

Picture by a Member from Little Rice Lake Association

LITTLE RICE LAKE ASSOCIATION December 2022 Newsletter

AERATOR

The aeration system has been prepped and is ready to be run this winter. Once enough ice has formed on the lake, the barrier system will be set up and the blower will be turned on. An email will be sent out to members before the barrier is installed – Please let someone from the Board know if you are interested in helping out with the install, all help is welcomed.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As of today's date, we have the following returned membership forms: 1 new member, 39 returning members and 1 business. In 2022, we had 65 voting members compared to 41 for 2023. If you have not returned your form, please do so by December 31, 2022.

WEBSITE

At the general meeting at May's Bar on August 27, a few members asked the board to look into Little Rice Lake having its own website. Information on what it would cost and take to create a website was sent to the board members on November 7 and the decision was made to let the members vote and decide. The information was sent via email to the lake association members, on November 9th, asking to vote either yes to move forward or no do not move forward. All votes needed to be in by November 28. We had 16 members respond, 11 were yes and five (5) were no.


Based on the results from this vote, we will be taking the next step to give our lake association and its members a website. As mentioned the website is an expensive undertaking, \$1,200 to develop and after the first year \$250 a year to maintain. If you would like to be a part of the team developing the website or would like to donate to offset some of the cost, please contact Cheryl Braunreiter at cbraunreiter@wi.rr.com. Donations (because of the LRLA's 401c status) can be tax deductible and will help to defray the cost.

AUTO PAY

During our last Association meeting we were asked to check on the available options for E-payments or Auto Pay for paying your yearly membership and/or donations. After some research, we will be including a yearly renewal function and donation option on our website that will allow our members to renew their membership and make additional donations at any time during the year. We will pass along more information once we have the website framework created and when the credit card payment option is installed.

TRESURER REPORT

The budget for 2022 is a split year for paid memberships since we changed our fiscal year from October – September to a calendar financials. The 2023 budget is based off on 65 paid memberships, which seems to be a good goal for us based off our past years paid memberships.

Little Rice Lake Association, Inc. PO Box 211 Crandon, WI 54520					
	2022 FISCAL YEAR		2023 FISCAL YEAR		
REVENUE	2022 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACCTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 YEAR TO DATE ACCTUAL	
Donations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,267.00	\$ 2,000.00		
Grants	\$ 10,887.75	\$ 10,887.75	\$ -		
Membership Fee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,630.00	\$ 2,000.00		
TOTAL YEARLY REVENUE	\$ 14,887.75	\$ 16,784.75	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	
	2022 FISCAL YEAR		2023 FISCAL YEAR		
EXPENSE	2022 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACCTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 YEAR TO DATE ACCTUAL	
Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,001.20	\$ 1,200.00		
Electricity	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 527.51	\$ 1,200.00		
Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,981.38	\$ -		
TOTAL YEARLY EXPENSE	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,510.09	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	

DNR WATER SURFACE GRANT APPLICATION

The board submitted a Water Surface Grant Application to the DNR in November. Our Lake Plan is from 2019 and it was recommended by Scott from the DNR that we get an updated Plant Survey. The goal is to collect data to create a plant harvesting plan and provide the information needed to apply for a harvesting permit from the DNR for our lake. The board is also looking to apply for a Recreational Facilities Board (RFB) Grant, due February 1st. Past projects approved by the RFB include ramps and service docks to gain access to the water, purchase of aquatic weed harvesting equipment (need DNR permit), navigational aids and dredging waterway channels associated with launch facilities. We are looking for volunteers from our members to help with writing the grant to the RFB. If you are interested, please contact Mike Braunreiter at mrbraunreiter@wi.rr.com.

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Wisconsin is well positioned to enjoy the rare sight of aurora borealis. Beautiful dancing lights, coloring the skies in green, red, and purple, can be seen the best in the northeastern part of the state when the skies are dark, and there is enough geomagnetic activity that causes the natural phenomenon.

On September 5, Troy Crass posted a beautiful picture of the Northern Lights on the Little Rice Lake Facebook page from his cottage. Thank you Troy for the picture.



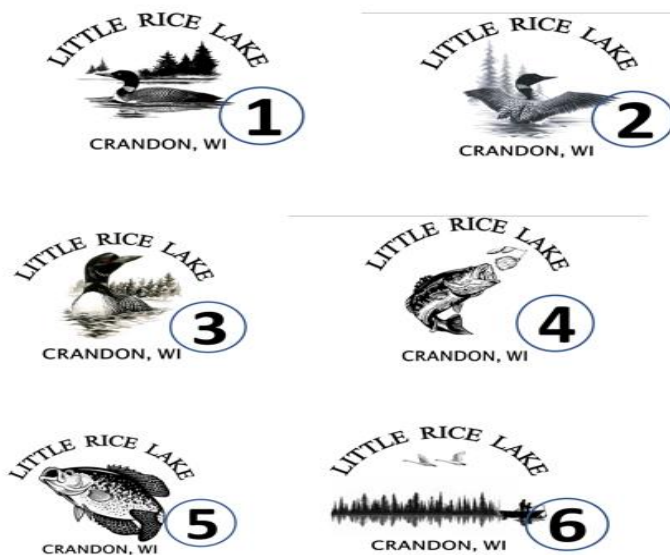
LRLA APPERAL UPDATE

An email went out in November letting members know that they could go on the Creative Screenprinting and Embroidery's website (local Crandon business) to select Little Rice Lake apparel. This was set up as a convenience for members and was not designed as a fundraiser. The ability to order items closed **NOVEMBER 25**. All ordering, delivery, and money is handled through the website link and Creative Screenprinting. The Little Rice Lake emblem voted as most popular by members was embroidered on each item. The board would like to hear from the members if this is something that we can do again in the future.

Creative Screenprinting has started producing our orders with completion promised soon.

COASTER UPDATE

Dave O'Bright offered to laser engrave cork coasters as part of a lake association fundraiser. There have been a few takers to date. The cost is \$5.00 for every four coasters order (4-coaster minimum). If you are interested contact Dave at dsobright4100@gmail.com. Below is a picture of the six different option available to choose from.



CRANDON, WISCONSIN – A BRIEF HISTORY

Source: Society Library – Archives Staff, 2009 <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS2490>



Downtown Crandon, 1910 ca.

Crandon is located 84 miles northeast of Green Bay and is the county seat of Forest County.

Crandon is named after the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad tax commissioner, Major Frank P. Crandon, who helped Samuel Shaw lobby the Wisconsin Legislature for the creation of Forest County in 1887. Shaw was a lumber mill owner who

started the first newspaper in town the Forest Republican. He also created the Forest County Colonization Society, which was designed to attract settlers to the area by stressing the riches of its forests.

German and Polish immigrants settled in the area. Crandon also tried to become a farming community, but when the potato farming and dairy industry did not succeed, residents relied on fishing, poaching and picking berries to survive.

Crandon did not grow much until 1901, when the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad made Crandon more accessible for laborers and lumber exports. When the lumber industry declined, Crandon's economy became reliant on new businesses, such as a creamery, a potato warehouse, cheese factory, broom handle factory, cabinet shop, sash and planing mills.