

LRIA Annual Meeting
4-23-18
American Legion Hall

Meeting called to order by President Ryan Majkrzak at 7:02 pm

Brief Introduction of Board Members, Committee Chairs, New Members, and Members who live near the lake.

1. Treasurers Report: Bob Kruempelstaedter

-In 2017 we had a beginning budget of \$9,657.28 and an ending figure of \$9,406.97.

-There were 32 dues paying members

-We stocked 1500 walleye

Bob encouraged everyone to pay their dues and have their neighbors pay their dues. We have a challenge to get new members

2. President's Report: Ryan Majkrzak
2018 Highlights

-Riley Lake Park Boat Launch: Parking reduced from 22 to 20, No Parking signs placed on Pioneer Trail all the way to Dell Road, City of EP will monitor boat traffic and consider additional actions if needed

-4th of July Boat Parade held and Traveling Trophy awarded

-Google Group created

-Website upgraded extensively

-Online payment of dues

-Stocked 1,500 walleye fingerlings

-Proposed By Law Changes Under Goals Section

a. add "Minimize impact of Aquatic Invasive Species" under Clean Lake Section

b. delete section Improved Roads and Maintenance

c. add section Build Community

-provide opportunities for neighbors around lake to interact and get to know one another

-support uses of the lake beneficial to broader community

-Business

a. Approve minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting

b. Approve Treasurers Report

c. Approve Setting 2018 as "Year 3" in election cycle

-bylaws amended in 2017 to establish a 3-year cycle for elections

Year 1: Secretary and Treasurer

Year 2: President and Vice President

Year 3: Skip year

- Full slate of officers were elected in 2017
- Setting 2018 as "Year 3" ensures no term greater than 3 years

- d. Authorize Board to update LRIA Goals in bylaws as cited above
- e. Authorize Board to donate \$500 from the General Fund to the Fish Fund
- f. Seek volunteer for new Technology Chair David Vogel offered to help

Motion: approve all items in the business report. Motion carried.

-10 Year Plan Review: The development of the plan has been an excellent process, very thorough, with high visibility, and input from multiple stakeholders

-Projects directly benefitting Lake Riley

- a. Alum Treatment 2nd dose for Lake Riley
- b. Alum Treatment for Rice Marsh Lake
- c. Alum Treatment for Lake Susan
- d. Stabilization of Upper Riley Creek
- e. Stabilization of Middle Riley Creek
- f. Watershed load control projects for Rice Marsh Lake and Lake Susan

-Concerns: lack of watershed load control projects for Lake Riley watershed, New boat launch should have provided some benefit, Opportunity and Cost Share Projects are available

-Watershed Permitting Rules

Current rules are currently being revised to ease administrative burden and reduce unnecessary applications

There will be no impact to shoreline buffer rules. Buffers would continue to not be required for lakes.

The LRIA Board will continue to work with the Watershed and monitor the revision process.

3. Officer Leah Weyand Conservation Officer MN DNR

There is a Local Conservation Officer Arnaud Kpachavi who is a resource for our lake. He handles violations on public waters, and wetlands, with a focus on vegetation. Officer Weyand covers 14 counties and 40% of her work involves working with AIS. If there are any DNR questions she can handle them. We were informed that any shoreline work requires a permit from the DNR. Hydraulic jets do not require permits and are not illegal. They can not be used to uproot plants or remove sediment. You should place them as shallow as possible and use as a "bubbler". Weed rollers do need a permit, the area to be cut is limited.

Officer Weyand reminded us all to be mindful of our neighbors. If an issue is below the high water mark it falls under the DNR jurisdiction. If you have a question contact Officer Weyand or Officer Kpachavi, if they can't answer your question they can direct you to the proper resources. Instances where you would call the DNR.

1. Putting in a beach
2. Altering sand (sand blankets may be installed and you get 1 refresh)
3. Putting in rip rap or retaining wall along shore line
4. Vegetation removal
 - you may clear a 15 foot wide channel to clear water
 - you may not remove water lilies
 - you can hire divers for weed removal, they must be permitted
 - 2,500 square feet of vegetation can be removed
 - 50 feet of shoreline can have vegetation removed 50 feet out into the lake

There are new regulations for Northern Pike on Lake Riley. The limit is 10 fish. There may be signs posted about the new regulations at the boat ramp. If there is a violation on limits it needs to be reported to the non-emergency number for the West Metro State Patrol. When you contact them request the Game Warden or Conservation Officer. When ice fishing an unattended line cannot be more than 200 feet away from the fisherman. Officer Kpachavi will have access to a 4-wheeler and snow mobile to help patrol his area.

