

2022 Annual Meeting July 9, 2022 Loch Lomond Beach Club

Agenda - July 9, 2022

- Call to Order and Welcome – Valerie Bausch
 - Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.
- Introductions of Current Board of Directors – Valerie Bausch
- Secretary's Report – Valerie Bausch
- Treasurer's Report – John Page
- Director Committee Reports – All
- President's Direction for 2022 / 2023 – Valerie Bausch
- Farewell to Board Members – Gerry Johnson
- Election of Board Members – Valerie Bausch
- Q&A / Adjournment

Current Board

Officers:

- President - Valerie Bausch
- Vice President - Gerry Johnson
- Treasurer - John Page
- Secretary - Rose Kopras

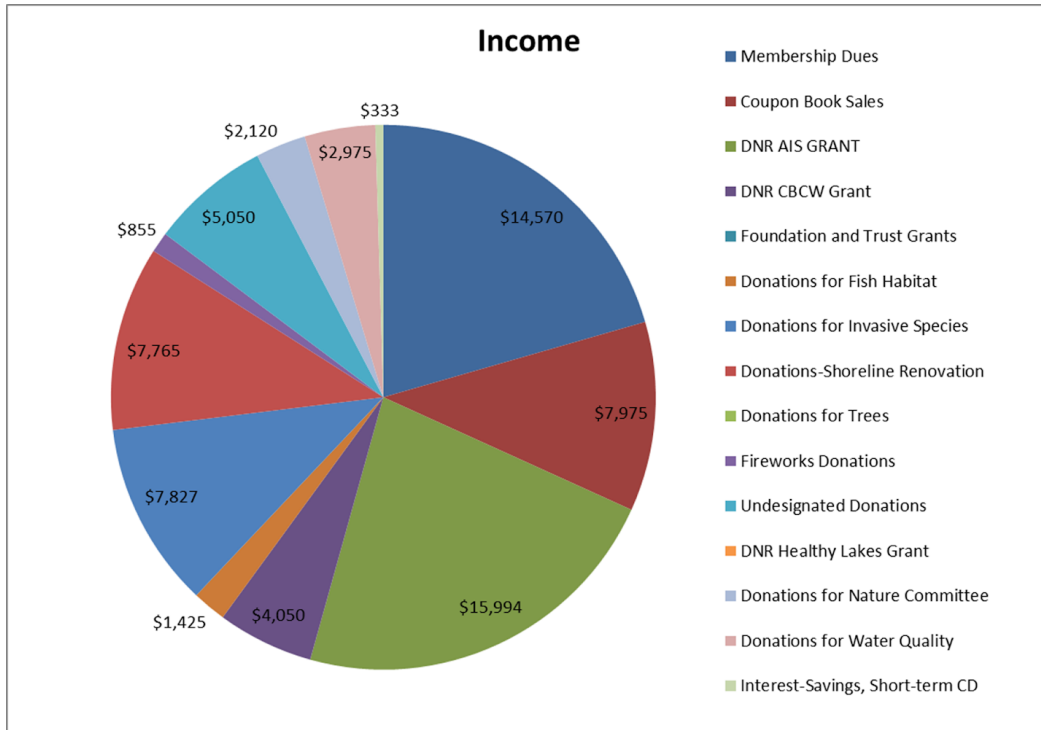
Committee Directors:

- AIS - Tom Goodwin / Brett Heinlein
- Communications - Michelle Fischer
- Coupon Book - Kathy Salvi
- Fish Habitat - Tim Plaza
- Lake Information & Safety - Len Christianson
- Membership - Runae Maloney
- Nature - Valerie Bausch
- Shoreline & Island Restoration - Michael Klutho
- Water Quality - Tim Lewis

