

June 2024 Newsletter

Membership Update

We have 43 paid members, down from last year's 60 members. There are two ways that you can renew your membership if you have not done so. You can renew your membership via the Little Rice Lake website (littlericelake.org) or by filling out the enclosed 'Renewal Membership' form and mail back to P.O Box 211 Crandon, WI 54520.

Finance Update

Financial Report as of May 2024:

2023	Income	Expense	Cash on Hand
	\$1,620.00	\$724.61	\$18,372.22

Lake Survey

In February 2017 Little Rice Lake Association had a comprehensive lake management plan done to address two main problems; extensive

aquatic vegetation along the eastern and western shores of the lake that impede navigation and winter fish kills due to low oxygen levels. The private residence along Flowage Lane on the east side and along Yocum Road on the west side have limited to no access to the lake due to thick aquatic vegetation. Lake Association Members have noticed an increase in aquatic vegetation since the original survey that was done in 2017 so the Board Members contracted with Tiffiney Kleczewski to do an another survey for us. The results of the survey can be found out on the Little Rice Lake Website.

4th of July Parade

The annual 4th of July parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 6th at noon. The parade is always a good time, all are welcome to come and get wet and have fun.

Land Owner Survey

The DNR manages the dam on Little Rice Lake and the 1,200 acreflowage. A DNR permit is required for establishing or changing the level on a lake with a dam. Before Little Rice Lake can petition the DNR for a permit to raise the water level we need to have 100% agreement from the landowners around the lake. Since it has been several years since our last survey, where we failed to get 100% agreement, the board felt it was time to send out another survey. Each landowner / tax parcel will get a chance to voice their opinion, for example if someone owns multiple parcels they will get a survey for each parcel they own and pay taxes on. We are hoping to get 100% agreement to raise the water level an additional 6 inches.

General Meeting

Save the date for the next general meeting, scheduled for September 7, 2024. Location to be determined, food will be served at the meeting.

Elections

The President, Secretary and 2 Director positions are up for election this year. If you are interested in placing your name on the ballot for election please email Cheryl Braunreiter at <u>cbraunreiter@wi.rr.com</u> by August 3, 2024. The ballots will be mailed and or emailed out by mid-August. Election ballot will need to be returned to that mailing address listed on the ballot by September 9, 2024. Election ballots will also be available at the General Meeting.