

BALSAM, RED CEDAR, HEMLOCK,
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Preserve and Protect for the Future.

2019 Minutes

July 13, 2019 Mikana Town Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Valerie Bausch at 9:01 a.m. ~33 attendees (including 10 officers and board members). This is less than the number of attendees in 2018.

Val summarized the agenda and then began a powerpoint presentation of the meeting that is an attachment to this document and contains the substantive content of the meeting.



Introduction of current board/directors

Officers:

- ❑ President - Valerie Bausch
- ❑ Vice President - Gerry Johnson
- ❑ Treasurer - John Page
- ❑ Secretary - Rose Kopras

Directors:

- ❑ Tom Goodwin
- ❑ Dan Ellefson
- ❑ Tim Lewis
- ❑ Sue Sleik
- ❑ Len Christianson
- ❑ Becky Garthofner

Absent: Rick Hokanson and Jeff Iverson



2019 Secretary's Report – Rose Kopras



The minutes for the 2018 annual meeting were distributed at the door.

Motion: JB moved and Sandy Nastram seconded to accept the secretary's report. Motion was carried.

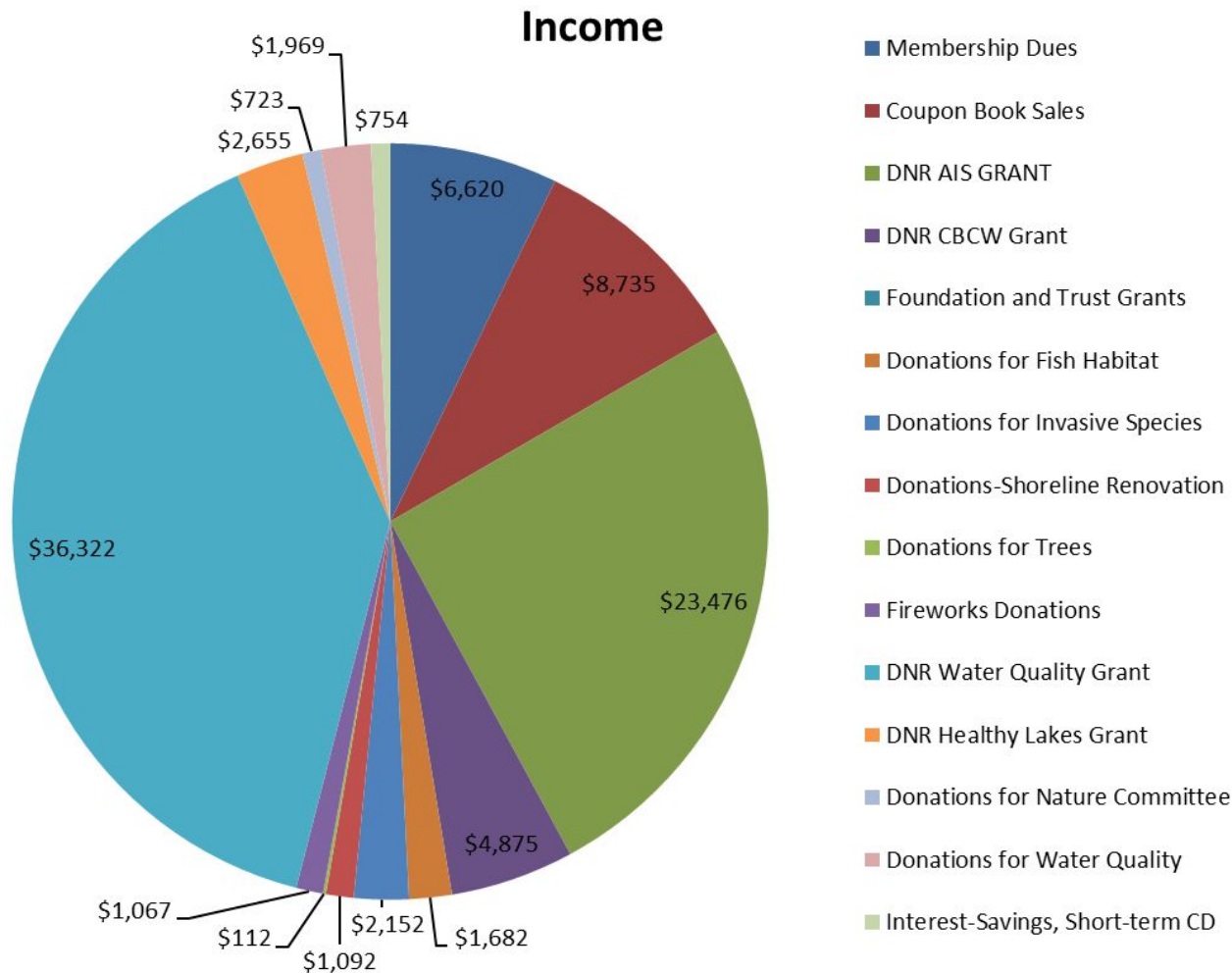
2019 Treasurer's Report – John Page



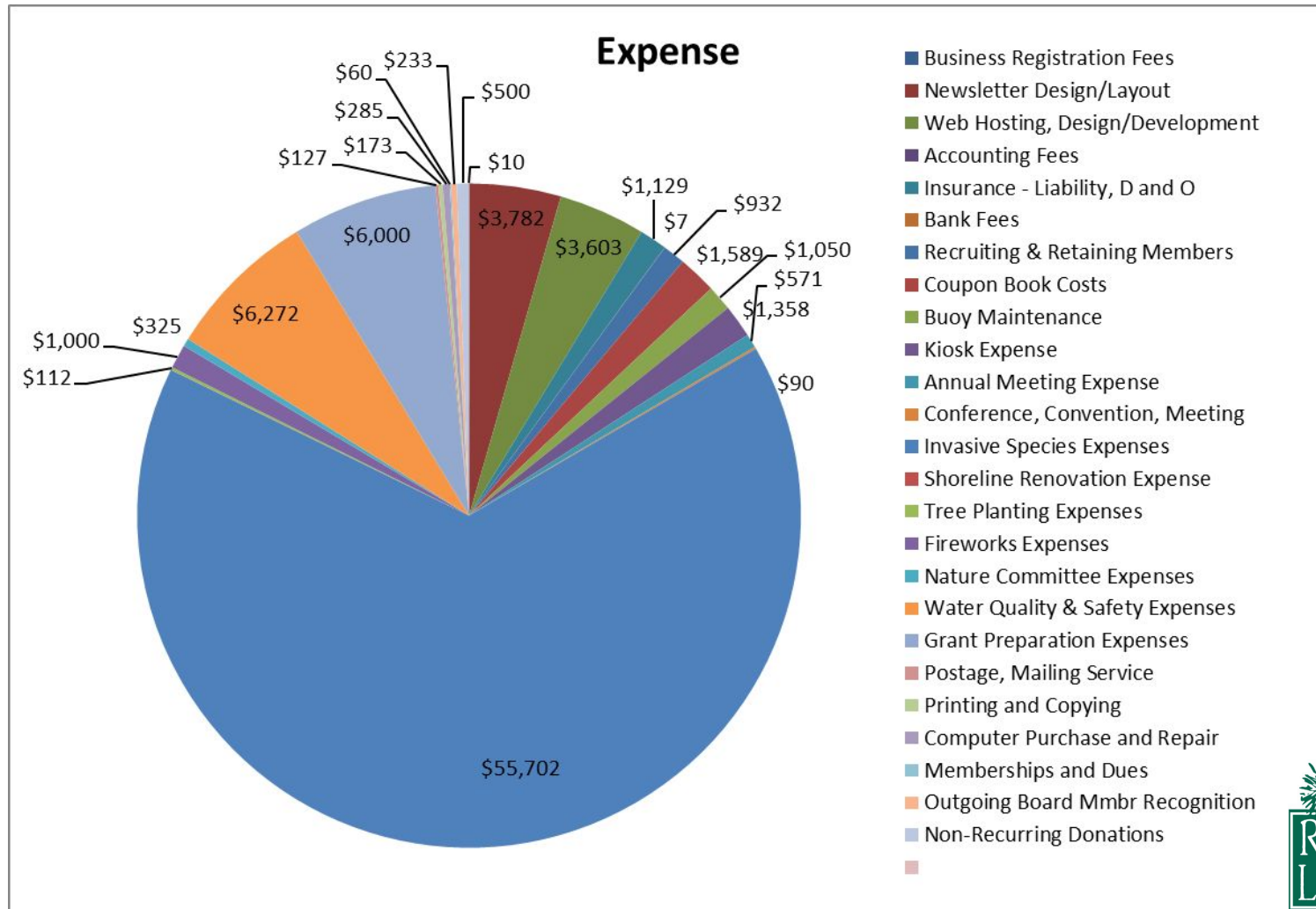
John discussed the financial condition of the lake association including the income and expenses thru June 30, 2019.