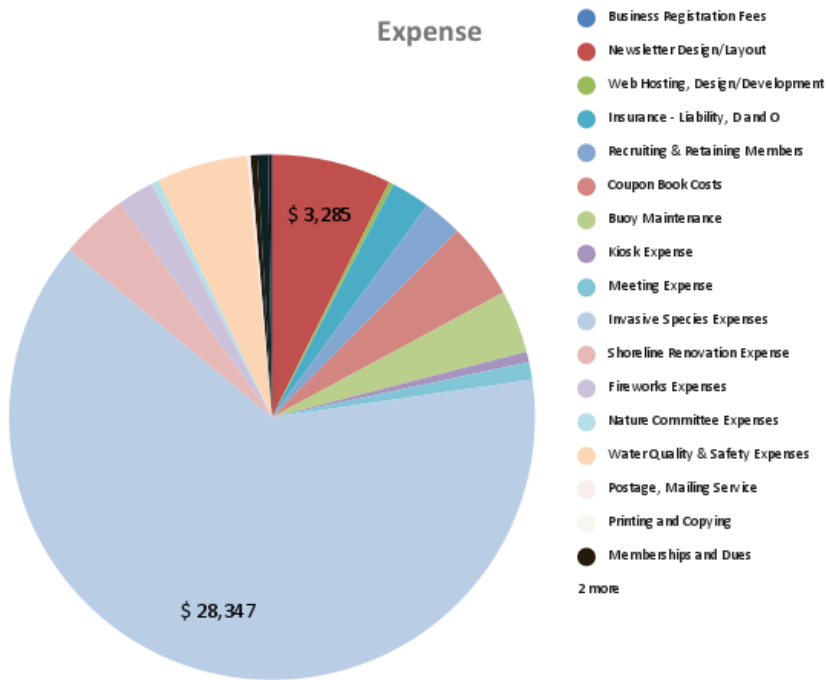
2022 Secretary's Report

- There were no changes to the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes. John Boles motioned to accept minutes, Louie Oakey seconded ... motion carried.

2022 Treasurer's Report
 Income: Total = \$70,940



Expenses: Total = \$44,796



- [Larry Johnson motioned to accept the Treasurer report, David Voller seconded ... motion carried.](#)

2022 Committee Reports

Nature Committee - Valerie Bausch

- Identify and define educational programs
- Maintain involvement with existing Nature Projects:
- Loon Watch Monitoring
- Wild Rice Mapping
- Purple Loosestrife Monitoring
- Dark Skies
- Get The Lead Out
- Nature Program - "Wisconsin's Richness of Birds"
- Beetle Release June 27, 2022 Birchwood Blue Hills Charter School advisor Grezner

Loon Rescue Attempt Fall 2021

Please fish responsibly. Use lead free, do not fish near loons, and if you accidentally hook a loon, please report it immediately as this is a "Death Sentence" to a loon.

For Loon Rescue Call:

(715) 966-5415 or (715) 453-4916

Communications Committee - Michelle Fischer www.redcedarlakes.com

Our Newsletter is produced twice a year near Memorial Day & Labor Day to keep you informed about what's going on in our association and on our lakes. Visit our RCLA website with updated content throughout the year:

- Newsletters
- Lake studies
- Reports
- Volunteer opportunities and events

Facebook used to post RCLA Events & News; 252 Followers/220 Likes, this has doubled in the past year. JOIN the RCLA Facebook page!

Members communicate with the RCLA Board:

- Email us through the website or by contacting individual committee chairs listed on the cover of our newsletter
- Share your pictures with us and let us know if you'd like to see them on the website or a future newsletter
- Feedback is always encouraged and welcome

Coupon Book Committee - Kathy Salvi

Coupon Book contains 78 coupons from 43 local businesses

Fundraiser Statistics:

- Expected Donations: \$8,125
- Expected Expenses: \$2,825
- Expected Revenue: \$5,300
- 350 books printed
- 258 mailed to RCLA members
- 214 returned donations

Where the books are being sold:

- Dairy State Bank Birchwood
- Butternut Hills Golf
- Birchwood Café
- Tagalong Golf
- Cedar Lake Grill

Thank you to the 43 local businesses that support the RCLA with their coupons.

