

Runyan Lake Inc.

PO Box 105, Fenton MI 48430

General Membership Meeting, Fall 2020 Friday, September 4, 2020, 7:00 PM

Tyrone Township Hall,
10408 Center Road, Fenton MI 48430

Minutes

To All Members of Runyan Lake Inc.:

Attached is your fall 2020 Runyan Lake Inc. newsletter and Notice of the Fall General Membership Meeting by Proxy. Those of you who have requested a newsletter my regular mail should receive one in the next few days.

Due to Michigan Executive Order 2020-160 we are unable to assemble to hold our Fall General Meeting. We have considered other options, including a Zoom meeting, but have identified too many logistical challenges.

To be able to conduct the business items required in our Bylaws, such as establishing our 2021 budget, 2021 dues amounts, to obtain 2021 permit application consent, and hold trustee elections, the Fall General Meeting will be held by proxy ballot. All freeholders (title holders) of record will be mailed a proxy ballot. If you have not received a proxy ballot by August 27th and believe you are entitled to one please contact us. Proxy ballots will be mailed out shortly.

Ballots must be received by RLI no later than September 4, 2020. Instructions for returning the proxy ballot are stated on the ballot. All ballots will be numbered to ensure authenticity.

Since we are unable to assemble for our meeting here is an update on various topics.

1. **June 15 weed control clarification** – We have received a few comments suggesting the Runyan Lake Heights area was not treated during the June 15 aquatic weed treatment. We have confirmed that area was treated for Pondweed and Milfoil consistent with the treatment map that was provided.
2. **Starry Stonewort treatments** continue to be applied monthly to the cove and other identified areas.
3. **Goose control** was unfortunately suspended for 2020 by the State of Michigan. We are hopeful the program will resume for 2021.
4. **Water quality testing** – Water samples were taken on June 22nd and August 11th. E-coli results are well below acceptable community standards. The results are posted on the website water quality page.
5. **Fireworks** – We have received generally positive comments about our show this year, however those same comments have had questions regarding what appeared to many to be a missing finale and the number of shells set off 5 – 10 minutes after the show ended. Regarding the finale and show in general, there was unfortunately a technical issue with the firing controls that affected a number of shells (those ignited after the show ended to clear the tubes) and also the finale. If it is any consolation, we did receive a \$1500 credit for the portions of the show that failed. Most seem to agree that up to the point of the finale this was one of the best shows we have ever had. We will try again next year.

6. **General boating safety and practices** – We have received some feedback from several individuals concerned about boating activities and suggested behavioral changes. Please keep in mind RLI has no ability to enforce or dictate boating behavior. The surface of the water is regulated by the State of Michigan. RLI has created a map of recommended general boating traffic flow consistent with State of Michigan boating rules, and also recommended areas for some of the activities that have resulting in complaints in the past. We have done this in an attempt to minimize conflicts, raise awareness, and to try to allow the various water activities to peacefully coexist on our relatively small lake. Most are adhering to those recommendations. If you are confronted by someone please keep in mind we are all trying to prevent accidents and keep Runyan Lake safe. While attempting to do that we must also keep in mind no one is permitted to restrict the right to navigate the surface of the water. Navigation of the water surface is only limited by State of Michigan speed limits, distances from the shoreline, docks, swimmers, etc., and other boating legal requirements. If you want to bring potential violations or behavioral concerns to someone's attention be respectful and politely express your concern. If they resist your discussion, move away. If you still have concerns, enforcement of boating violations requires a call to the Livingston County Sheriff or the DNR.
7. **People riding on the front (bow) of pontoons** - To be blunt, this is an illegal and highly dangerous practice. If someone on the front of a moving pontoon falls into the water the historical odds are that person will be seriously injured or killed. Many of your neighbors are concerned about those allowing people to ride on the front of their pontoon. We were forwarded the following regarding a recent incident in Wisconsin.
<https://www.wzzm13.com/mobile/article/news/local/boater-seriously-hurt-in-pontoon-accident-wants-others-to-learn-from-her-mistake/89-41a22c11-6b59-42a4-a2d2-f10a33e41c46>. Michigan boating law states the following: "**Riding on the Bow, Gunwales, or Transom** is allowing passengers to ride on a motorboat in places where there may be a chance of falling overboard. While operating at greater than "slow, no wake speed," persons on a motorboat may not sit, stand, or walk on any portion of a motorboat not designed for that purpose. This includes riding on the gunwale." A motorboat is defined as any boat have a motor as a source of power. Please evaluate your individual behaviors and keep your family and friends safe.
8. **Use of Pontoon Docking Lights** – By law, the use of pontoon docking lights when under power is prohibited. These lights cause a loss of depth perception and vision over the water surface for other boaters at night when they are shined upon the surface of the water. Please limit the use of your pontoon docking lights for actual docking assistance along docks and the shoreline. Thank you.
9. **August social activities** – We are continuing to monitor the State of Michigan COVID-19 executive orders and other restrictions applying to organizations and corporations. No final decision has been made for the August 29th music event, however if current restrictions remain in place we will be forced to cancel the show to comply with State of Michigan requirements.

This and other Runyan Lake community news can be found on the Runyan Lake Inc. website at www.runyanlakeinc.com.

When you are talking with your neighbors, please inform those who are not on our e-mail distribution. Thank you!

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RLI Proxy Ballot – Fall 2020 General Membership Meeting

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and specific to Michigan Executive Order 2020-160 we are unable to assemble for our Fall General Meeting. To be able to conduct the business items required in our Bylaws, specifically establishing a 2021 budget, 2021 dues amounts, 2021 aquatic weed and goose control permit application consent, and to elect trustees, the Fall General Meeting will be held by proxy.

