



Little Rice Lake (LRLA)

Association Newsletter

August 2019

Update from August 1, 2019 Board meeting

Treasures Report

2018	On Hand Cash
	\$2,315.08

2019	Income	Expense	On Hand Cash
	\$1,050.00	\$2,363.28	\$1,001.90

Chris informed the board that LRLA's application for a 501C has been approved!



- This means that we are now recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt, charitable organization and can now write letters to companies or organizations for donations.

Update on Lake Management Plan

- Tiffney will be finalizing and adding detail information to the plan and will submit to Scott Van Egeren, DNR, for his final approval.
- Deadline for submitting Lake Management Plan for grants is February 1st.

Aerator

- The Board is moving forward with plans to install an aerator.
- The Board needs to submit an action plan to DNR that will outline plans for instillation, location of aerator, and how we plan to pay for the yearly maintenance cost of running the aerator for the next 25 years. The association also needs to outline how we will be tracking the success of putting in an aerator.
- Operating cost will be around \$1,000 to \$1,200 per year.
- Aerator will need to be turned on every January 1st and run continuously until the ice thaws
- There are 3 possible locations for the aerator
 - The # 1 location is one that Skip Summerfeldt (expert on aerators) recommends because of the current but Greg is concerned that the water level will be too shallow and a boat could run over it.
 - Greg Matzke, Fish Biologist for DNR, preference is the # 2 location because of the depth of the water.
- Board asked Tom Carlson, Wildlife Biologist – DNR, if the DNR would allow us to put the pump house on the land where the 2nd boat launch is located. Tom said that we would need to get a Land Use Agreement and there would be a cost (possibly \$500 for a 5 to 15 year agreement). Tom was going to look into this for us.
- DNR will fund the equipment at 67% of the cost and the association will be responsible for the other 33% **we can reduce the cost of our share by getting credit for members doing volunteer work with the DNR (“In-Kind” work).
- Greg will give Chris a new listing of places to contact for quotes for an aerator. Chris has already contacted two and received a quote for around \$12,000 to \$15,000. Greg felt that the quotes were high and we didn’t need all of the fancy stuff that was on the proposal (\$3 to \$4 thousand for a blower motor and around \$4 thousand for a pump).

Navigation Lanes

- Navigation Lanes are recommended and part of the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan.
 - Main lane going out to main body of water can be up to 50 ft.
 - The board is recommending that Individual lane going from land owner's pier to main lane be 15 to 20 ft. to lessen the negative impact on the wild rice.
- It is not the DNR's recommendation for us to hire anyone.
- Tom Carlson is going to draft a proposal for the navigation lanes and submit them to the Great Lakes Indian Council for their comments.
- After approval from the Great Lakes Indian Council we will submit to the DNR. Once approved from the DRN the landowners can apply for permits.
- Once lanes have been set we will need to stay with the plan and not move the lanes.