Thank you to the Rice Lake Printery for their help in design, layout, printing, assembly and mailing. Thank you to ALL OF YOU for donating to our fundraiser.

Fish Habitat Committee - Tim Plaza

Tree Drops is the program the Fish Habitat Committee will be working on this year. It entails finding shore-land owners willing to be involved in placing trees in the water along their shoreline. There are very specific rules and regulations that need to be followed as well as reports that must be made to the Department of Natural Resources.

The Fish Habitat Committee is willing to assist the homeowner with the project, as well as provide some of the cable and clamps required to anchor the trees. Tree size, tree species and where the tree was harvested are all spelled out in a DNR publication. Shared images of summer and winter tree drops and took questions.

Lake Information & Safety Committee - Len Christianson

“As the popularity of recreational boating continues to grow in Minnesota, so too does the size of boats and their motors. Moreover, new designs of watercraft, specifically, boats engineered to create large wakes for the primary purpose of wakesurfing, are elevating concerns around impacts to safety, lake and river health, shared-use accessibility, and degradation of property.”

WI State Law/Regulation & Recommendations

Boats

- Slow, no wake speed at less than 100 ft from shore, dock, raft, pier, swimmer, or restricted area state law/regulation.
- It is also common for boaters and jet skiers to stop abruptly at the buoy, causing even larger waves to hit the shoreline. According to the language above, boats and jet skis should be at a no-wake speed 100 feet before the buoy.
- It is not recommended to tow persons through a no-wake channel for safety concerns

Wakesurf Boats

- Wakesurf boats require distances greater than 500 feet from the shoreline/docks & other boats (this is more than twice the distance from typical recreational boats)

- Under both slow and fast speed conditions, the wakesurf boats produced the largest waves in terms of height, energy, and power when compared to the non-wakesurf boats.

BE A RESPONSIBLE WATER SPORT PARTICIPANT BY COMPLYING WITH THE WSIA (WATER SPORT INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION) GUIDANCE FOR WAKE BOAT OPERATORS.

Maintain a minimum distance of 200 feet from any shoreline and others enjoying the lake.

RED CEDAR LAKES ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS 400 FEET.

Minimize repetitive passes in the same area. Keep music at reasonable levels.

Remember your wake has an impact on:

- Property damage
- Shoreline erosion
- The lake bed and wildlife habitat
- The safety of others on the lake
- The transportation of AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) in the ballast tanks and on trailers

The Red Cedar Lakes Association is NOT responsible for enforcement of boat or lake violations. Please call the Sheriff or WI DNR.

Membership Committee - Runae Maloney

We currently have 638 members compared to 645 in 2021. Thank you to those of you that have renewed your RCLA memberships and to the 38 new members who have joined!

Membership income is \$14,260 and donations are \$9,932.

13 Corporate Members - please thank these businesses for their support

- The Gathering Place
- Loch Lomond Beach Club
- Mikana Marine & Resort
- Paws at Play Boarding
- Perlick Distillery
- Pines at the Lake
- Airtec Sports - Birchwood
- Birchwood Café
- Bull Dozin' Inc.
- Cedar Lakes Grill
- Cedar Ridge Wealth Management
- Dairy State Bank
- Ed's Pitstop

Shoreline & Island Restoration Committee - Michael Klutho

Grants from DNR to construct...

- Rain gardens, and
- Native plantings.
- Help reduce direct runoff into our lakes which improves water quality.
- Shared rain garden and native planting images
- Shared Island Restoration Initiative plan phase 1 and photos

Water Quality Committee - Tim Lewis

Water Quality can be best described as...

- High level of clarity
- Low levels of phosphorous
- Sustainable fisheries and wildlife habitat
- Quality recreational opportunities (e.g., swimming, boating, etc.)
- ALL OF THE ABOVE AND MORE...

Key Focus in 2022 Includes...