Noise complaints fall under Hennepin and Carver County. Officer Weyand suggests contacting Carver County first. They would also handle complaints on speed, wake, or after hour jet skiers.

5. Dr. Claire Bleser District Administrator, Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District

Claire gave an overview of the Watershed District, the area, board, staff members, volunteers, and committees. Next year the district will celebrate their 50-year anniversary. The size of our district has been increased to 50 square miles. She continued with an overview of how the new 10 Year Plan has been developed. The final plan has been submitted for approval. The district received over 500 comments from workshops and online surveys. From this planning process they determined 13 goals for the district, and a prioritization tool to help determine which projects would be included in the 10 Year Plan. In the next 10 years the district will complete 34 projects (10 Riley Creek projects, 7 Bluff Creek projects, and 17 Purgatory Creek projects). In the next 10 years there will be 2 stream restoration projects, 2 internal load control projects, and 4 watershed load projects. In the next 5 years there will be an alum treatment of Rice Marsh Lake (2018), Lake Susan Park Pond load reduction (2018), Rice Marsh Lake watershed load reduction project (2020, 2022, 2027). Second split dose treatment Lake Riley (2020), Upper Riley Creek Stabilization (2021), Lake Susan alum treatment (2022, 2024, 2026)

In the past, the District has contributed 25K AIS inspections in the city of EP. Conducted 2 herbicide treatments on Lake Riley, and they will continue to monitor how dense the EWM and CLP are in the lake to determine if treatment is necessary in 2018. The district continues to monitor the carp population in the lake. There

was a major fish kill on Rice Marsh Lake which could affect the carp numbers, as bluegills eat baby carp.

Dr. Bleser addressed questions from the audience.

-Does the watershed monitor run off from Bear Path? The staff monitors the creek running through Bear Path every 2 weeks and is in contact with the Bear Path facilities staff. Bear Path cannot apply phosphorous without getting a soil sample first, but can apply nitrogen.

-A concern was raised about Lake Restoration treating the lake 3 times in the summer. During the third application there are no plants visible. Officer Weyand said that falls under her jurisdiction. She suggests we only buy 2 applications rather than 3. Everyone's property is different so not all treatments are the same.

-Dr. Ray Newman UM stated that the original EWM treatment was very effective. He believes that the native plants will now come back due to our water clarity.

The District is hosting a Community Gathering about Caring for Clean Water for the residents of Lake Riley. The meeting will be held Wednesday May 9th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be at the District office: 18681 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen.

5. Let's Go Fishing: Mike Gruidi

Mike thanked us for waving to all their guests as they are out on the lake. They work with 54 nursing homes and had over 2800 guests last summer. Let's Go Fishing has been on Lake Riley for 4 ½ years. They love and respect the lake. They operate a catch and release policy from their boats. They are currently looking for volunteers to help with the program. They worked with the city of EP, they requested a no wake zone by the boat launch and it went through. They are also working with EP Football Coach Mike Grant on getting kids out fishing. In their first class they get a rod and reel, their second class they get a tackle box. At their Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser, they had 645 attendees. The Fundraiser is held the 1st or 2nd week in May. They are looking for more support.

6. Website Orientation: Jake Petersen

Jake highlighted the new features on the website. He demonstrated how to join the association online and pay our dues as well. All payments are through Pay Pal so the association does not have individual's credit card information. Jake also walked us through the different pages on the site and showed an example of how all the information for Social Events appears on that page. He also requested photos for the site, especially historical photos.

7. Social Events: Ryan Majkrzak

The Social Committee has started planning for the 4th of July Boat Parade. They plan to have the Fire Boat lead the parade, include pictures of the boats taken from a dock, and of course the awarding of the Traveling Trophy. New this year will be a

Fall Barn Party to be held Sunday October 21st at the Riley Jacques Barn. The time will be 4:30-7:00. Pizza will be provided and a pot luck for side dishes. There will be games for both adults and children. More details will be provided as the event gets closer on the website and through the Google Group.

8. Fish Stocking: Greg Hastings

Greg reported that there was \$1,500 in funds available this year for the fish stocking. In previous years the amount available was \$3,000. \$500.00 from the General Fund will be contributed to the Fish Stocking Fund for the year 2018.

9. Open Topics/Discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 9:47 pm