

Round the Lake

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Letter from the President— Tom Wolf

Dear Association Members,

As the summer season draws to a close, it is again a time to look back on our year at the lake and to look forward to the next association year.

In a relative sense it has been a quiet year on the lake. The lake level controversy of the past few years has been placed, for the moment, on the back burner. As you know, the county decided, against our desires, to replace the Carlson Road dam with a box culvert. Before doing so however there will be a public hearing/notification process during which we will again present and advocate our desired alternative. The timing of the process has yet to be determined. Meanwhile, we've seen lake return to water levels not seen in the past 10+ years, which has resulted in favorable boating conditions throughout the lakes area. There have been some reports of lake shore erosion but overall, the loudest voices on both sides of the issue have been largely silent.

Aquatic Invasive Species, most prominently Eurasian Milfoil, continues to be the most prominent issue facing our association and will continue to be in the years ahead. The Association engaged a new contractor, Lake Resident Tom O'Connell, to conduct the pre-treatment and post-treatment surveys of the lake, drawing also on the resource of the County. The chemical application, proceeding later than usual in July due to the abnormally cool weather of the season, appears to have been relatively effective based upon the early reports. This work was funded entirely by the contributions of Association members this year. We were not successful earlier this year in getting a renewal of our grant from WDNR for invasives management. We will be applying again this fall but realize now that future funding will increasingly, if not solely, be provided through the dues of members.

This brings us to our membership recruiting focus. Our membership is up this year to near 350, a near 24% increase over the prior year, and a reversal of a several years long trend in declining membership. Still, the membership represents only 60% of the lake property owners, meaning there is ample opportunity to expand. Thus we continue to focus on building our membership, and have placed a renewed emphasis on social activities as a means to attract new and continuing members. Please watch for and participate in the "Dine Around" and Annual Picnic functions as your time allows. Both are great ways to meet your fellow lake owners and to build a stronger community spirit at the lake.

Please plan to attend the annual Association Membership meeting on Saturday, October 5. We will provide updates on the major Association activities, and will also elect a new directorship for the coming Association year. Your current board has recruited new potential directors to replace outgoing directors Bill Cadogan, and Tom Kintzinger. On behalf of the Association, I would like to thank Bill and Tom for their many contributions to the board. The slate of directors recommended by the current board is found elsewhere in this newsletter. There will also be opportunity at the meeting to take and consider recommendations for new directors from the floor.

As always, please consider getting involved in the Lake Association leadership. The annual meeting is a great way to learn of ways that you can contribute your skills for the benefit of the Association and the Lake.

Best Regards,
Tom Wolf, Association President

Save the Date 8/16/2014

The 2014 RLPOA picnic will be held on Saturday August 16th, 2014. Save the date so that you can enjoy a great afternoon with neighbors and friends. More details to follow.

Annual Meeting 10/05/2013

Water Quality Update – Dan Kollodge

What a difference a couple of years makes. Thanks to three late winter storms, a wet spring, and a “whopper” of a storm that dumped 3 to 4 inches of rain in late August, the lake level has been at its highest level in the last 30 years, according to “old timers”. Now that the lake level is back up, let’s talk water quality. The water quality committee has been busy addressing water quality on many fronts this summer. The main focus was treating the Eurasian water milfoil and submission of an AIS grant application to the DNR in August.

Milfoil treatment this year was delayed by the late ice out. The water temperature lagged behind by a month, which pushed treatment back from its normal of mid-June to mid-July. The association spent \$17,000 for treatment services to treat twenty-two acres of the lakes. Most of this acreage was located in School House and Leder bays on the north end of Round Lake. The 30-day post treatment inspection of the treated areas indicated good success in eradicating milfoil. A full lake survey is scheduled for September and will be performed by the chemical applicator and Kristi Maki, who is the Sawyer County AIS coordinator. The entire treatment amount was paid with money provided by you, the members of the association. If you have the means, please be generous and contribute an additional amount dedicated to the AIS treatment fund with your annual dues payment.

