

## Minutes

### Fish Royer Lake Association Board Meeting

12/5/09

Present: Joe Albergo, Marshall Doig, Norine Doig, Jim Donahoe (guest from Aquatic Weed Control), Dick Krull, Carol Massat, Helmuth Massat

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The treasurer's report was accepted. The balance stands at \$1545.21.
3. Norine Doig reported on the aerial photography meeting. The project will be ongoing. The shots will be posted online so that residents can select among them. Photos were taken after the leaves fell. They flew around the edges of the lake. Everyone will receive a picture of the lake and a picture of their choice, unframed. Photos will be 11" x 14" . The photos are very good.
4. Brian Mervau raised the issue of the presence of some cyanobacteria in our lakes. We were told that there was not enough to kill fish or pose a risk.
5. Jim Donahoe reported on the LARE program. The application forms are due 1/15/2010. Donahoe did a preliminary visual survey. A formal survey would be much more involved and end up costing the association about \$800 after the state funded its portion. The state may not fund weed control if milfoil is only at 10% of the weeds, but it would be worthwhile to get on the list. There was no new funding in 2010 or for the past two year. We do not appear to have a lot of milfoil. Most of our weeds are chara. We also have coontail. Both are native weeds. Water quality is affected by microscopic algae. Algal bloom is affected by light. Heavy algal bloom reduces weed growth by reducing light. Weed control can be done by individuals and/or neighbors, with reduced prices if neighbors go together on this. If a survey is done, the state will pay for milfoil eradication, with a 90:10 match. Eutrophication refers to the aging of a lake. The muck layer builds up every year. Every 10" of muck involves one inch of sediment.
6. Duckweed doubles every 18 hours. REWARD works and SONAR, but REWARD is our only choice. Nitrogen feeds duckweed. We need to publicize reasons for not using various fertilizers around the lake.
7. The Lake and River Enhancement website is <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2364.htm>
8. To improve our chances of funding, evidence of a strong lake association will help. They currently have a hiring freeze.

Board meetings will be held on Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 8. Our first full meeting will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Rippey Massat