

Runyan Lake Inc.

PO Box 105, Fenton MI 48430

General Membership Meeting, Spring 2021

Friday, May 28, 2021, 7:00 PM

Tyrone Township Hall,
10408 Center Road, Fenton MI 48430

Minutes

To All Members of Runyan Lake Inc.:

We hope everyone has been able to remain healthy and retain at least some sanity during these unusual times.

Spring General Membership Meeting Cancelled - After careful consideration, in compliance with current indoor capacity limitations, the RLI trustees have agreed to cancel our Spring General Meeting. The township hall remains a limited access site to the public. This is mainly an informational meeting, so we will include what is most often shared during that meeting within this email. If you have questions or concerns you would like to share with the RLI Board please email us or send a note to the PO box. We considered a Zoom meeting but logistics for that many people are challenging.

Spring General Membership Meeting by Proxy – To address two 2021 expenditure increase requests we are requesting Members participate in our usual Spring General Meeting by proxy. Membership approval is required for expenditure increases of more than \$1500.00 per Bylaws Section 3.02. We need sufficient responses to achieve a quorum to approve the requests. Proxy ballots will be mailed to all Members of Runyan Lake Inc. shortly. Please return your ballots no later than May 29th.

1. **Fireworks Budget Increase request** - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic hardship that has resulted for many, we were informed in March our long time fireworks display contractor is unable to provide us with their services this year. They were kind enough to recommend another contractor. We have been able to secure a contract and continue our show this year but the cost of fireworks has increased, and the new contractor is requiring a minimum show cost. Our 2020 budget was \$10,000.00. The minimum show cost for 2021 is \$15,000.00. We have plenty of funds in reserve, and actually have received a discounted show the last two years due to technical issues. As set forth in our Bylaws, we need your consent to execute this new contract at the higher than budgeted cost. Does the Membership agree to authorize the RLI Board to amend the 2021 and future fireworks display budget to \$15,000.00?
2. **Social Committee Budget Increase Request** - The social committee is proposing a third "music on the island" event for 2021. The cost of entertainment (band), porta-johns, and other supporting elements is approximately \$1500.00. The social committee is requesting their budget be increased to cover this expense. Do you authorize the RLI Board to amend the social committee budget to provide a third "music on the island" event?

Newsletter Distribution – Your spring newsletter is attached. The newsletter includes the statutory annual aquatic weed treatment notice. Those who have requested the newsletter be mailed to them can expect their copy later in the week.

Social Distancing – We understand there are differing opinions regarding how best to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. On behalf of our Members who have requested this message, please enjoy the lake as permitted by law. However, please continue to practice social distancing and safe contact practices to protect yourselves, your neighbors, and our extended families while more of us get vaccinated. Unfortunately, some of us continue to be

touched by family or friend illness, and in some cases the death of a family member of someone we know. Please consider the health and safety of others if you attempt to interact.

Use of the Island – Complaints about dog waste on the island are now at a level of great concern. The amount of dog waste that needs to be removed for the fireworks setup and other island events is unacceptable, and in the words of those attempting clean up, gross. Dog waste bags also do not belong in the fire pit. To restate the island use policy, please clean up after your dogs and take their waste with you for proper disposal – DO NOT leave it on the island. Please respect the rights of others, including children, to safely use and play on the island. If you can't abide by this courtesy we may seek to amend our Bylaws to prohibit dogs on the island.

Tick alert – We don't have reports yet of a larger than typical presence of ticks in the area but we once again had a less than spectacular winter. Please check your pets and use caution when in wooded or grassy areas.



Typical Spring General Meeting Updates

Financial Audit – The 2020 financial audit has been deferred due to logistical challenges. We will share the results during our Fall General Meeting.

Social Events – Below are the planned social events for 2021. This information can also be found on our website. We are still looking for someone to champion the hot dog roast. Please contact us if you might be interested. Please note: All 2021 events are subject to change or cancellation to comply with COVID-19 executive orders or other restrictions. More information will be distributed as we get closer to each event.

Fishing Contest

**Friday, June 25 through
Friday, July 2, 2021**



Daily weigh in 6:30 - 8:30 PM or whenever the windssock is flying at the SE shore (Heights)

Trophy presentation on the island
Sunday, July 4th at 11:00 AM

Contact [Kevin Johnson](#) (810-629-4512) or Dave Verbeke (810-919-6982) for more information.