On the financial front, in August the RLPOA submitted a new AIS grant application to the DNR with the intent of receiving a 3-year grant that will be in effect from 2014 through 2016. The grant request was for a total of \$82,519.50. The association should be notified by the end of September if the grant was approved or not. In an effort to increase the chances of being awarded a grant, the board decided to request a 50% grant award. The previous grant awarded was a 75% grant. This means the DNR repaid the association at a 75% level and the association members paid for the remaining balance with volunteer labor. With the 50% grant, the DNR reimburses at 50%, volunteer labor may pay for 25%, and the remaining 25% must be paid by the association with cash. By choosing the 50% grant option the association grant score was increased by two points.

The manner in which the DNR awards grants is based on a point scoring system. All applications submitted are evaluated with respect to 10 different criteria, with 2 to 5 points being awarded in any one category. A point total is calculated for each application and then grants are ranked from high to low. The DNR has a fixed amount of money for each grant cycle. The money is dispersed from high to low until all funds have been allocated. The estimated score for the RLPOA August submission was twenty-one. The February 2013 application scored a fifteen.

Did you hear a loud thump this summer? That noise was the property value of thousands of Minnesota lakeshore cabins and homes going down at the same instant. Every Minnesotan knows of the Brainerd lakes area of Minnesota. It is the equivalent of the Hayward lakes area, with beautiful lakes that contain thousands of acres of clean water. Tourism is king, just like Hayward. Of the many lakes in this area, there is a group of 10 to 12 that connect together to form the Whitefish chain of lakes. This summer it was confirmed that the Whitefish chain is now infested with zebra mussels. There is no practical treatment to get rid of the mussels and they are arguably more damaging to lakes because they filter out the tiny plants that are the base of the food chain. The long-term result is a clear but sterile lake. This same story could have been written about Round Lake and that “thump” would have been an ear shattering crash of our property values. Please be careful when you move your boats and water toys between lakes. Make sure you remove all water from bait buckets, live-wells, and the bilge before entering any lake. Another precaution is to leave the boat on the trailer for a few days before dropping it in the water, if possible. Drying the hull will help to kill any AIS species that have attached. Also, please inspect your friend’s boats when they come up for the weekend. They do the most traveling between lakes and are most likely to inadvertently spread AIS to the lake.

Water quality is everyone’s responsibility.

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Round Lake Picnic Huge Success

Joan Buehrle, Social Committee Chair

The Round Lakes Property Owners' Association picnic celebrating the 50th anniversary of our lakes association was a huge success according to our lake neighbors and friends who attended. The picnic was held on July 13th at Famous Dave's convention center, directly behind the restaurant. The weather report called for a strong storm, but we were smiled on and had a beautiful afternoon for the picnic. 134 people showed up to celebrate our anniversary and have a good time with other Round Lakes people. This year we had 12 children 10 years or younger attend the event. We encouraged property owners to bring their children or grandchildren so that they could start building relationships with others on the lakes. We enjoyed watching the kids have a good time.

Famous Dave's provided a tasty meal again this year. A choice of ribs or pulled pork sandwich was offered. Dave's staff did an excellent job of serving the group quickly. Thanks to Angie at Famous Dave's for her work in making this a well run lunch. We also had a cash bar with various libations available.

Games included bean bag toss, ladder ball, a casting contest, Bocce ball, minnow races, and a fish pond for the kids. The games were well organized and lots of fun for both adults and kids. The games were so popular that the volunteers running them barely got a break for lunch! Merchants from the area donated prizes and items for the live and silent auctions and drawing for prizes. We had a 50/50 drawing, which Karla Homan won. Janet Ellis won the prize of a "dine around" basket with restaurant gift certificates (value \$75) in the drawing of RLPOA members who pre-registered. Winners in each game also received a prize. Almost every person attending received a prize in the drawings. The best part of the picnic was meeting friends and neighbors and having a good time together.

While it was not the primary intent of having the picnic, we were also able to raise some funds to help defray the costs of fighting invasive species in our lakes. After all expenses were paid, we raised in excess of \$2,500! One Round Lake property owner made a sizable donation in memory of her husband (see below). Bruce McMillin served as moderator and auctioneer. Bruce has a nice way of getting us to open our pocketbooks while bidding on valuable prizes. Each person or business that donated prizes or gift certificates was recognized for their contribution at the picnic. We will have a list of contributors and donations compiled and available at our upcoming annual meeting. We appreciate the generosity of all of these individuals and businesses.

