

## **ROGERS LAKE AUTHORITY**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF March 11, 2020**

A meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) was convened at the Rogers Lake Clubhouse at 7:30 PM on March 11, 2020. The following members were present: Dennis Overfield, Dick Smith, Jenell Janes, Robert Recor, Mark Hastings and Toni Philips. One local attendee was also present. The minutes were recorded by Nicole Krol.

The meeting of the Rogers Lake Authority was called to order at 7:30 pm by Dennis Overfield.

The minutes from January and February were read aloud. A motion to accept the minutes from January was made by Bob, Dick second motion passed unanimously. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as read from the month of February, Janell second, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Lake Patrol**

None

#### **Weeds**

None

#### **Budget**

None

#### **Old Business**

The board reviewed the current budget and expenses.

Dick has a couple of patrol boat employees coming back, in order to hire new staff, the job needs to be posted through the town of Old Lyme.

The whole lake invasive weed study will be done in June with a report to follow August 15<sup>th</sup>. SWCA has submitted a permit to DEEP that indicates lake treatment this year, but a new application will need to be submitted once the invasive weed survey is complete and treatment areas are identified.

Mark shared different data points concerning the dam sluiceway. There is no data on how fast the lake will rise in a given period of time. Rainfall data is available, setting up a camera to capture measurements of the lake level over a period of 3 months may help to keep the lake level consistent. The policy and procedures pertaining to the dam sluiceway will help to regulate requests from the public, the minimum requirement for waterflow downstream is .96.

## **New Business**

Alewives are running a month ahead of schedule. Yale has been actively monitoring the fish, many of the alewives are predicted to return to the lake. Two fish ladders have been open since Monday.

RLA is still waiting for the water quality test report from AER it should be available by the end of March.

SWCA is available to do water testing, they have outlined and described their testing procedure as well as provided a quote for service. There is no mandate that requires water quality testing, RLA would like to continue to monitor the quality of the water as well as satisfy community members who may be concerned with the herbicide applications and its effect on the water quality. The cost for SWCA to complete the test is less than AER who currently tests. Janell made a motion to go with SWCA for the next round of water quality testing, Bob second, the motion passed unanimously.

Crew races on the lake are scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup> as well as May 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

Lake draw down- Jenell made a motion for the board to vote on the lake draw down at the meeting of August 12<sup>th</sup>, Toni second, the motion passed unanimously. The drawdown will be 14 inches, estimated to start September 15. The full 14-inch drawdown should occur around September 22. The lake will be allowed to fill back up starting October 22.

Newsletter- target date to send out is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Ideas for the newsletter include signage, jet skis, & drawdown. Jennell will work on the newsletter and have a draft for the board to review at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick, Mark second, motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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The next meeting of the Rogers Lake Association will be on April 8, 2020 7:30PM at the Rogers Lake West Shores Clubhouse.