Motion: Laura Woodward moved and Jane Johnson seconded that we accept the treasurer report as presented by John. Motion was carried.

Income: Total = \$92,234



Expenses: Total = \$84,908





2019 Committee Reports

Directors

- ❑ Bears – A Natural History by Chris Cold, WI DNR Wildlife Specialist; (100+ in attendance)
- ❑ Identify and define educational programs
 - ❑ Loon Watch Monitoring – only a couple of chicks due to black fly problem
 - ❑ Wild Rice Mapping
 - ❑ Purple Loosestrife Monitoring
 - ❑ Dark Skies

*** IMPORTANT ***

“Get the Lead Out” Program

Kiosks

- ❑ 6 kiosks @ boat landings on Red Cedar, Hemlock, & Balsam
- ❑ Sinking/Soft ground @ Pigeon Creek repair – last fall
- ❑ Three 'Adopt-A-Kiosk' volunteers
- ❑ Maps available @ mytopo.com

Buoys/Markers

- ❑ 20 buoys/markers on Red Cedar, Hemlock, & Balsam
- ❑ RCLA Role
 - ❑ Place, maintain, and remove buoys
 - ❑ Placed on May 4
 - ❑ No new this year, two due for replacement this fall
 - ❑ No buoy runaways this year. Please call if you notice one missing
 - ❑ Thanks RCS – New owner – Kurt TeWinkle.
- ❑ WI DNR Role
 - ❑ Permitting authority
 - ❑ Determine number, type, size, and location

Boaters Safety

- ❑ No classroom training offered in 2019
- ❑ Options include 'on-line' certification through WI DNR
- ❑ Classroom training should return in 2020
- ❑ Boaters safety laws available through WI DNR
- ❑ Reminder: Anyone born after 1/1/89 needs Boaters Safety Certificate

Shoreline & Island Restoration Committee

Gerry Johnson for Rich Hokanson

- ❑ Completed two rain gardens and one 350 sq.ft. native planting area in Sept of 2017. These projects were part of the "Healthy Lakes" grant for 2016/2017, the purpose of which is to help reduce direct water runoff into streams and lakes.
- ❑ Continue to solicit interest from lakeshore owners that would like to participate in a "healthy lakes" grant for 2020, which are due by Dec. 1, 2019.

Rich served 4 terms and received a bamboo cutting board as a gift.



Membership Committee

Sue Sleik

- ❑ 643 members in 2019 compared to 529 in 2018
- ❑ 4 Corporate Sponsors (***Birchwood Café, Cedar Lakes Grill, Cheers, Pines at the Lake***)
- ❑ Contributed \$6,540 in dues and \$7,982 in project donations



Fish Habitat Committee

Dan Ellefson

- ❑ Goal is to install 10-12 fish sticks; Hemlock on North shore
- ❑ 6 Installations on Balsam



Newsletter/Website Committee

Becky Garthofner

Changing the name of this position to “**Communications**”

- ☐ Better describes the true function of this position
- ☐ Begin/continue utilizing social media as appropriate

Newsletter:

- ☐ Continue to educate and inform our RCLA members via the bi-annual (two times per year) newsletter
- ☐ Pursue going “electronic”



The RCLA website has been revamped!

- ❑ Utilized a consultant – mostly paid for by grant dollars
- ❑ Switched development tool and hosting from WordPress /GoDaddy to Squarespace
- ❑ Went live in June

Additions/Improvements:

- ❑ Basic volunteer sign-up
(will tweak and improve to match needs)
- ❑ “Become a member”
- ❑ Events/calendar
- ❑ More visual – lots of pictures
- ❑ More content – and hopefully more relevant!

Possible Future Additions/Improvements:

- ❑ Online enrollment (membership) & donations
- ❑ “Subscribe” functionality
- ❑ Send suggestions along to the Website Chair!



