2021 Round Lake Board Candidates



Don Westereng

As a property owner on Round Lake, I would like to be considered for a board position and support the efforts to ensure we maintain a healthy and safe lake environment for years to come.

My wife Cathy and I have been owners on the lake since 2012. Prior to this time, we spent summers at the family cabin built by Cathy's parents in 1977. Today the tradition continues with our married children and 4 grandchildren. We enjoy boating, fishing, skiing, and swimming during the summer and getting out on the frozen lake in the winter.

I recently retired from a consumer healthcare company where I held many sales leadership roles. I hope to use my newfound time to support the initiatives of the property owner's association.

The popularity of the lake continues to grow, as we see more lake homes being built and increased watercraft activity. If elected to the board, I would like to focus my efforts in the areas of water safety and water quality. As there has been much accomplished in the past, we must continue these efforts.

My commitment to property owners is to ensure that all voices are heard around water safety and address those concerns. In the area of water quality, we need to continue to support the current efforts as we tackle aquatic invasive species and bring attention to water clarity and shoreline preservation. Education is key on all fronts. I believe everyone using the lake should take part in preserving this great resource.

Mike Dunlop

My wife and I have been full time residence of Hayward for the past six years. We are currently building a home in Musky Bay. We have owned and lived on the water for more than 20 of the 27 years we have been married. We are both extremely busy people but the lake is our main source of relaxation and tool to disconnect from the stress of our careers.

I've been in the Aviation industry for over 30 years. I currently manage the corporate flight department for the Link Snacks organization. I also have an entrepreneurial spirit and have owned and operated several small businesses. My strengths are in project management, critical thinking, problem solving and leading teams. Preserving the beauty of our area is my main goal. Care, pride, ownership and attention to details is what you can expect from me.

My wife and I trailered our boat to a neighboring lake a couple of years ago. I was shocked at how bad the weeds had gotten out of control. After 20 minutes of grinding weeds up with our prop that were right at the surface we left. I don't know all of the contributing factors that created that mess but I know I want to be on the team that preserves what we have on Round Lake.

I'm happy to help in any area you need additional help.

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Mike Thompson

My name is Mike Thompson and along with my wife Bettina we own a property on Round Lake in Richardson Bay. We have been active members since we bought the cabin in 2017. I have always taken an interest in the health and safety of our lake and want to be a part of the future and preservation of Round Lake.

My career as a professional pilot has provided opportunities for me to lead small and large groups of individuals in a global operation. Through continuous education while attending University of North Dakota Masters Program, I garnered a deep understanding of safety programs. I have utilized this knowledge and developed safety procedures and protocols for several flight departments. My interest in the board would be to bring some of this experience and concentrate on lake safety aspects.

I have been an active member and President on the Grand Pines Resort board for the last three years. This experience has provided a wealth of knowledge on the local businesses and lake development. I hope to bring this experience to RLPOA board. I have a great interest in helping preserve the precious ecosystem in our lake.

As an owner and neighbor on Round Lake, my goal would be to dive in and become actively involved in the eradication of the Eurasian water milfoil. Utilizing my skills to partner with local agencies and owners to find a solution to the growing invasion.

Thank you for considering my membership on the board.

Troy Eigner

My wife Michelle and I purchased our cabin on Little Round Lake in the Spring of 2005, when our twin girls were just a few months old. To this day, the greatest family time we have is at the lake. Both my wife and I fell in love with Northwest Wisconsin when we were just kids; me with summer trips to Spooner and Minong with family and friends, and my wife with her family at their cabin on Pike Lake, near Fifield. My college years at West Point and 5 years on active duty in the Army serving overseas in Germany and Bosnia helped me see the world, but at the same time, left me longing to get back to the Midwest. After leaving the Army, I was able to navigate my way back and have been working for Boston Scientific in Minneapolis for over 20 years.

The past year and a half have certainly given all of us a lot more time to think about what matters most in life. For me; like many, my thoughts quickly turn to my family and those special places we go as a family. For us, there is no more special place than our cabin, which is why I'm so excited about the opportunity become a member of the board and continue to help preserve this special place for many years to come. I look forward to the opportunity to serve all of you.

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Troy Eigner (continued)

I believe the leadership and communication skills that I learned while serving in the Army, along with my over 20 years of experience at Boston Scientific have helped to prepare me to be a valued member of the board. I understand the importance of relationship building, collaboration and creating an environment where all voices can be heard, and diversity of thought can be harnessed for the greater good of all.

As a new member, I would be willing to work in any area where support and leadership are needed. Like most, it is important to me that we continue to reduce the spread of Eurasian water milfoil, maintain the quality of the water, and strive to make the lake as safe as possible.

My primary goal as a member of the board would be to ensure that the needs of the association are being addressed and that we are taking care of the lake so that future generations can enjoy it for years to come.

Dan Kollodge

I am a current member of the RLPOA board and was first elected to a board position in 2009. During my 12 years on the board, I have been chair of the aquatic invasive species (AIS) committee, association Secretary, and for the past six years President of the association. As President, with the help of the board and volunteers, membership has grown to over 400 property owners; and the AIS treatment program has increased effectiveness of milfoil control through better coordination of activity with our environmental engineer, DNR, and LCO Nation.

If I'm reelected to the RLPOA board I will continue to prioritize invasive species control and increasing membership of the association. I believe that all property owners have a responsibility to support the association, so together we can protect and enhance the Round Lakes watershed.

Recognizing RLPOA has no governmental authority to modify behavior of lake users, the only way we can modify behavior is through education related efforts. Through education of property owners, their guests, and outreach to the public I believe we can protect the lakes from additional invasive species, promote water safety, and respect for all users of the lakes.

In addition, my wife Carol and I recently retired and will be spending the majority of our time at our cabin on Little Round. I ask that you vote to reelect me so that I can continue to make a positive impact on the Round Lakes environment and the community that uses this spectacular natural resource.