All freeholders (title holders) have been mailed a numbered proxy ballot to ensure authenticity. Ballots must be received no later than September 4, 2020. To better accommodate all Members, the RLI trustees have agreed to accept proxy ballots until the time the meeting would have normally begun.

Proxy ballots may be returned as follows:

1. Mailed to: **Runyan Lake Inc.
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Fenton, MI 48430**
2. Returned to an RLI Board Member (discouraged due to social distancing requirements).
3. You may scan your completed proxy ballot and email it to: runyanlakeinc@aol.com.
4. You may place your ballot in one of the drop boxes at the new Tyrone Township Hall, 8420 Runyan Lake Road.

You are encouraged to cast your vote for the following proposals and questions:

2019 RLI Financial Audit Committee Report Approval

The 2019 RLI financial audit committee, appointed during the 2018 Fall General Meeting, has submitted a report of their findings. The complete signed letter can be accessed using a link on the home page of our website. The following is an extract from that report.

Three volunteers were selected for the financial review committee, Tim Polakowski, Kevin Pritchard, and Mike Zack. None of these three is a trustee of RLI.

In April of 2020, the treasurer of RLI, Ivan Quinn, emailed copies of the financials for the year ending 2019 to Tim, Kevin and Mike. Normally a time is selected to meet and review the financials with Ivan at his home. However due to Covid-19, this review was conducted via phone and email.

After reviewing the documents with Ivan any questions we had were resolved. We the undersigned agree with and find no irregularities with the financial reports as submitted.

The opinion of the committee is that based on our limited scope review, is that we do not see a need for a full audit.

- Yes, I am in support of the findings of the 2019 RLI Financial Audit Committee.*
- No, I am not in favor of the findings of the 2019 RLI Financial Audit Committee, or I wish this to be deferred to a future meeting.*

RLI Financial Report – 2021 Budget and Dues

The RLI financial report is provided with your fall newsletter (page 2). The report contains the following sections – 2020 year to date (actual), 2020 year end (forecast), and 2021 proposed budget. During the Fall General Membership Meeting the 2021 proposed budget is typically reviewed, explaining anticipated expenses, and a request to approve the proposed 2021 budget and 2021 dues amounts is made. The RLI Board recommends carrying over the 2020 budget into 2021.

- Yes, I am in favor of the 2021 budget and 2021 dues amounts (Class A: \$150, Class B: \$145, Class C: \$30, Class D: \$0).*
- No, I am not in favor of the 2021 budget.*

Please turn page over to vote for additional proposals and trustees

Nomination of 2020 Year End Financial Audit Committee

As set forth in Section 3.05.a of our Bylaws, “The Membership shall appoint a 3 person Financial Committee made up of Members in good standing, with no two (2) committee members being related, to review the financial records of the Corporation, with support from the Treasurer.....” Because RLI was no longer able to secure the low cost basic audit we have utilized for many years, the RLI Board is requesting RLI Member volunteers to audit the 2020 RLI financial records and report their findings during the 2021 Spring General Membership Meeting.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the RLI Board has contacted those who have previously volunteered to perform the audit. The RLI Board is recommending the Membership appoint Kevin Pritchard and Mike Zack who have agreed to review the 2020 RLI financial records and perform the audit.

I am not in favor of those recommended for the 2020 Financial Audit Committee.

2021 Aquatic Weed Treatment Permit

RLI must apply to EGLE (formerly the DNR) each year for an aquatic weed treatment permit.

Shall RLI be authorized to represent its Members, including the property owners abutting Runyan Lake, and apply for an aquatic weed treatment permit for 2021 at the direction of its Membership?

Yes, I authorize RLI to apply for a 2021 aquatic weed treatment permit on behalf of its Members.

No, I do not I authorize RLI to apply for a 2021 aquatic weed treatment permit on behalf of its Members.

2021 Goose Control Permit

RLI must apply to the State of Michigan DNR and USDA each year for a goose removal permit.

Shall RLI be authorized to represent its Members, including the property owners abutting Runyan Lake, and apply for a Goose removal permit for 2021 at the direction of its Membership?

Yes, I authorize RLI to apply for a 2021 goose removal permit on behalf of its Members.

No, I do not I authorize RLI to apply for a 2021 goose removal permit on behalf of its Members.

Trustee Elections: Five trustees will be elected during the 2020 Fall General Meeting. (nominations due by 8/4/20)

I vote for the following RLI Members: (Vote for not more than one person per area)

Area 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Ostrowski
Area 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Johnson
Area 3:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Meisel
Area 4:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Graham
Area 5:	<input type="checkbox"/> Dean Haase <u>or</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Jon Stevenson

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2020 Fall General Meeting Proxy Vote Results			
Total Proxy Ballots Received:		179 of 488 issued	
Approve 2019 Audit Report: Yes	170	Approve 2021 Goose Control: Yes	165
Approve 2019 Audit Report: No	4	Approve 2021 Goose Control: No	7
Approve 2021 Dues & Budget: Yes	175	Area 1: Ostrowski	138
Approve 2021 Dues & Budget: No	0	Area 2: Johnson	139
Appoint 2020 Audit Committee: Yes	169	Area 3: Meisel	137
Appoint 2020 Audit Committee: No	5	Area 4: Graham	139
Approve 2021 Weed Control: Yes	172	Area 5: Haase	81
Approve 2021 Weed Control: No	1	Area 5: Stevenson	75