

LRCBC Community Meeting

Sept 30, 2023

Lake Roesiger Fire Station

Call to order at 10:04 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Message from fire dept: Chief Justin Johnson

- Our fire department is funded by property taxes. It is the lowest in the county.
- Operating budget: \$625,000; spent \$355,000 through August
- 186 calls so far this year; on track for about 250 calls by the end of the year
- Equipment updates
 - o 2 yrs ago: New F-550 brush truck used for fighting wildfires
 - o Last year: Battery-powered hydraulic extrication tools
 - o This year: Digital patient care records
 - o Data terminals in four rigs so we can connect with dispatch, use GPS, and communicate
 - o Next year: new ambulance; current one was built in 1995
 - No plan yet for what we'll do with the soon-to-be retired ambulance
- Community events throughout the year
 - o Railroad days in Granite Falls
 - o Santa visits
 - o School visits
 - o Scout camp education
 - o Park cool-down on warm days
- Lots of volunteer opportunities
 - o The fire department provides training
 - o This year: 3 new EMTs and 2 through fire academy, 2 in fire academy now
 - o Currently have 20 volunteers
 - Would like to have 25-30 volunteers
- Burn bans
 - o Has been off for a couple weeks
 - o Have them in summer and winter
 - Summer: fire safety
 - Winter: air quality
 - o Sharing numbers to call to find info about burn bans
 - Sno County Burn Ban: 425-388-3508
 - Air Quality Burn Ban: 800-595-4341
 - Station 85: 360-568-1954
 - o We keep our signs up to date – one by the station and one at the fork in the road

Treasurer's Report

- 198 members
- \$10,087 in savings

- \$13,779 in operating budget
- No outstanding bills

Cindy shared which FB page is our official FB page: Lake Roesiger Community and Boat Club

Lisa read through May 7 meeting minutes

Report of officers

- Ryan
 - o Getting ready for replacing/fixing the buoys on the lake so the color lasts longer
 - o IAVMP
- Lisa: If you aren't receiving the newsletter or have information you think could be included in a newsletter, let her know.
- Ed: Thanked Mike for putting up signs for neighborhood watch; thanked Ron for all the work he does for the community.

Boating and Water Safety

- Currently Ryan and Ed
- Asking for volunteers
- We are going to invest in new buoys
 - o They are set by GPS coordinates, 200 feet from the shore
 - o Please don't move them on your own

Community Relations Committee: Ron

- Activities completed this year
 - o Adding lake rules sign at the park
 - o Relocating unused life jackets that were by the fire station – now available for loan at the park
 - o Community info session on Aug 5
 - Updates on IAVMP
 - Updates to lake health from Christine
 - Info to fire wise: urban/wildland interface
 - Powerpoint from that session is on the website
- Please use the milfoil reporting tools to help the contractor gets the info and Christine and the dive team can follow up
- Looking for more volunteers for the Community Relations Committee
 - o Current members:
 - Kathy Hill
 - Ron and Ruth
 - Dave P
 - Kathy M
 - Christine
 - o Meet of 2nd Monday over Zoom
- Other sign-ups
 - o IAVMP volunteers

- Meet three or four times a year over Teams; next one is in January
 - Boating and water safety
 - Lake Roesiger Invasive Water Species Progress Report
 - Milfoil actions
 - 5 dive days
 - Found 14 plants, which is a great, low number
 - A couple on north lake, most were on south lake
 - Christine talked about buoys that she has for marking milfoil that's found
 - Wash your boats
 - Herbicide treatments
 - Water lilies
 - A couple treatments this summer
 - Some issues
 - Boat trouble so they didn't get all spots
 - Thinking they might get one more treatment in but only have until Oct 20 to get it done
 - Lower water levels
 - Looking at early treatment dates for next year to deal with this
 - Originally proposal was for 12 acres; contractor said they could do 18.5 acres; probably only got about 12 acres this year
 - Most was along the west side of middle lake and south outflow
 - Waiting for the map from the second treatment (Sept 14)
 - 12 acres, east side of central corridor, and shallow end of the park, which they didn't get before – still couldn't get to the shoreline because of the lake level
 - It's a slow-acting herbicide, so if you're concerned that things aren't quickly changing, know that it takes time – often until next spring when regrowth happens
 - Slender arrowhead
 - One of the few lakes in the state who have it
 - We don't really know how to deal with it other than manually taking it out and suction removal
 - Identified a couple spots in middle lake, the channel and south lake by the boat launch to keep it from getting into people's boat props
 - What they got was about ½ acre around the boat launch: 107 bags removed
 - Next year we'll do more – you can do it yourself if you'd like to
 - Ron uses a cutter and lake rake, cuts underneath, floats the surface and rakes it up
 - Dave Diel – lots of logs down where he is, which makes the raking difficult