- Volunteers needed to regularly sample water on each of the 3 main lakes and report to Citizen Lake Monitoring Network
- Coordinate with WDNR and outside consulting services to identify further testing locations
- Received 2 Water Quality Grants for \$75K
- Working on comprehensive management plan

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee - Tom Goodwin & Brett Heinlein

Good News! Aquatic Invasive Species remain stable in our lakes

We continue to have just four species of AIS (Curly Leaf Pondweed, Chinese Mystery Snails, Purple Loosestrife and Rusty Crayfish). Zebra mussels and Eurasian Milfoil are in neighboring lakes and probably our biggest threats,

2019 – 2022 Grant:

- Provides up to \$180,885 (state funding) for AIS control and water quality studies
- Remaining funding - \$115,260 (state funding)
- WI DNR approved grant extension to 12/31/2023.

2022 AIS Actions:

- CLP herbicide treatment in northeast end of Balsam lake and channel between Balsam and Red Cedar Lakes
- 3.4 water acres treated in June
- Woody debris studies for Hemlock and Bass Lakes
- Ongoing monitoring of AIS through the summer
- Zebra mussel plates
- Raking weeds near boat landing and stream entrances
- Eradication of Purple Loosestrife
- Hand removal during July & August by Nature Committee
- Beetle raising with help of Birchwood school. Release took place on June 27th.

Murphy Flowage

- Identified as source of phosphorus into Hemlock Lake
- CLP bed mapping study performed in June, No significant presence of CLP currently

- Surrounded by County forest land
- No one is actively monitoring

August 27th Education Meeting, Topics to include:

- Comprehensive lake management plan review
- Lake water quality update
- Healthy lakes initiatives & opportunities
- Fish Sticks program

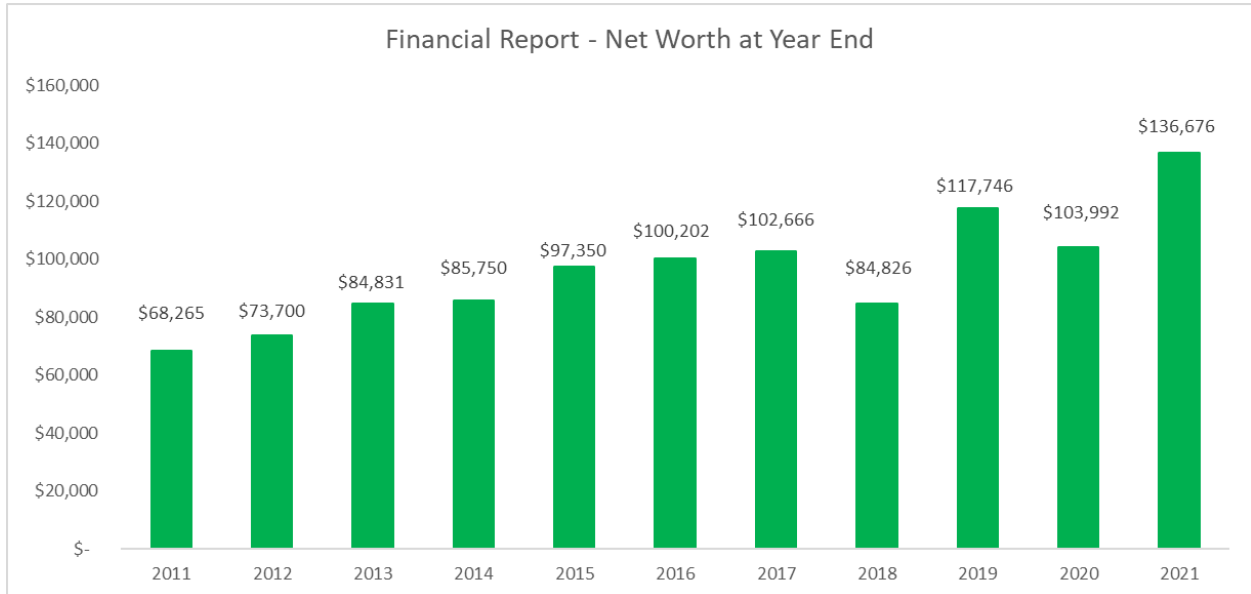
Clean Boats, Clean Waters - AIS Brett Heinlein

