

RLIA Meeting Notes

11.15.21 Notetaker: Nathan Pyles

In attendance: John Crump, Candace Diaz, Tom Krejcie, Bruce Ward, Susan Trier, Jim Colegrove, Mike Neemann, Jim Kerler. Not in attendance: John Thode

1. Call to Order
2. Good News Minute
3. Adopt agenda

Tom Krejcie made motion to accept the agenda. Jim C seconded. Passed.

4. Secretary's Report—approve minutes of 10/18/2021 Board meeting

5. Treasurer's Report (6:35-6:40)

Jim Colegrove is training Tom Krejcie to perform the treasurers' duties.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report . Seconded, Passed.

6. Public Comment(s)/Correspondence
 1. Guests – No Guest
 2. Mail (Jim) – Nothing substantive.
 3. Email (John C) - Yahara river dredging is being done to prevent flooding.
 4. Facebook (Susan)

7. Other Reports

1. County representative—Marisa provided John C with a few updates. In follow up to a discussion at last month's Board meeting, Marisa contacted the DNR and spiny water flea water sample testing will be done in Rock Lake next year and will be paid for by the DNR.
2. JRLC—Susan
Next JRLC meeting is a Zoom meeting on 11.23.21 at 6:00pm. JRLC committee is down to 3 Town board members.
3. Miljala Channel update (Susan & John T)
Susan sent in our Miljala Channel grant applications along with letters of support on November 1st. Two simultaneous grants were applied for. Based on projected matching work commitments, the RLIA could save substantial amounts of cash. The strong accompanying letters of support should help improve chances of grant being issued. If both grants are issued, we would be ready to apply for a full implementation grant in

September 2022. John Crump acknowledged the hard work and quality effort of the application committee including Susan Trier, John Thode, Marissa, and Patricia Cicero.

8. Preliminary Committee Planning Reports

1. Water Quality- Residential: John T - Not in attendance.

John Thode communicated by email that he would like to continue to distribute the homeowners' packet to new residents, but would like to reduce the volume of information in each packet.

John T would also like to organize a shoreland owners' breakfast.

2. Water Sampling: Marisa, Jim

Jim Kerler reports that the 2021 water sampling finished up in October. Susan Trier suggested that we share with our members how much more water quality testing we have sponsored, and what the test results showed.

3. Membership: Jim C, Tom Krejcie

Jim is training Tom K on how to monitor membership. We had 50 new members because of the broader mailing – Every Door Direct Mailing (EDDM). We are seeing a decrease in current members who are renewing.

4. Aquatic Invasive Plants:

Susan reports that RLIA will be working closely with JRLC on this issue. DNR is on a 5-year cycle for monitoring invasive species. Susan suggested that we organize our own annual 'snapshot' with citizen lake monitors. According to the RL Lake Management Plan, we can consider hand-pulling Eurasian milfoil in Korth Bay. Susan would like to consider making local videos to educate the community on invasive species using mostly AIS grant funds. Bruce Ward will update the tools for the AIS Clean Boats program – paint and add identifying plaques.

5. Education: Candace

Candace presented the concept of "Lake Explorers" 2022 summer school program. This is a 6-week class that meets once a week for two hours.

Suggesting we start with grades 3 and 4. Topics: Ecology, Culture, Economy. She presented outline of curriculum and timeline for preparation of the class material. Volunteers would be recruited to teach these classes.

6. Recreation, Carrying Capacity, SNWZ: No report expected (Jim K plans to chair in the future)

Jim Kerler would be interested in working with others on these issues. Susan suggested creating a presentation to educate the public, City Council, and Town Board about the reasons and benefits of a Slow No Wake Zone.

7. Public Outreach: Facebook: Susan

Susan is planning on sharing testing and sampling results on Facebook.

9. Old Business

1. General liability insurance policy: Mike

Will wait until January to get a quote and purchase.

2. Dashboard: Nathan

Project is complete for the year. Will update next August for annual board meeting.

3. Plaques for AIS signs: John C

These were recently purchased with the assistance of Dan Geerds whose son, Calvin, did the AIS sign implementation as his Eagle Scout project. All 6 plaques have been attached to the AIS signs by Bruce. A retroactive motion was requested cover the reimbursement of Mr. Geerds. Tom K moved to approve spending \$158.03 for replacement tools for the Boat Cleaning Stations. Motion made and unanimously approved.

10. New Business

1. Letter to County in support of full time Water Resource Specialist position:

John Crump will draft letter this week to support Marisa's fulltime position. John C has been impressed with the quality of her support for multiple RLIA projects.

11. Adjourn. Next Board Meeting: Proposal: Saturday 1/15/22 9 am (Zoom vs City Hall) and Monday 1/17/22 6:30 pm

A motion was made to accept these two meetings, seconded, discussed and passed.