Our picnic would not have been so successful without the labors of the social/picnic committee. Thanks go to Bob and Diane Sosnowski, Bob and Joan Ackerman, Wilma and Wally Narr, Al and Jean Bramucci, Carl and Judy Scheider, Bruce McMillin, Jack and Judy Gardner, Trudy and Frank Tyson, Carol and Bob Hauser, Betti Binder, Pat and Ken Brummel, and Joan Buehrle.

If you were not able to come to the picnic this year, be sure to save the date for next year's picnic. It will be held on Saturday **August 16th, 2014**.

We received a special donation of \$2,000 from Jean Hammil and Family, in memory of her late husband, Bob. "*It's God's Country*." That is what Bob called the Round Lake area. Although he was not a big fisherman, he loved floating on the pontoon with family and friends, enjoying a beer and the scenery. Bob had a strong interest in the water quality and did his part to keep the area beautiful. He has been gone almost three years now and we continue to keep his vision of "God's Country" by making a donation to help improve the water quality. Please join us and do what you can to help keep the lake beautiful.



August 2013 RLPOA Financial Summary—Tom Wolf

	2012	2013
	Actual	YTD -Aug
Sales		
Income - Memberships	\$6,750.00	\$10,295.00
Income - Milfoil Fund	\$6,845.00	\$11,130.00
Income - Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income - Grants	\$30,521.62	\$11,179.38
Income - Miscellaneous	\$750.00	\$0.00
Income - Picnic	\$1,135.00	\$1,092.50
Income Auctions	\$0.00	\$3,538.00
Income - Water Level Defense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income - Donations	\$300.00	\$0.00
Total Sales	\$46,301.62	\$37,234.88
Cost of Sales		
Total Cost of Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gross Profit	\$46,301.62	\$37,234.88
Operating Expenses		
Auto & Truck Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accounting & Legal	\$345.00	\$395.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$252.11	\$0.00
Crib Expense	\$804.92	\$0.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$430.00	\$330.00
Equipment Rental/Maintenance	\$56.00	\$0.00
Fish Stocking Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gift Certificates	\$400.00	\$0.00
Insurance - Business	\$1,912.00	\$0.00
Licenses & Permits	\$10.00	\$0.00
Marina Dredging	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meals & Meeting Food	\$0.00	\$0.00
Milfoil Expense	\$24,092.35	\$17,733.25
Newsletters	\$1,330.37	\$956.44
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$420.24	\$282.50
Total Sub Contract Labor	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$231.28	\$0.00
Telephone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Hall Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Picnic Expense	\$1,130.00	\$1,743.00
Water Level Defense Expense	\$7,587.50	\$450.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$41,001.77	\$21,890.19
Net Operating Income (loss)	\$5,299.85	\$15,344.69

	2012	2013
	Actual	YTD -Aug
Other Income		
Total Interest Income	\$11.76	\$6.03
Total other income	\$11.76	\$6.03
Other Expense		
Total other expense	\$0.00	
Net Income (Loss)	\$5,311.61	\$15,350.72
Cash Balances		
General Fund	\$27,002.10	\$36,840.85
Milfoil Fund	(\$3,475.00)	\$4,036.97
Defense Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tangible Assets	\$23,527.10	\$40,877.82

The Association has benefited this year from a growing membership, as evident in the financial report shown here. Results are included for the prior fiscal year and the current year through the end of the August reporting period.

The growth in membership is reflected in the income portion of the statement, with income exceeding prior year totals by an appreciable margin. Members should also be aware that the current year results reflect income from the WDNR Milfoil grant corresponding to expenses incurred in the prior fiscal year. To date, we have been unsuccessful in renewing the grant, making the donations of members ever more important in subsequent years. Please consider an increase in your donation to help fund this critical program.

RLPOA Calendar 2013

Oct. 1 Fall Newsletter.