- Landing monitoring: V & 48, Waldo Carlson, Hemlock, Loch Lomond Beach Club
- Decontamination Stations at Waldo Carlson, Loch Lomond Beach Club, Hemlock and Balsam
- Volunteers Needed
- Red Cedar Lakes Association needs to achieve 400 hours of landing monitoring to qualify for our grants
- RCLA pays \$15 per hour for landing monitoring
- For more information contact Brett Heinlein (414) 254-0810; bwheinlein0810@gmail.com

President's Direction - Valerie Bausch: 2022-2023

- A "BIG TIME" THANK YOU to all of our members who have volunteered on our many projects and committees.
- Continue to Build our RCLA Budget Equity Position for anticipated AIS Emergency Response Plan expenditures
- Proposed Change to RCLA By-Laws to include Murphy Flowage as part of our watershed
- Thank you to all of our RCLA donors.
 - We have had an excess of 200 donations totaling more than \$12,000.

Financial Report — Net Worth at Year End



President’s Direction for 2022/2023

Proposed change to our By-laws to include Murphy Flowage as part of our watershed.

Benefits:

- Ability to determine source of phosphorus loading coming into our watershed
- Allows RCLA to use current and future DNR grant money for the monitoring and management of AIS and Water Quality work
- Allows RCLA to have been control over the watershed coming into Hemlock Lake

If we do include Murphy Flowage as part of the RCLA the following steps could be taken to help ensure the ongoing health of the flowage.

- Install a decontamination site
- Perform ongoing monitoring for AIS
- Monitor and eliminate purple loosestrife
- Conduct water quality sampling

Proposed change to our By-Laws:

Current:

Article I – Purpose

The purpose of the association is to maintain, protect, enhance, preserve and improve the quality of the Red Cedar, Balsam, Hemlock, Bass and Mud lakes and its surroundings used for public recreation and to operate primarily to further the common good of the public and for the collective interests of the members.

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- David Voller motioned to accept by-law change to include Murphy Flowage, Sandy Nanstrom seconded ... motion carried.

Farewell to Board Members

John Page - Treasurer

Rose Kopras - Secretary

Election of Board Members - 2022-2023

RCLA Board Officer Not Renewing for 3-year term

- John Page - Treasurer

Board Officer Leaving mid-term (1-year remaining)

- Rose Kopras - Secretary

Board Directors Renewing for 2-Year term:

- Len Christianson – Lake Information and Safety
- Tim Lewis – Water Quality
- Tom Goodwin – AIS
- Runae Maloney – Membership

Board Officer Elections

- Steve Tracey - Treasurer
- Deanna Hessling - Secretary

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Steve and wife Alyce have been in the Birchwood area for almost 27 years, having a seasonal cabin on Big Chetac from 1995 to 2005..They purchased a year-round home on Red Cedar lake in 2005 and moved here permanently in 2017. Steve and Alyce resided in Hudson for over 40 years where they raised their three children. Prior to retirement in 2018, Steve a CPA concentrating in providing auditing and accounting services to local governmental entities in the Northwestern Wisconsin area. Steve received his undergraduate degree from UW LaCrosse and a graduate degree from UW Madison (go Badgers)!!

Deanna Hessling - Secretary

Owner of The Gathering Place with her husband Mike since June 2020. Deanna hails from Hastings, Minnesota, and has family in the Minnesota-Wisconsin area. While growing up, she spent most summers in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in the Northwoods of Minnesota and as a result loves the out-of-doors. Graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Madison with a degree in chemistry, and to this day, takes every chance she gets to cheer on “her” Badgers. Deanna has worked in multiple industries including chemical, pharmaceutical, chemical equipment and finally aerospace.

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Q&A / Adjournment 2021-2022

- David Voller motioned to adjourn the meeting, Doug Fischer seconded ... motion carried.