[Click here for the event flyer.](#)

Runyan Lake Fireworks

Friday, July 2, 2021
(Rain date Monday, July 5th)



Time: When darkness falls.....(about 10 pm)

Contact [Andy Nester](#) (810-241-4144) or [Mark Meisel](#) (810-354-5469) if you would like to help with setup or take down. More fireworks information can be found [HERE](#).

Freedom Boat Parade
Saturday, July 3, 2021

If you can't light up your boat, light up your dock or house!

More details soon

Hot Dog Roast

~~Saturday, August 8, 2020~~

~~(Rain date Sunday, August 9th)~~

Cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions

12 noon - 2:30 PM, on the island

Hot dog or Bratwurst, chips, and pop for only \$1!

A 26 year traditional event!

[Click here for the event flyer.](#)

Night of Music #1

Saturday, July 17, 2021

Subject to COVID-19 restrictions

Back by popular demand - Crewsade!

Come hang out at the island and enjoy the music from 6-11:30 PM on a great summer evening.

[Click here for the event flyer.](#)

Night of Music #2

Saturday, July 31, 2021

Subject to COVID-19 restrictions

Shiatown!

Come hang out at the island and enjoy the music from 6 - 11:30 PM on a great summer evening.

Night of Music #3

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Subject to COVID-19 restrictions

JFQ!

Come hang out at the island and enjoy the music from 6 - 11:30 PM on a great summer evening.

Fall General Meeting

Friday, September 3, 2021

(Labor Day weekend)

6:00 PM Social hour, pizza & pop provided

7:00 PM Membership Meeting

[Click here to go to the General Meetings page.](#)

Venetian Lights Boat Parade

Saturday, September 4, 2021

If you can't light up your boat, light up your dock or house!

More details soon

Unpaid Dues Status – Less dues payments have been made than is typical for this time of year. We have also recently been able to settle a property in arrears for many years. Below is the dues payment status as of 5/10/2021. For comparison there were 24 unpaid lots at this time last year.

<u>Summary</u>	<u>Lots</u>				<u>Unpaid & Liened</u>		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>		<u>for sale</u>			
Class A:	245	233	12	5%	2	3	\$33,140	\$45,485
Class B:	23	20	3	13%	0	0	\$2,875	\$510
Class C:	55	36	19	35%	5	5	\$2,072	\$5,689
Class D:	1	1	0	0%	0	0		
Total:	324	290	34	10%	7	8	\$38,087	\$51,684

Trustee Nominations for Fall Election – The positions held by Mark Waligora, Ivan Quinn, Andy Nester, Pat Maynard, and Dave Verbeke are up election during the Fall General Meeting. If you wish to self-nominate, or nominate someone else for one of these positions please contact an RLI trustee or email us. Nominations must be received not less than 30 days prior to the meeting.

Goose Control

- Goose removal is planned for mid-June as permitted by the USDA.
- The application for permit was successfully submitted.
- Removal could be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions but we are hopeful geese can be rounded up this year.

Aquatic Weed Control

- Starry Stonewort treatments will occur monthly beginning in June.
- General weed control will occur as needed. A preliminary assessment was done mid-May. With the water temperature still below 60 degrees our first treatment may not occur until mid-June.
- The annual treatment notice is included in your Newsletter.

Fireworks

- New contractor for 2021 as described in the proxy request. They are experienced and actually do the Lake Shannon show. We do need to increase our budget to retain them, however, but the show will also be improved.
- Show date is **Friday, July 2nd**, rain date is Monday, July 5th.
- As noted above and within the proxy ballot we are hoping to increased funding this year to \$15,000.00).
- **Note – The new contractor does not yet have experience on Runyan Lake so they are being cautious with safe distance requirements. As a result, if you observe the show from your watercraft please remain at least 800 feet from the island at all times else the contractor may stop the show to protect their liability.**

Boat Ramp Opening – Please reference the 2021 boat ramp use instructions and policy attached to this email. Dues must be paid prior to use of the boat ramp. Dues payments will not be accepted at the ramp.

Spring has once again been slow to stay with us this year. We hope everyone is able to have an enjoyable summer on Runyan Lake. Please stay safe and healthy.

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!