Water Quality Committee

Tim Lewis

Water Quality can be best described as...

- A. High level of clarity
- B. Low levels of phosphorous
- C. Sustainable fisheries and wildlife habitat
- D. Quality recreational opportunities (e.g., swimming, boating, etc.)
- E. ALL OF THE ABOVE AND MORE...



Key Focus in 2019 Includes...

Tim Lewis

- A. Volunteers to regularly sample water on each of the 3 main lakes and 5 streams and report results to Citizen Lake Monitoring Network
- B. Coordinate with WDNR and outside consulting services to identify further testing instruments and locations
- C. Submit Water Quality Grant





**THANK
YOU!**

**Tim thanked Jeff and
Penny for their service
on the Coupon
Committee and
presented their Gift.**

Sale of books so far this year and expenses:

- ☐ 400 books printed
- ☐ 300 distributed to RCLA members
- ☐ 9 members returned books
- ☐ 37 distributed to businesses to sell
- ☐ 7 distributed to other (display, gratis)
- ☐ 50 books “on hand” from returned books
- ☐ Books sold to date \$8,055
- ☐ Expenses: ~\$1,590
- ☐ Profit: ~\$6,465

Where the books are being sold:

- ☐ Various business locations (i.e. golf courses, gas stations, restaurants, resorts, grocery stores, bank etc.)
- ☐ 64 local coupons in 2019 book

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

Tom Goodwin

- ❑ Good News! Aquatic Invasive Species remain stable in our lakes
- ❑ We continue to have just four species of AIS (Curly Leaf Pondweed, Chinese Mystery Snails, Purple Loosestrife and Rusty Crayfish)



- ❑ Zebra mussels and Eurasian Milfoil are in neighboring lakes and probably our biggest threats

2019 – 2021 Grant:

- ❑ Provides up to \$241,000 for AIS control and water quality studies



Important facts about our new grant:

- ❑ 1 of only 12 AIS control grant awarded by DNR
- ❑ Largest grant ever awarded to RCLA
- ❑ RCLA financial obligation is approximately \$60,000 over grant term



2019 AIS Actions:

- ❑ CLP Bed Mapping completed in June
- ❑ 28 water acres treated in May
- ❑ Shoreline property study
- ❑ Bass Lake – Water Quality monitoring started and native plant study
- ❑ Ongoing monitoring of AIS through the summer
 - ❑ Zebra mussel plates
 - ❑ Raking weeds near boat landing and stream entrances
- ❑ Eradication of Purple Loosestrife
 - ❑ Beetle release
 - ❑ Hand removal



Clean Boats, Clean Waters — AIS

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

- ❑ Landing monitoring: V & 48, Waldo Carlson, Hemlock, Loch Lomond Beach Club

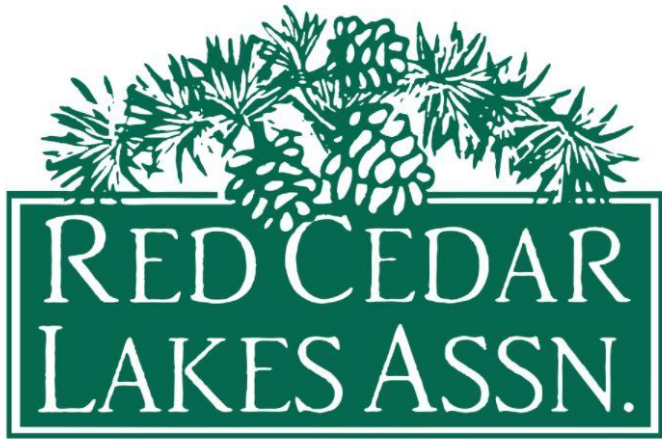
Press Release: Zebra Mussel Decontamination Station Order

- ❑ On July 1, 2019, the Property Committee of the Barron County Board of Supervisors passed an order requiring the use of a decontamination station, if there is one available, at the landing before launching and after loading of boats to prevent the spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species.

Other...