October 5 9:00 AM - General Membership Meeting
Place: The Original Famous Dave's Convention Center

Fall Water Safety Report —John Gardner

I recently had a nice telephone conversation with the new DNR warden. Frederick Peters. He goes by the name of Rick. And no, he wasn't issuing me a warning ticket. He is a local boy who grew up in Hayward and graduated in 1990. After high school he attended and graduated from Stevens Point in law enforcement. He worked as a policeman for the city of Wausau for five years. For the last 12 years he has worked as warden in Lincoln County. He still has a home which he is trying to sell in Merrill.

I know we all wish him the best in his new position. When I asked him if he has any special concerns about Round Lake he mentioned that he is getting calls of excess speed and traveling too close to shore. So please watch it folks, we

have new sheriff in town.

Here are some miscellaneous items I have witnessed this summer.

The water behind the Leader Bay Island is all "NO WAKE". There is only one buoy but you are never outside the 100 feet from shore rule, and usually within 100 feet of other boats and swimmers.

It is illegal to have a person riding on the bow, deck, or gunwale while the boat is in operation. Some illegal things I have witnessed are sitting on the top of the seat, sitting on the bow behind the rail but with their legs hanging out,

Dine Around—Joan Buehrle, Social Committee Chair

The first Dine Around get together was held at DJ's Dock on Tuesday August 27th. Roy and Joan Buehrle were hosts. 22 people attended and had a very good time. There was a steady hum from laughter and new friends talking. Dine Around is going to be scheduled monthly throughout the year, with no get together in November or December. An email notice will be sent to all RLPOA members in advance of each Dine Around. During the "school year", Dine Arounnds may be scheduled on Fridays or Saturdays for the convenience of those who only get to their lake home on weekends.

All you have to do to join in is RSVP to the email invitation. Then show up at the selected restaurant and have a great time. We are asking the restaurants to make separate checks to make it easy for everyone. This worked great at DJ's. The second Dine Around was hosted by Judy and Jack Gardner and was held on Tuesday September 24th at La Cabana Mexican Restaurant on Highway B, east of Hayward. There were 28 participants, who had a great time and met some really nice neighbors of your Round Lakes Property Owners' Association. The next Dine around will be hosted by Bob and Diane Sosnowski on Saturday, October 26th at a location to be announced.

DNR Fish Report— Round Lake

The Hayward DNR Fisheries team conducted a fish survey on Round Lake, including Little Round, during May and June, 2013. The full report of the study is posted as the first item on the fishing page of the Round Lake web site: http://www.roundthelake.com/round_lake_fishing.htm

The survey results show the population of popular game fish at various sizes, with accompanying pictures, statistics and graphs. It is very informative. They captured slightly

more Walleye and Muskies than Northerns, plus a lot of Bass, Black Crappies, Perch and an abundance of Bluegills.

Bottom line, there are many really fine, large fish in the lakes. Many of the Musky are over 30", and 15% of those captured were over 42". The DNR is encouraging the harvesting of smaller Northern, to maintain the current status of the overall fish population. The full report is definitely worth reading.

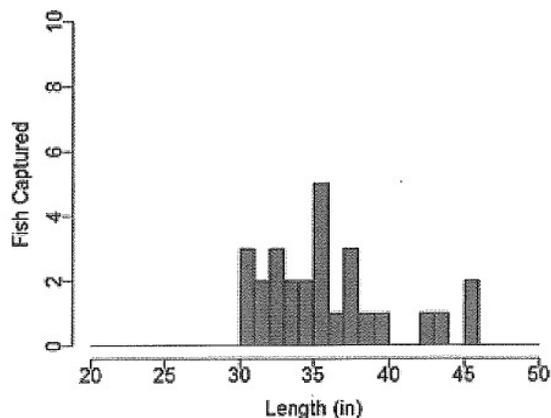
Sample Data from DNR Study

The image to the right is a sample of the data available in the full DNR fish report for Round Lake.

