

RALALA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Friday, May 17, 2019

Welcome

Members Present: Darril Wegsheid, Rollie and Mary Ann Maki, John Rowell, Bob Lee, Kim David, Gary and Sheila Langer, Mark Mosman, President, Linda Van Straaten and Mikie Walker

Minutes of the last meeting: Dispensed with reading of minutes of August 17, 2018 meeting to meet time crunch of some of those present

Treasures report: John Rowell reported that we have \$120.21 in the checking account; \$38,461.49 in savings; \$16,937.40 in the milfoil account for a total of \$55,519.10.

John gave a special thank you to the members and board members who are past employees of 3M, saying that if there were other companies who participated in a program like theirs, we would like to be notified. 3M retirees served volunteer hours for RALALA this year and in return, the company donated \$ 1,500.00 to RALALA.

Kim David spoke about the design and size of the new Raffle signage. Darril made a motion to spend up to \$200.00 on these signs. John seconded that motion.

John passed out advertising renewal bills for our newsletter advertisers. He asked that we get checks from them soon – since they have already appeared in the first newsletter. We have two new advertisers: Plumbing Etc. out of Pine River and The Dock Shop in Jenkins.

Committees:

CLT/AIS...Gary Langer. Langer reported that at the last meeting of the CLT/AIS committee, they rewrote the policy to budget \$15,000 for fighting invasive species. RALALA and Lake Washburn will submit requests for up to \$5,000 for each lake to the CLT committee.

CLT will pay PLM (as last year). There will be signs at the lake end of each of the public docks in Outing with a different message on each related to the clean, drain and dry theme of taking care of our lakes. Darril and Mary Weihrauch have investigated putting video on the ice machines at Outing Station. Stay tuned.

Membership..Darril: We have a working database now with 510 properties in Cass County and 130 properties in Crow Wing County. Discussion was had on how database could be queried for membership or address for milfoil treatment, etc.

Discussion was had about when (exactly) dues were due and how John decides to which year to credit the \$25.00. It was proposed that the tear off be put back into the spring newsletter with a date by which dues are to be paid.

Raffle...Darril: Press release will be coming soon. Kim will create two new signs advertising the raffle. There will be no gun this year, only gift cards for Reeds or cash prizes. There will be 4 choices for the winners.

Old Business: The Board ratified the decisions of the President over the winter that had to be made, one of them being whether and how landowners were to be notified of treatment of AIS near their property. A waiver was attained and the President authorized PLM to put an ad in the paper giving addresses affected. The landowner needs to object in person or by letter depending on the distance of the treatment area from their property.

Bob and Darril were making arrangements to activate the ILIDS today.

Sister Organizations: There is a conference call scheduled with Jeff Forster of the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR) on May 21. Linda will participate, along with six others who were asked.

New Business: The Board ratified the budget for 2019.

Washburn Lake Association President, Glen Goodwin, contacted Linda asking if we would like to attend their meetings, and they, ours. The Board's response was a resounding "yes." It was

discussed that different board members might attend their meetings and report back. Linda will let Goodwin know and we will sign up for dates to attend. Their meetings are scheduled for the Saturday following our Friday meetings. John moved that we attend Washburn Lake Association meetings, Mikie seconded.

Emily Waters grant process: Mark Mosman reported that Jan has continued to work for RALALA with the Emily City Council. It appears that the mayor is not in favor of continuing support for AIS treatment in the lakes in the City of Emily area. Upon further reading of the proposal to fund for AIS treatment, the City has decided that the lakes that they will support will be the ones within the city limits of Emily. Jan met with Jeff Forster of the MLR . At the next City Council meeting, on June 11 at 6 p.m., there will be a public hearing to discuss this support. Board members were encouraged to attend and speak to the fact that they have supported this in the past, the community health as a whole, that they must consider their tax base, and of course, the tourism that the lakes in the area create, and the number of registered voters in the city.

Linda shared with the Board all of the positive responses to the website from outside of our organization. People were finding helpful links to lots of information.

Linda queried the Board about the offer from Katie Kemmit who lives now in Atlanta, GA, now but has family on Roosevelt and will eventually move to the area. She has offered to work on the database, the website, the newsletter – many things she could do remotely. We will discuss further.

Next meeting of the RALALA Board will be June 21 at 9 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: John made motion to adjourn; Darril seconded

Respectfully submitted,

Mikie Walker, Secretary