- You are allowed to pull any invasive species from your shoreline, but there are regulations for native species
 - Be sure to remove anything you pull up out of the lake
 - Some animals pull it up, and boat props can too, but it's more than that
 - Maybe we can ask the county to target certain areas where it's more difficult for home owners to pull it up
 - Ed wonders if there are dive clubs who would be willing to help out for a fee
- Next steps
 - Determine how effective the current process is
 - Slow and expensive
- Invasive shoreline plants
 - Knotweed – taken care of by county
 - 2022: 8 properties, 2023: 12 properties
 - 2024 will continue the efforts
 - Purple Loosestrife
 - 201: found 24 properties
 - There is a map on the county website to see if it's in your area
 - Clip the flowers before they go to seed and put them in the trash (not yard waste); 5,000 seeds per head that remain viable for 5 years
 - Yellow Iris
 - Will focus on it next year
 - County website shows where they are
 - In 2022 had an info session at the park, available info on club website
- Invasive species prevention
 - Posted some signs in 2022
 - Workshop Aug 5, info on club website
 - Will be a major focus in 2024
- Budget
 - \$66,000 estimated budget
 - \$50,000 estimated spent this year (waiting on some invoices)
 - Treatment: knotweed
 - Outreach: helping homeowners
 - Project management costs as part of IAVMP project
 - Funds from property tax dollars only gets spent on our project
- Toxic Algae Bloom on North Lake this summer
 - Showed up briefly
 - Didn't present any toxins
 - Dogs and kids who drink water when swimming could be impacted – said out of excess precautions
 - Sunlight, warm temps and excess phosphorus in the lake (fertilizers, etc)

- LakeWise can help homeowners reduce pollution going into the lake
- Caution when spraying
 - Don't water lawn for a certain period of time
 - Don't let dogs or kids in the active spray – there's a dye in the herbicide that's a concern
 - No recreational concerns

Unfinished business

- Pick up and dispose of what you cut out of your yard and waterfront
- Our area is three years out from getting Zply as an internet option
- Can we fix the boat launch?
 - The park and the boat launch are owned by the county and rented to the state
 - Maintenance is done by the state under the Dept of Fish and Wildlife (funded by the Dept of Fish and Wildlife permits)
 - Slated for 2024 budget for approval, 2025 for public approval, 2026 for actual improvements
 - We can't do anything about it ourselves

Volunteers are needed

- The club needs a new webmaster

New business

- By-laws
 - Not voting on them today
 - Want to get a motion on the table to vote on them at the next meeting
 - One change already: use of the term "watershed" in the membership portion
 - Concerned that the term is too broad
 - Ron motioned for us to submit the bylaws for approval in the next meeting and open the discussion
 - Motion was 2nded
 - Add the previous version of the bylaws to the front of the site along with the current draft
 - Changes
 - Club name
 - Purpose changed to include "to promote ecosystem help"
 - Membership
 - Updating road names
 - Dues
 - Only one form of membership, \$40, two votes
 - Funds
 - Authorized signers
 - Auditing language
 - Powers of the president
 - Given back to the board

- A quorum is now 10% of membership
 - Added roles
 - Media administrator
 - Historian
 - A lot of the changes were to language
- Note about curtailing wake surfing
 - 9: A4 Committees
 - We don't have any enforcement ability on it
 - Are there criteria to what lake levels would bring that about?
 - Ed: noticed that those who drive the big boats have been really respectful – it's been better
 - More info on Sno. County website: Motorized watercraft conversation
 - You can send us more concerns and we can have a discussion about it before the next meeting
 - Committee who are working on it is a diverse group of people
 - Goal is to simplify and clarify the by-laws
 - Clarification on the motion
 - Is it to run this version as written?
 - Motion is to adopt these as written at the next meeting
 - Can make amendments
 - Email the club, Ryan or Ron
 - Want people to be happy with them

Brenda emailed the county about dredging the cut because of the low lake level

- Ryan
 - It would be a huge process that the board isn't sure we're up for that battle
 - The problem could correct itself next year
- Ashley
 - Over the years, people have gone out and raked the cut to help get rocks and things out to help.
- Dave
 - There's a big rock in there and I have the nick in my prop to show it
- Ed
 - The weir on the outflow was set by the Army Corp of Engineers
 - Three ft above its old natural height
- Brenda
 - Marissa said that someone took the boards out of the weir
 - Ed said it is concrete/rocks
- Ryan
 - Some who live on the channel were looking into dredging but are hitting road blocks
- Ed
 - Health of the lake is most important so we don't lose our lake
 - Maintain what give us safety on the lake

Open for Q&A

- Ron
 - In addition to replacing buoys, replace ropes and clean up ski docks
 - Do we need to keep them?
 - Yes, required by the county

Adjourn at 11:28