The full report is available at: http://www.roundthelake.com/round_lake_fishing.htm



Captured 1.4 per net-night ≥ 20 inches	
Quality Size ≥ 30"	100%
Memorable Size ≥ 42"	15%



2013 / 2014 Board of Directors Election

Each year at our annual meeting we elect a new slate of directors for the coming board year. We will do so at our October 5 General Membership Meeting. This year, three of our current directors will be reaching the end of their board terms and a fourth has elected to leave the board one year early for personal reasons. One of the directors with an expiring term, Jack Gardner, is standing for election to a new term and is included on the slate. A second director with an expiring term, Jim Purdin, has agreed to stand for election to fill out the final year of the term being vacated. Thus, we will be electing at least two new individuals this year.

The current board has been actively seeking to identify qualified individuals to serve on the board and have identified two individuals, both of which have expressed their willingness to serve the Association in this capacity. These individuals are Mr. Tim Chisser, a resident on Little Round Lake, and Marty Hanson, a resident on Big Round Lake. Brief biographies of these individuals will be available at the meeting and, if possible, posted ahead of the meeting on the www.roundthelake.com website. With these individuals, the board has a slate of directors for the coming board year as listed to the right.

The current board recommends the election of this slate of directors. We will however entertain additional nominations from the floor of the meeting and will provide opportunity to vote for the recommended slate, as proposed, and for individual members, including those nominated during the meeting. We encourage you to give the election of directors your fullest consideration and actively participate in the upcoming meeting and the election.

Individual	Term
Tim Chisser	2013-2016
Jack Gardner	2013-2016
Marty Hanson	2013-2016
Dan Kollodge	2012-2015
Bruce McMillin	2012 -2015
Jim Purdin	2013-2014
Al Reinemann	2012-2015
Bob Sosnowski	2011-2014
Tom Wolf	2011-2014

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Water Level Management Update by Jim Purdin

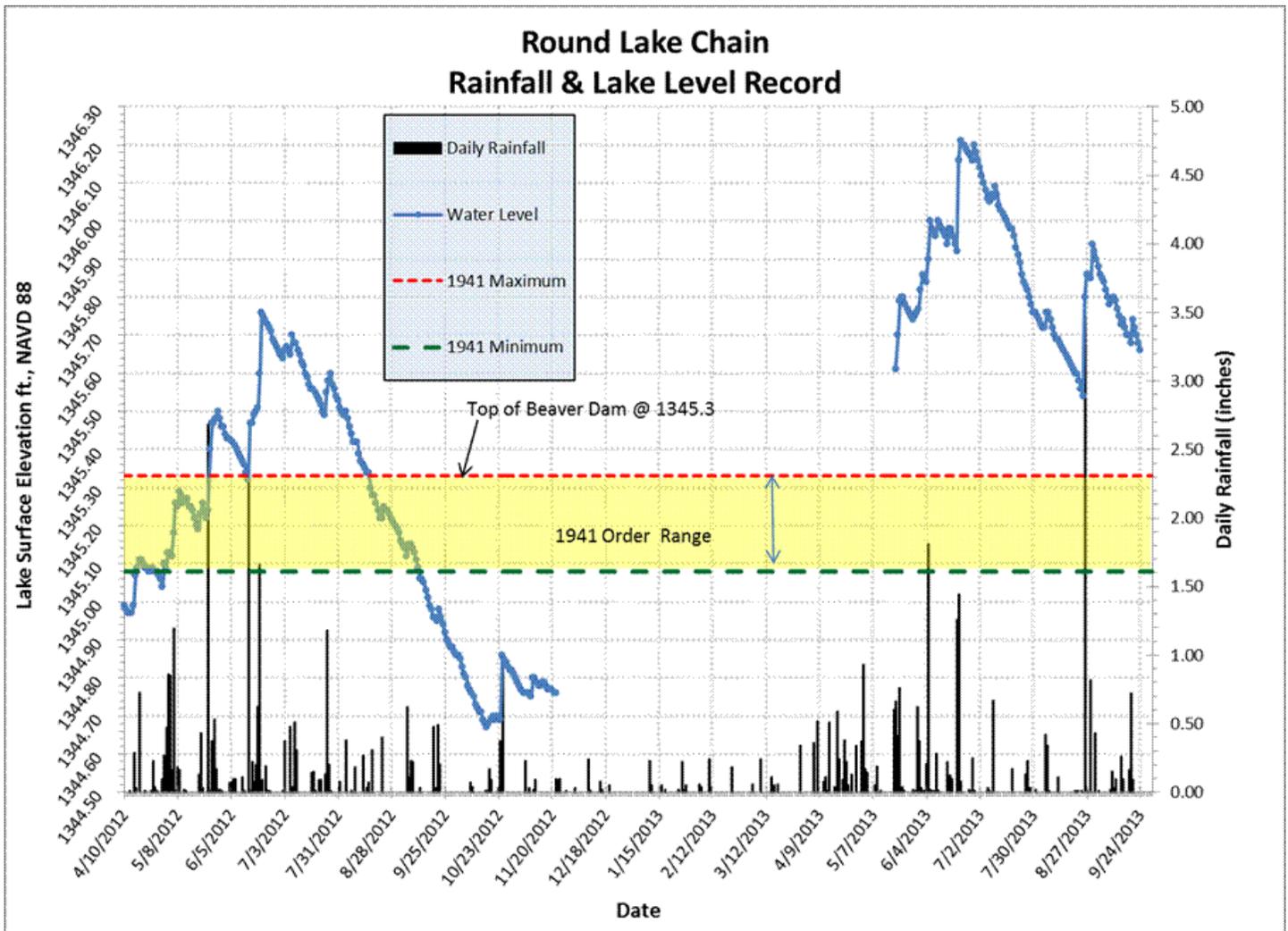
As Tom Wolf stated in his letter to the membership on Page 1, the lake level controversy has been placed on the back burner pending Sawyer County moving ahead with the plan the county Board of Supervisors approved last fall to vacate the 1941 Order and abandon the dam at Carlson Road and replace it with a simple box culvert.

