. Seconded by Jim. All in favor.

**Members of the Board Present:**

Toni Denardo (President); Greg Younker (Treasurer); Mary Jo Gentry (Secretary); Richard Tober (Big Trade Lake Rep); Jim Dooher (Round Lake Rep); Jesse Rees (Little Trade Lake Rep).

**New Business:**

1) Rick Painter – Bylaws

- a) Bylaws include references to Long Trade Lake. Recommend eliminating all references to Long Trade Lake from the bylaws.
- b) Article II – Corporation is a 501C4, which limits our activities as a non-profit. This article states that we cannot participate in partisan political activities. CAFO protects our lakes so we should be able to discuss CAFO. Can we include language that allows us to protect our lakes by addressing the CAFO? Per Reid, if a stand is going to protect our lake, this Article does not exempt us from acting on our lake's behalf. Rick Painter should be allowed to continue to provide updates on CAFO to the RTLIA board and members.
  - i) Rick made a motion to amend the bylaws to present to members for a 2/3 vote later. Jim seconded. All in favor.

2) Round Lake Cash Expenditure

- a) Terry Schwartz presented his background and the status of treatments and weeds on Round Lake. They are requesting \$10,000 from the association to move forward with a treatment plan presented by Dave Blumer in September of 2022.
  - i) Janelle Moe asked are there not any grants that will cover this treatment? Yes, but it would be August/September that we could get the grant so treatment will not be until 2024. The RTLIA has never funded a grant, even though Dave Blumer said that this is common. If there was a failed treatment before, how do we know that this \$10K expenditure will not fail as well? Can we get a grant and use volunteer hours instead? Will Dave Blumer help with the failed curtain?

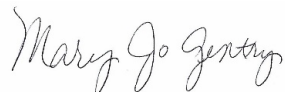
- b) Greg presented financials, current grants, cash to volunteer earnings and 2024 plans. He presented his rationale based on percentage of members on each lake. This allocation is not to exceed \$10K.
  - i) Toni made note of the fact that we have not included the summer meeting in the current budget so an updated budget will be presented.
  - ii) Janelle asked if the \$10K would cover the treatment that Dave suggested. Greg answered yes and explained why. Janelle wants to be sure that Dave knows what he is doing and that we hold his feet to the fire.
  - iii) Reid – the \$10K will not be matched by any money from the DNR. Has the board done any searching for an alternate consultant knowing the fact that Dave Blumer is retiring. The board is aware and researching alternatives.
  - iv) Toni – what happens if the water levels don't allow this treatment this year? Greg – we will have to see what happens and make this decision in June.
  - v) Reid – no grants in place for Big and Little Trade Lakes this year? No, we are working on the gap grant.
- 3) Jim made a motion to vote on the proposal to the association to treat Round Lake with an expenditure not above \$10K. Mary Jo seconded.
  - a) Jim Dooher – in favor
  - b) Greg Younker – in favor
  - c) Richard Tober – in favor
  - d) Jesse Rees – abstained
  - e) Mary Jo Gentry – in favor
- 4) Motion passed

**Adjournment:**

Mary Jo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. Seconded by Jesse. All in favor.

Meeting minutes submitted by Mary Jo Gentry:

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*Signature*

*Date*