



Little Rice Lake Association (LRLA) Newsletter

January 2019

LRLA Mission Statement

The purpose of the Little Rice Lake Association (“LRLA”) is to preserve and protect Little Rice Lake and its surroundings as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations. To this end we seek to enhance the water quality, fishery and aesthetic values of the area, as well as the promotion of boating safety and recreational opportunities on Little Rice Lake

Welcome 2019 Board Member

- **President – Chris Dockry-** Chris and his wife Gail live in Green Bay and built their cottage in 1999 along with their 2 children Ashley and Shawn. They have made many memories over the last 20 years with additional family and friends. They want to pass this on to future generations and because of this Chris was instrumental in starting the drive to form a lake association to address the issues facing the lake in 2013. He is surprised that our first year membership totaled 73 members, quite a turnout, and is excited for what this year brings with the newly elected board
- **Vice President – Jack Nelson-** Jack is 64, until March. He started fishing at the lake, with the entire family, in 1965, renting boats from the farmer at the outlet. Jack enjoyed camping the following year at Breezy Point. His parents bought property on the Flowage next to Breezy Point in 1981 and took ownership in 2000. Jack is involved with the White Eye Lake Association.

- **Secretary – Cheryl Braunreiter** – Cheryl and her husband, Mike, live in New Berlin, WI and have been coming up to Crandon for over 20 years. Cheryl and Mike loved taking family vacations during the summer months and stay at Mike's brother's place on White Eye Lake. They bought their property on Little Rice Lake in 2006 and built their home the next year.
- **Treasurer- Rick Zellner**- Rick is originally from the little town of Luxemburg, WI . Rick was born and raised on 3 generation family farm. He and his wife Sara have been married for 20 years and reside in DePere, WI. Rick and his wife found their property on Little Rice Lake 12 years ago basically by accident and totally fell in love with the remote and true "nature" feel of the area along with all the wonderful local people. Rick is a strong believer that hard work produces a great reward and with a well-developed team the rewards will be even greater. Rick is deeply concerned with the status of the lake as it stands and looks forward to improving it for the future.
- **Directors- Jay Barta, Troy Crass, and Marty Thyssen**

Little Rice Lake Facebook

Check out the Little Rice Lake Facebook Page (open to public)

Stay connected with what is happening with the lake

Share memories and photos



Here are some pictures taken by Troy Crass that are on the Little Rice Lake Facebook page

Posted October 2018



Treasurers Report

It was reported out that for 2018:

Income	Expenses	On Hand Cash
\$5,916.00	\$3,760.92	\$2,155.08

Last year we had 73 voting members. As of January we have had 36 member renewal forms turned back in. If you have not done so please remember to renew your membership!

Fundraising



LRLA is looking for volunteers to be a part of a Fundraising Committee. We are looking to see if there are any Association members that have great ideas and can help us raise money for a good cause – Our LAKE!

One idea that were talked about at the Board meeting included a “Go Fund Me” page – do you have the knowledge and skill on how we can set this up!

Do you have other Ideas?

Can you think outside the box?

If so then we need you!!!! Please email Cbraunreiter@wi.rr.com (Secretary) by February 28th if you have ideas or are interested in being part of the Fundraising Committee



Weed clipping and dredging

At the December 8th LRLA Board there was discussion around Pine Lake project to do dredging this coming year. It was mentioned that the material that is collected during the dredging can be sold and that the profit from selling the material would pay for the dredging project. The Board was going to see if they could reach out to the Pine Lake Association Board to see if they could get more reliable information regarding the cost and selling of the dredged up material.

The Board discussed a new law that came out that allows individuals to do dredging up to 50 cubic yards (Wisconsin Stat. 35.18 Chapter 30 NAVIGABLE WATERS, HARBORS AND NAVIGATION):

As of October 2018, DNR has a new general permit for riparians (vegetation, habitats, or ecosystems that are associated with bodies of water) located on man-made impoundments who want to dredge up to 50 cubic yards for up to 5 years. In addition to specific design standards detailed in General Permit 20 [PDF], projects need to meet two eligibility standards.

First, the project needs to be located on a man-made impoundment with a watershed comprised of more than 30% combined agricultural and urban land use development based upon the department's latest WisLand dataset.

Projects also need to be located on a man-made impoundment. Impoundments are defined as a surface water with artificially raised water levels due to the presence of a man-made structure like a dam. In order to demonstrate your project is located on a man-made impoundment, riparians can show they are located on a lake upstream from a dam structure by submitting a screenshot of the Surface Water Data Viewer Dam's Layer, or documentation from the DNR Water Management Specialist or DNR Water Management Engineer, or other documentation. Applicants will be prompted to submit this documentation when applying for the permit.

Applicants will also be required to submit a self-certification that the dredging is exempt from consultation from the Waste Materials Management, or get separate approval from Waste Materials Manag

Lake Assessment Plan

- ❖ Tiffany is still working on the Lake Plan.
- ❖ Mike Braunreiter has volunteered to help gather water samples for Tiffany this winter
- ❖ The Lake Assessment Plan should be done around June of 2019

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

YOUR OPINION COUNTS: Please email Cbraunreiter@wi.rr.com (Secretary) back regarding meeting schedule dates and times

There was a lot of discussion at the December board meeting around scheduling the 2019 LRLA meetings. Several options were discussed:

- ❖ Meetings around the 3 big summer holidays (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor day). This could be an issue for local members who tend to leave during the holiday weekends. Also could be an issue due to Crandon International Off Road Race on Labor Day weekend.
- ❖ Another option was the first month of every quarter (January, April, July, October)