

Trade Lakes News

***Newsletter of the Round Trade Lake Improvement Association
(Long Trade Lake, Round Lake, Little and Big Trade Lakes)***

Website <http://www.tradelakeassoc.org>

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RTLIA AWARDED 3 MAJOR DNR GRANTS

(or be careful what you wish for)

The Wisconsin DNR has awarded our Lakes Association all three grants the RTLIA requested for a three-year management plan for the invasive species in our four lakes. These grants are, respectively, \$49,502 for Long Trade Lake, \$55,259 for Round Lake, and \$97,861 for Big and Little Trade Lakes. The grand total of the three grants is \$202,622. To be sure, they are spread over three years, but that is still \$67,540 per year. To secure payment of the state grants of 75% of the project cost, the RTLIA must provide a 25% match, or \$16,885 in cash or volunteer time each year! If we don't make the match, we receive proportionately less.

In addition to these new grants, we still have unfinished grants from past years in the amount of \$56,000. These older grants also required a 25% match or in this case \$14,000.

Your Board members are justly anxious about fulfilling our commitment to match these grants. Even if all 330 Lakeshore owners on our four lakes contributed the \$40 membership dues, we would only receive \$13,200. So volunteer time is the critical extra if we are to be successful in managing the invasive species in our lakes.

Town of Trade Lake Donates to RTLIA

At the Annual meeting April 19 of the Town of Trade Lake, which followed their regular monthly meeting, they considered and approved by a vote of two to one, a request for a \$5,000 donation to the RTLIA. While the town's long-range plan does say it will support Lake association and lake districts, this is the first time the Town has contributed to any Lake Association. Making up much of the audience at the Annual Town meeting were ten members of the lakes association.

The formal request was made by RTLIA president Reid McFarlane, but other members, Daniel Freeman, Vicki and Roger Breault, Anne Tuttle, Scott Hanson, and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lammert joined the discussion in support of the request. They pointed out that the town's long-range plan called for supporting lake associations, as does Burnett County and that lakeshore owners pay 59.6% of the town's tax revenue. There were objections to the request including that one donation would generate other requests from lakeshore owners. Chair Jim Melin noted, however, that the RTLIA's request would be for funds to "match" funds awarded by the State's Department of Natural Resources grants. A condition of matching DNR Grants would limit casual requests for donation from other lakeshore owners. Supervisor Jeff Lade was concerned that this donation would not be an annual request. He clearly expected the donation to "match" the grants for more than a year and perhaps all three years. Association President Reid McFarlane responded he could not guarantee the association would not be back again, simply because the required match for the coming year is so large. Both supervisors Melin and Lade voted for the resolution and Roger Hinrichs voted against.

Volunteers needed for the following projects:

1. Each lake in Spring is surveyed by our consultants. If you and your boat would be available to follow them around your lake both before and after the pesticides are applied, please let them know. David Blumer, 715-642-0635 or Matt Berg will be doing this in May.

2. After a short training by our consultant or Board members you will map Curly Leaf Pondweed Beds. Once mapped, you can begin pulling these plants when the water warms. If along, be sure to report your time.

3. Beetles! Yes, raise and release *Galerucella* beetles. This involves being setup with five-gallon buckets in a children's wading pool that needs to be kept wet. The pool and buckets, covered in netting, duplicate a wet-land and the plants in the bucket feed the growing beetles. When fully grown, the bugs are released to attack purple loosestrife another invasive species. Contact : Jason Klous 612-709-8645

4. When you meet your neighbors on the weekends, ask them if they have joined the lakes association. Remind them of what we are doing to improve the lake and protect it for the future. Even if they are too busy to help, their membership makes a difference.

5. Repair/ Replace AIS signage at the public landing. Removing old signs and install new large signs on 4x4 posts (Permission, sign post, etc.) Local lumber yards may contribute material and county will provide signage. We need post hole diggers and carpenters. Contact your lake board representative and David Ferris, (Burnett Co. conservationist)

6. Attend the Clean Boats Clean Waters training at the end of the May 19th meeting & then spend time at the public landing on your lake talking to boaters about how to prevent the spread of invasive species. Contact Vicki Breault at 715-579-3710 with any questions.



(current signage at Big Trade lake west landing)

7. Organize an Invasive Species identification and removal workshop. Our consultant, David Blumer will show property owners on the lake how to properly identify and remove AIS on their shoreline and within the water adjacent to their property.

8. RTLIA volunteers will search the littoral zone (lake side of the shoreline) of their Lake and the adjacent shoreline for Invasive species following CLMN AIS Monitoring guidelines. This can just be a leisurely trip around your lake!

Citizens Lake Monitoring Network

These Volunteers are regularly testing our lake waters:

Randy Newman, Little Trade Lake
Buck Thompson, Big Trade Lake
Vicki and Roger Breault, Long Trade lake
Bill Piotrowski, Round Lake

Jack Lamont and others do stream monitoring at nine sites on the Trade River flowage as it flows into Long Trade Lake.

IN EACH CASE ABOVE, YOUR TIME, WHEN REPORTED TO OUR WEB-SITE, HELPS US MATCH THE DNR GRANTS! SEE "VOLUNTEER HOURS" AT our web-site

RTLIA Web-site Revised..

Hello. My name is Janelle Moe and I have been updating the <http://tradelakeassoc.org/> website. I

am not a webmaster by any means so please bear with me. We are trying to add more relevant information in a timely manner to keep everyone up to date on current issues that pertain to all lake enthusiasts.

A couple of key topics I hope you will take a look at are the **2018 Aquatic Plant Management Proposal** and the **Current Grants** page. The proposal shows the extent of Curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil found in the lakes and the Current Grants page explains the grants that have been awarded to the RTLIA. Did you know you can apply the clean-up you do today, on the lakes, to RTLIA Volunteer Hours? RTLIA receives \$12 for every Volunteer hour that is posted.

If you have suggestions for the web site you can email Reid McFarlane or one of the RTLIA Officers.



RTLIA Public Meeting Saturday, May 19th, 9 AM, Trade Lake Town Hall

Association Membership Dues are directly applied to the costs of the chemical treatments to keep the lakes clean. None of the grants cover 100% of the cost of treatment and each grant requires that 25% be paid by members of the association and/or

donations. Dues and donation checks can be mailed to RTLIA using the attached form or can be paid using PayPal directly from <http://tradelakeassoc.org>. PayPal is an easy and secure way to pay for yearly memberships.

RTLIA Board Members:

President – Reid McFarlane (2018-2020) Lake
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Vice-President – Vicki Breault (2014-2018) Cell
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Secretary / Treasurer – Tom Mayerhofer (2016-2019) Cell 952-250-298
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Round Lake Board Member – Bill Piotrowski (2016-2020) Cell 651-235-6897
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New board member from Big Trade Lake Tom Daellenbach 715-327-4577



(Tom's father George was one of the founder of the RTLIA in 1984)

Little Trade Lake Board Member – Dan Freeman (2018-2020) 715-488-2415
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Long Trade Lake Board Member – Anne Heimkes Tuttle (2017-2019)
952-457-4977 aetutt@yahoo.com

All meetings are open to the public

Annual Membership Dues: \$40.00. Additional voluntary donation \$_____. Total amount enclosed \$_____

Please complete the following information to ensure our contact information for you is correct:

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