It is our understanding that the DNR has not yet received from the county a petition to proceed with their plan that meets all criteria required for the petition to be actionable. Once the DNR receives an actionable petition, if ever, it will initiate a process that provides for input at a public forum. We will be prepared to again make our case at that time for an alternate plan. If you would like a refresher on the history of the water level management issue and our recommendation for a solution which we believe is in the best interests of all constituents, I encourage you to read the

article entitled "RLPOA Membership Brief Concerning Water Level Issue". It can be found at www.roundthelake.com posted on 12-12-2012.

It is our plan to continue to collect and publish data regarding the lake level and precipitation for the foreseeable future. We will continue to use the format established last year and illustrated below. Special thanks to Bob Sosnowski who records the water level every day and to Tom Wolf who tracks rainfall and produces the graph.

As we develop a larger database over time, we will gain an increasingly better understanding of how the lake responds to weather events and possibly gain insight into evidence of changing physical conditions in the watershed that impact flow out of the system and the lakes' ability to withstand major rain events without damage at various starting water levels.



Membership Report

Potential Membership:..... 635
 Paid Members as of 9/1/2013 347
 Paid Members as of 12/31/2012: 282
 Record year of 2007:..... 405

NOTE:

The numeral after your name on the address label is the year thru which you are currently paid — i.e. '13 means paid thru 2013, and you have not yet paid for 2014. If there is no numeral behind your name it means you have **NEVER** paid since we have been keeping records. Please consider supporting the RLPOA.

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1. Water Quality—clean and safe for all.
2. Invasive Species eradication.
3. Water level concerns.
4. Fishing quality.
5. Property values.

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We have numerous opportunities to be involved in the work of the Association to protect and enhance our lake. Please let any board member know if you can help. You are the primary resource we have to maintain our lake quality.

Round Lake Property Owners Association Inc. Membership Application

I am interested in helping one of the following committees:

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Membership Dues: \$35 (Due by Feb. 1 every year)

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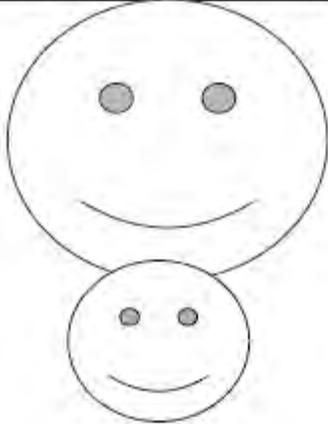
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**Round Lake Property Owners Association
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