- ❑ Updated Lake Management Plan out on new website
- ❑ Expand Member meeting to discuss AIS Control, Water Quality and Shoreline Restoration Efforts and Opportunities
- ❑ **Meeting Date:** Aug. 17, 2019
- ❑ **Time:** 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- ❑ **Location:** Mikana Town Hall
- ❑ **Volunteers Needed**

Tom thanked Becky for her service and presented her with “chilled wine glasses”.



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President's Direction

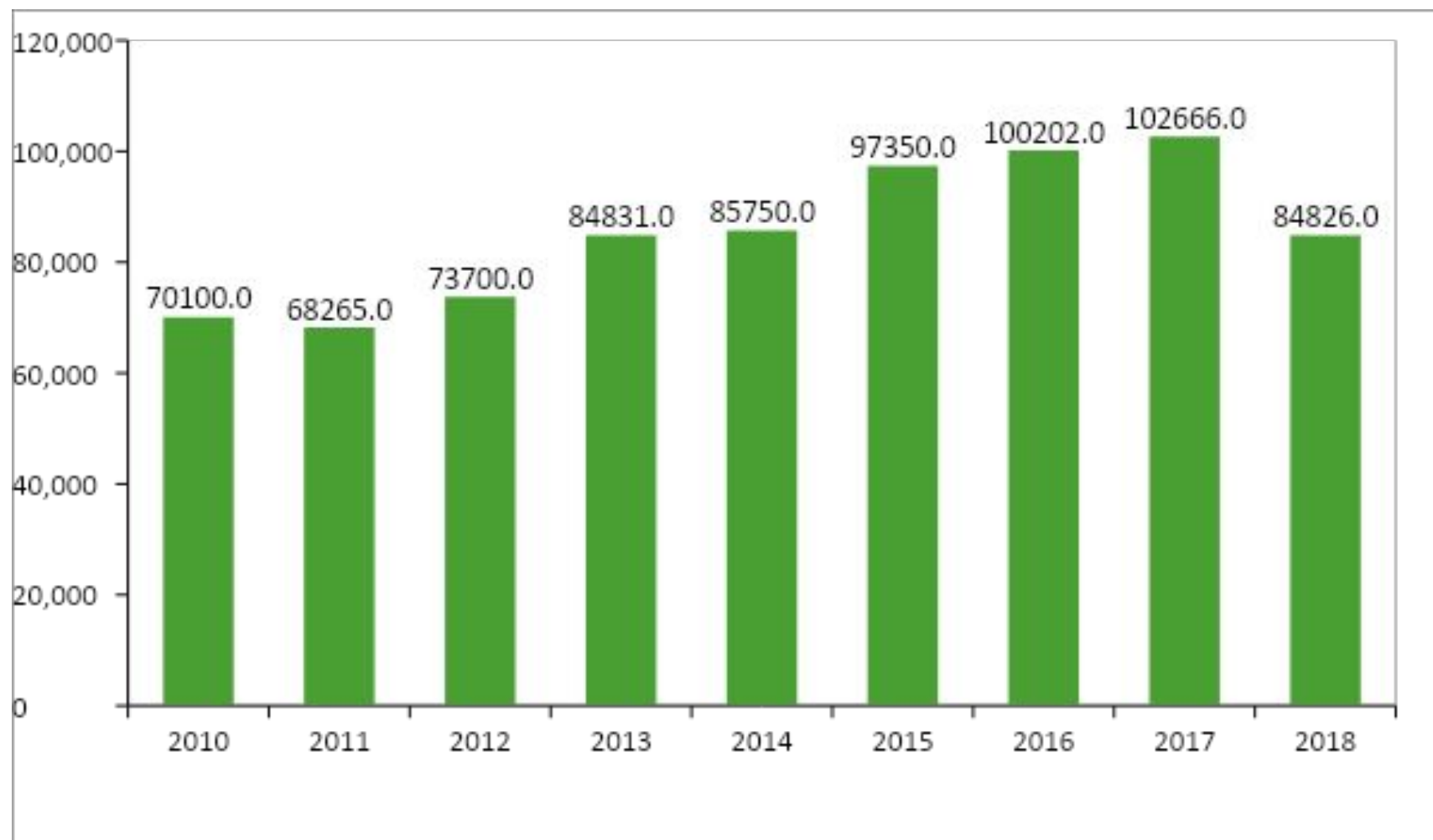
Valerie Bausch: 2019/2020

President's Direction for 2019/2020

- ❑ A “BIG TIME” THANK YOU to all of our members who have volunteered on our many projects and committees
- ❑ Continue to Build our RCLA Budget Equity Position for anticipated AIS Emergency Response Plan expenditures
- ❑ Concern on the continued decline of volunteers
 - ❑ Impact to our financials
 - ❑ Might have to find another way to raise funds



Financial Report — Net Worth at Year End



Propose Change to our By-Laws:

Current:

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility: Membership in the association shall be open to any individual, family, business, or organization, that subscribes to the purposes of the association.