Dear Runyan Lake Inc. Member,

Your 2021 Spring General Meeting proxy ballot is on the reverse side. Your envelope may contain more than one ballot. Each property title holder as listed on your property deed is entitled to one vote. If you only received one ballot your property is entitled to one vote based on records on file with the Livingston County Register of Deeds.

To manage the Runyan Lake Inc. budget and expenditures consistent with our Bylaws, specifically Section 3.02, we need your approval for any expenditure increase over that previously approved for the 2021 budget which exceeds \$1500.00.

We have a new fireworks contractor for 2021 as a result of personnel shortages at our traditional fireworks contractor. The new contractor was recommended by our former contractor and is the same contractor that does the Lake Shannon firework. Their show minimum is \$15,000.00, therefore we are asking for an increased budget for our 2021 fireworks display. On the positive side the increased cost will also result in additional shells, and therefore most likely an improved show. This increase amounts to approximately \$15.43 per Member property but is able to be absorbed by the underspending we have experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. No increase in Member dues is needed to fund this budget increase in future years at current spending levels.

Our social committee chair is also requesting a budget increase of \$1500 to cover the increased cost of Music on the Island entertainment as well as the associated port-a-johns. A third Music on the Island event is also proposed for this year, for which the majority of the additional funding would be used if approved. Due to event cancellations last year funds are available in our existing balance to cover this increase if the Membership agrees to a third event.

Please return your proxy ballot by May 29th to our PO Box as detailed within the proxy ballot, else you can deliver your ballot to any RLI trustee. We thank you for your continued support and participation in your Runyan Lake Inc. association. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

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RLI Proxy Ballot – Spring 2021 Meeting by Proxy

Due to the established local state of emergency, which prohibits large indoor gatherings, the Spring General Meeting has been cancelled. To be able to conduct the business items required in our Bylaws, such as amending our 2021 budget, the Spring General Meeting will be held by proxy ballot. All freeholders (title holders) of record will be mailed a proxy ballot.

Per section 4.01 of our RLI Bylaws, “All proxy and/or ballot submissions must be received by a Board member before commencement of a meeting, or via RLI PO Box forty-eight (48) hours prior to commencement of a meeting, to be counted.” Details of the proposals can be found on the website Bylaws page, or contact an RLI Trustee.

You may provide this completed proxy to any RLI Board member or mail it to: **Runyan Lake Inc.
P.O. Box 105
Fenton, MI 48430**

Due to the extenuating circumstances we will accept ballots received by RLI no later than May 29, 2021. Instructions for returning the proxy ballot are stated above.

Proposal #1: 2021 Fireworks Display Budget Increase Request

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic hardship that has resulted for many, we were informed in March our long time fireworks display contractor is unable to provide us with their services this year. They were kind enough to recommend another contractor. We have been able to secure a contract and continue our show this year but the cost of fireworks has increased, and the new contractor is requiring a minimum show cost. Our 2020 budget was \$10,000.00. The minimum show cost for 2021 is \$15,000.00. We have plenty of funds in reserve, and actually have received a discounted show the last two years due to technical issues. As set forth in our Bylaws, we need your consent to execute this new contract at the higher than budgeted cost. Does the Membership agree to authorize the RLI Board to amend the 2021 and future fireworks display budget to \$15,000.00?

Yes, I am in favor of increasing the fireworks budget from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 annually.

No, I am not in favor of increasing the fireworks budget.

Proposal #2: Request to Increase the Social Committee Budget

The social committee is proposing a third “music on the island” event for 2021. The cost of entertainment (band), porta-johns, and other supporting elements is approximately \$1500.00. The social committee is requesting their budget be increased to cover this expense. Do you authorize the RLI Board to amend the social committee budget to provide a third “music on the island” event?

Yes, I am in favor of increasing the social committee budget by \$1500.00 for a third “music on the island” event.

No, I am not in favor of increasing the social committee budget.

Trustee Election – Nominations for the Fall General Meeting

Nominations are being accepted for trustees to be elected during the 2021 Fall General Meeting. I nominate the following RLI Members for the position of RLI trustee:

Area 1: _____

Area 2: _____

Area 3: _____

Area 4: _____

Area 5: _____

Proxy Ballot Results	Yes	No	Total Votes Cast
Proposal 1: Fireworks Budget Increase	154	20	174
Proposal 2: Social Committee Budget Increase for Third Music Event	112	61	173

Trustee Nominations

Area 2: *Ryan McFarlane*

Area 5: *Andrew Harvey*