



Loon's Echo

Rosen Lake Rate Payers Association Newsletter June 2013

As summer quickly approaches, we would like to share some news and pass on reminders to our members.

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Purpose of the Rosen Lake Rate Payers Association

Our role is to communicate any and all information that can be of use to those living or vacationing in the area. We do not to lobby or make decisions regarding issues that may arise.

- 1. The Annual General Meeting** Thursday August 1 at 7 p.m. at the United Church in Jaffray

2. Dock Regulations:

Over the past few years, the Province and the East Kootenay Lake Inventory Management Program and our communities have been focussing on permissions for docks and foreshore development. Where changes to the shoreline or a new dock is planned and is attached to private land, an application is required. Docks (existing and planned) attached to Crown lands are not permitted.

For those wanting more information, see the links below. Also, on June 12th from 6:30-8:00 at the Cranbrook RDEK offices, the RDEK, Environment and Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations will be hosting an information session for people at Tie Lake. Members of the

Rosen Lake area are welcome to attend. While Rosen has a few unauthorized docks on Crown Land, we do not have the issue that Tie Lake has.

Below are the links to the Private Moorage Policy and Private Moorage application.

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/Land_Tenures/tenure_programs/programs/privatemoorage/index.html

Private Moorage Application Package

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/Land_Tenures/documents/policies/private_moorage.pdf

3. Lake Use and Boating Safety

Rosen Lake Traditions

(In other words, Lake Traditions that work, some supported by law, others just common sense)

Please share this information with all persons who enjoy water recreation while at your property.

Enjoying Rosen Lake should be a safe and relaxing experience for all residents and visitors.

Rosen Lake Watercraft Traditions

1. All Watercraft should be inspected for weeds and debris before entering the lake.
2. All motorized Watercraft *must travel counter-clockwise*.
3. All motorized Watercraft, including those towing skiers, tubers, etc. must enter the stream of traffic only when clear and safe to do so and only then at an angle that allows the Watercraft to immediately be going counter-clockwise.
4. Use of all motorized Watercraft *at anything more than idle speed* should be restricted to the hours between **10 AM** and **8 PM**.
5. All users of Rosen Lake are encouraged to use discretion and good judgement to moderate their activities appropriate to the volume of activity on the lake. *Be considerate, share the lake and be careful!*

6. Do not tow skiers or tubes, nor race at high speeds close to the shore. *Federal guidelines prohibit this.*
7. *All Watercraft are responsible and liable for their wake.*
8. Do not harass the wildlife or harm their sanctuaries. *They have rights protected by law.*

Note: The operation of a pleasure craft is subject to several sets of legislation. A complete list of rules and regulations can be found at: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/tp-tp511-menu-487.htm>

PLEASE USE CAUTION, COURTESY AND GOOD JUDGEMENT.

Public Access

Two public accesses are available for the general public to enjoy. Picnic tables and restrooms facilities are available. These sites are *under the jurisdiction of, and maintained by, the R.D.E.K.* The following are not permitted at the public access points:

- Overnight Camping
- Operation of motorized Watercraft
- Dogs
- Open Liquor

Boat Launches

Two boat launches are available. The launches are designed and maintained for the self-described purpose only. DO NOT use the launches for any other purpose.

Fire Access

There are four developed fire accesses. These are designed to allow emergency fire vehicles access to the lake.

At no time are they to be blocked or used for other purposes than intended.

This includes the two boat launches and the ends of Rosen Lake Road East and Rosen Lake Road West.

This information is provided by the Rosen Lake Ratepayers Association for reference only. "The Association" does not hold jurisdiction over and/or cannot be held responsible for those who participate, at their own risk, in recreational activities in the greater Rosen Lake area.

4. Dam at Rosen Lake :

Discussion with RDEK held April 10, 2013 re: Water Control Structure

Attendees: RLRPA: D. Charlton, G. Mitchell

RDEK: B. Funke (Engineering Services Manager), J. Malletta (Engineering Tech. RDEK)

- 1.) Reviewed work carried out in 2012. Successfully repaired/replaced geotextile and added rip rap to face of dam. A concrete abutment section was placed on the south side of the boat launch. Cost of work was approximately \$2200. A normal dam inspection was carried out in the fall.
- 2.) Reviewed 5 year budget plan and were informed that a significant budget allowance (\$25000) has had to be made for a major dam inspection as per Provincial requirements. This major inspection was prompted by the catastrophic failure of a dam in the Okanogan. The RDEK is continuing discussions with the Province as to the necessity of the detailed inspection required. The ultimate cost of the inspection could be mitigated by a more reasonable inspection requirement. Otherwise the annual budget costs are consistent with normal maintenance as in past years. Taxpayers have not been assessed since 2009 for the Water Control Structure and taxation is likely to be included this year.
- 3.) Reviewed the operation of the Trash screen and the need for an improved design. RDEK has committed to a review of design with the objective of implementing a more practical cleaning and maintenance method. Discussions will be undertaken with the Municipal Insurance Authority as to the need for the existing small screen spacing. The review and design will probably take a year, with construction and installation tentatively planned for the fall of 2014. In the interim, if there is any large debris that needs to be removed, the RDEK will respond if requested.
- 4.) Reviewed the need for a water level measuring station (complete with stilling well) to facilitate a water level datum line that is fixed and permanent. RDEK will include this request in the redesign of the Trash Screen. It was requested that actual flow rates be determined.
- 5.) Reviewed the need for safety chains on the top screen of the Water control structure. The present situation results in the need for an additional person to hold the top screen from falling into the water, while control boards are being removed or replaced. RDEK committed to installation of the safety chains this season. It was requested that this safety precaution occur sooner rather than later. Note: the chains have been installed.