There was a discussion around removing “family” from Section 1 – Eligibility as members thought it was confusing, so new Section 1 will be:

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Sandy Nastram moved that in Section I “family” gets removed, Doris Christianson seconded; motion approved



Propose Change to our By-Laws:

Current:

Section 2 – Dues: Dues shall be \$10 per membership on a calendar year basis.

Proposed:

Section 2 – Dues: Dues shall be paid on a calendar year basis and the amount will be determined by the board with formal approval required by a majority vote of members present at any special or annual meeting.

JB moved to support the changes, Cindy Goodwin seconded; motion approved



Propose Change to Membership Dues

Why the need for an increase?

- ❑ Grants
 - ❑ 3 grants vs 1 and all come with their own financial obligation
 - ❑ Structure of grants
 - ❑ Scope of grants
- ❑ We need to be proactive in building up our financials to be prepared for something more serious (i.e. Eurasian milfoil, zebra mussels, etc)
- ❑ Don't expect as many grants or amount of funding of grants in future
- ❑ The responsibility of lake management falls squarely on the individual Lake Associations (WI DNR only advisory)



Impact to Change

Impact to change:

Grant	Grant Amount	RCLA Share (3 yrs)	RCLA Share (per yr)
CBCW	\$6,500		\$2,140
Water Quality (3 yr)	\$48,389	\$12,097	\$4,032
AIS (3 yr)	\$241,181	\$60,295	\$20,098
Total		\$72,392	\$26,270

- Historical volunteer contribution approximately \$13,000 to \$15,000 per year across all grants

Additional revenue from membership dues (641 members)	\$6,410
Estimated volunteer contribution	\$15,000
Sub Total	\$21,410
RCLA Share Per Yr	\$26,270
Total	-\$4,860



Correction from Tim Lewis on Aug 23, 2019:

Water Quality Grant (2 Year)

Total is \$72,293

Total RCLA share is \$23,864

RCLA share per year is \$11,932

Brett Heinlein moved that the dues be raised to \$20 per individual;
Jerry Garthofner seconded; motion approved.



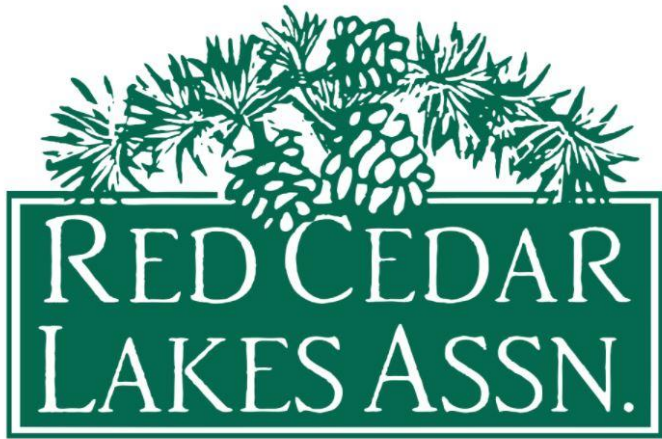
Farewell to Board Members



Becky Garthofner - Newsletter
and Website

Rick Hokanson - Shoreline &
Island Restoration

Jeff Iverson - Coupon



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Election of Board Members

2019-2020

Renewing Board Members & New Board Director Recommendations

Board Officer Renewing for 3-Year Term:

- ❑ John Page - Treasurer

Board Directors Renewing for 2-Year term:

- ❑ Dan Ellefson - Fish Habitat

New Board Director Recommendation

- ❑ Michael Klutho - Shoreline & Island Restoration
- ❑ Ryan Linder - Communications
- ❑ Brett Heinlein - Co-Chair AIS
- ❑ Runae Maloney - Coupon

A motion was requested to close the candidate list and approve new board members.

