

McCarrons Lakefront Alliance – Meeting Agenda Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m. Over Zoom

Call to order

Public comment (limit 2 minutes per person)

- Resident Chris Kalla talked about shoreline native burn project. May create article for future Muskrat Minute and organize additional interested people.

Secretary's report

- Approve May 28, 2020 meeting minutes - APPROVED
- Facebook updates/Website updates/Etc. - No website updates yet
- Newsletter in progress

U of M will be on the lake this week conducting a fish survey- posted on FB

Treasurer's report

- Donations in hand, expenditures/reimbursements
 - Chris to contact bank and see if we can get Robin added to bank account without going into bank
 - Chris to send reimbursements list to Robin and Robin to approve for Chris to distribute.
 - \$1,414.50 bank balance
 - \$567 outstanding reimbursements

Membership Update

- Additional email to non-members with membership link

Ongoing projects

- E. coli/geese mitigation efforts
 - Good levels this year. Safe most of summer with two brief closures. In order to keep levels safe, county decided to euthanize geese due to low staffing and activity at the beach. Large amounts of feces removed and amount of geese was unsafe for people using the beach.
 - Reached out to county to see what planning can be done ahead of time for next year
 - Idea to re-landscape beach to deter geese in the future.
 - Weighing other options to keep beach safe while maintaining geese.
 - Reach out to Rice and Larpenteur project to include beach updates in project
 - Simple wire in front of water can deter geese in spring.
 - Focus on early spring to prevent geese from laying eggs
 - Muskrat Minute article to help residents with ideas to deter geese

Outlet Issues

- Ask community for volunteers to clear outlet one or two times this fall to help clear outlet to prevent lake from freezing at high levels and causing shoreline damage

Zebra Mussels research

- Samplers to be removed this fall to document zebra mussel density

Water Guards and boat launch tools

- Ramsey county allocated 100 hours of water guards at the boat launch.
- Amy to contact water guards to see how many hours were actually used.
- New tools at launch to clear weeds from boats
- Amy to contact about some broken tools.

New business

- Buffer strip - field burn of natural strip. Neighbors are interested in burning buffer strip- we might be able to coordinate for training or coordinated permitting
- Chris Galla to make article for Muskrat minute to encourage natural shoreline buffer.

Outreach from Ramsey County Health Department – update on project

- Health Educator with Ramsey County - setting up community space for knowledge or tool sharing with Rice and Larpenteur project.
- Preliminary stages - will keep in contact

Connect with CRWD, County for next year's E. coli and invasive species plans

- Send email to get an update and stay involved in plans

Outreach to Rice/Larpenteur Alliance

- Reach out to see if we could be included in any beach designs

Outreach to U of M researchers

- Fishery survey this week
- Study on boating and waves from boating - Getting in touch with a contact who can answer some more questions. 2 year study

Figure out logistics for remote elections at next meeting

- 4th quarter annual meeting - possible guest speaker - elections
- Over zoom with guest speaker
 - Invasive species
 - Fish survey
 - Natural shoreline

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