6.) Discussed the control of the Boat launch site in event of extreme high water. Motor boat activity is a concern in cases of extreme high water due to shoreline erosion. The RDEK is not responsible for the boat launch but will co-operate in issuing a “request to boat operators” to refrain from use during extreme high water, as was done last year at both Wasa and Tie Lakes. This action was seen to be relatively effective with the exception of a few uncooperative operators.

7.) Reviewed the operation of the control structure and use of control boards. We recommended that the bottom control board be inspected for needed replacement but not removal. Scouring of the entrance to the discharge is of concern. Additionally discussed the possibility of a control gate that is operable by a mechanical device (ex. Wheel or crank) that would minimize the physical effort currently needed.

8.) RDEK committed to involving the Water Control Committee, when practical, in any further site inspections and discussions.

Submitted by: D. Charlton

5. Illegal Dumping

It is illegal to dump yard or construction waste past the cattle guard on the way to the Galloway road or anywhere else. Dumping is free at Tie Lake. Illegal dumping complaints can be sent to the RDEK bylaw enforcement department. See the contact information below.

6. Block Watch

The following is an Area report from the South Country Rural Crime Watch May 27th meeting forwarded by Dorothy Durham

Note: Only the information concerning Rosen Lake, Tie Lake and Jaffray has been included.

Tie Lake and Rosen Lake report all is quiet. Brenda did see the R.C.M.P. boat. There will be boat patrols this summer.

From March to May, Cst Lisa Schlatter reported 18 calls from Jaffray.

People are encouraged to call the police if they have a complaint, witness vandalism or any other crim. They will start a file on the complaint. See contact number below.

The next Block Watch meeting will be September 30.

7. Who Do You Call?

1. Safety and security: vandalism, trespassing, break-ins etc:
RCMP Cranbrook 250-489-3471

2. Noise, unsightly premises, illegal dumping complaints, and zoning, or special events:
RDEK Bylaw enforcement: Cranbrook: 250-489-2791 or 1-888-478-7335
or e-mail Debbie Pighin, by-law Compliance Officer: dpighin@rdek.bc.ca

3. Wildlife: Bear Aware: <http://elkvalleybearaware.wordpress.com>
Conservation Officer (24hrs) 1-877-952-7277

8. Useful websites:

Wildlife: www.bearaware.bc.ca

RDEK: www.rdek.bc.ca

BC Lake Stewardship Society: www.bclss.org

9. Rosen Lake Board of Directors

We welcome you to volunteer for our community and join our Board.

| Name | Contact info. | Roles/ Committee Chair | Focus |
|------------------|---|--|--|
| Dave Savage | dave@savagemanage.com 778-517-2727 Cranbrook 403-466-5577 cell | Chair | Board Chair Newsletter, |
| Fred Baher | cfbaher@gmail.com 250-429-3217 | | |
| Irene Talarico | raitalarico@skcmail.ca 250-426-3775 | Water Quality East Kootenay Lake Inventory Mapping Project | Water testing and evaluation Represent RLRPA |
| Bobbie Traverso | btraverso@shaw.ca 250-489-5268 | Treasurer | |
| Maureen Coulombe | moussegrizz@yahoo.ca | Secretary / Communications | Newsletter, Website, |
| Colin Boyer | boyereng@gmail.com | Lake Use | |
| Vacant | | | |
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| Committee Chairs non board members | | | |
| Don Charlton | charltondm@explornet.ca | Dam and Fencing | |
| Mary Charlton | charltondm@explornet.ca | RDEK Liaison | |
| Ray Talarico | raitalarico@skcmail.ca 250-426-3775 | Crime Watch Liaison | |

10. Membership Fees

Please fill out the form below and send it to. Good news! Unlike everything else, the dues remain the same at \$20.00 /year

Rosen Lake Association

General Delivery
Jaffray, BC
V0B 1T0

Membership fees can be paid at Rosen Lake, to any one of the directors listed above, or at the annual general meeting.

Rosen Lake Ratepayers Association Membership Form

**Mail to: Rosen Lake Ratepayers Association
General Delivery
Jaffray, BC
V0B 1T0**

Name _____

Address _____

City and Province _____ **Postal Code** _____

Phone: Home _____ **Rosen Lake** _____

E-mail _____

\$20 membership fee is enclosed _____

See you August 1!