Motion: JB moved and Doris Christianson seconded motion to approve new board members and by a show of hands by all attending members, the motion was carried.

Michael Klutho

- ❑ BS in Fisheries & Wildlife Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a MA in Zoology from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
- ❑ Served as a Fisheries Biologist with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in 1983-1984
- ❑ Served as the Chair of our law school's Environmental Law Committee and in the initial years, Michael was involved in a variety of wetland and Superfund cases.
- ❑ Michael has been married to Jill for 34 yrs. and have 3 wonderful children
- ❑ Have place on Balsam Lake since 1999 and also own "Pines At The Lake"
- ❑ Hobbies include woodworking, landscaping, boating, fishing and antiquing

Ryan Linder – Communication

- ❑ Born and raised in New Richmond, WI and currently reside in Hudson, WI
- ❑ Work for Mortenson Construction for past 15 years as Chief Estimator for their Civil Group
- ❑ Ryan have been married to his fantastic wife Jenni for 4 years and together have 2 children ... Johnathan 22 Mo and Ella 3 Wks.
- ❑ We bought our lot on Red Cedar Lake a year ago and have plans to build within the next year or two. ***"The main reason we picked Red Cedar Lake was its location, quality of water, quality of fishing and the size of lake."***
- ❑ An avid fisherman, hunter, snowmobiler and all around outdoors kind of guy

Brett Heinlein – Co-Chair for AIS

- ❑ Originally from Minnesota, Brett attended North Dakota State University and has 36 years of experience in the cement industry in a career that has spanned over five Midwestern states
- ❑ He currently sits on the board of the Wisconsin Concrete Paving Association, Concrete Paving Association of Minnesota and serves as President of the Minnesota Concrete Council
- ❑ Brett and his wife, Terry, have three grown children who live in Minneapolis, Nashville and Milwaukee
- ❑ Moved to Red Cedar Lake in the fall of 2015, which they now consider their permanent home
- ❑ Hobbies include cooking, fishing, golf and playing guitar

Runae Maloney – Coupon Book

- ❑ Born in Bemidji, MN - Runae lived on the family farm in Solway until graduating from Bemidji State University and later moved to Minneapolis
- ❑ She pursued her career as an IT person, working the majority of the years at Liberty Diversified Industries. In 2006, she began working as a sales and marketing staff accountant at Jack Link's in Minong before retiring in March 2018
- ❑ Runae and husband Mick moved to Birchwood in 2004. They have 4 grown children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren
- ❑ She is actively involved at First Lutheran as the Treasurer and will begin helping with the Backpack program in the fall
- ❑ Hobbies include bowling, gardening and keeping herself busy with her very long “to do” list

RCLA Board of Directors

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- ❑ Co-AIS - Brett Heinlein
- ❑ Coupon Book - Runae Maloney
- ❑ Fish Habitat - Dan Ellefson
- ❑ Island & Shoreline Restoration - Michael Klutho
- ❑ Lake Information & Safety Committee - Len Christianson
- ❑ Membership - Sue Sleik
- ❑ Nature - Valerie Bausch
- ❑ Communications - Ryan Linder
- ❑ Water Quality - Tim Lewis



Q&A / Adjournment

2019-2020

Questions & Answers

1. Q: What kind of reserve should we have?
A: Dave Bloomer: It is hard to predict. However, we have 5 lakes to work through. If Milfoil is found, we need to react immediately.
2. Q: How many pieces of property are on the lakes and do we ask those who are not members to also help build funds? What % are members?
A: The board needs to determine a target.
3. Q: Is there a comparison lake to consider?
A: Yes, Beaver Dam Lake is comparable and they treat milfoil.
4. Q: If there is a decontamination station, will bass fisherman be required to use it?
A: Yes, if one is present it must be used.
5. Q: How many years have we been treating CLP?
A: From 2012 to 2014 we treated 20 acres. Now, we can treat up to 50 acres.
6. Q: Can we somehow get rid of muskrats?
A: Val will check with Chris Cold

Adjournment

Motion was requested to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Motion: Jerry Garthofner moved and Brett Heinlein seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

**Next Board Meeting will be Aug. 10, 2019 8:00 AM
Cedar Lake Grill**