

RALALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES Friday, July 24, 2020 via WebEx

Welcome: by Linda Van Straaten, President

Those present: Anne Bonnerup, Kim David, Darril Weigscheid, Bob Eddy, Glen Goodwin, Dave Johnson, Gary Langer, Bob Lee, Mark Mosman, Roger Brekken, John Rowell and Mikie Walker

Minutes of the last meeting were corrected. Noted that Roger attempted to sign in and was unsuccessful. Noted that there were 50 extra copies of the newsletter were ordered. No vote taken to approve minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's report. See attached. Discussion that increase in funds is due to membership increasing to 208. Bob Lee had received a piece of mail addressed to RALALA and John asked him to open it. It contained a check for \$ 45.00 that John will deposit.

Committees:

CLT/AIS... Gary Langer reported that the committee is working on improvements to Luscher Park at the Lawrence Lake boat launch. The area in which they will plant predominately wild flowers is about 10' X 60'.

Discussion about why we chose to go with Freshwater Scientific Services instead of PLM for the survey of the lake this year was because of a conflict of interest. Freshwater did the survey and PLM will do the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil areas on Lake Roosevelt.

Question about surveying other lakes. John informed us that the survey of Lawrence, Leavitt, Smokey Hollow and Roosevelt Lakes were in the budget to be done every year – so annual surveys will continue.

Bob Lee informed the group that he has a significant bed of Eurasian Milfoil at the end of his dock that did not seem to show up on the Delineation Survey that had been distributed to the Board. It was noted by the group that no one noticed the boat out on the lake doing the survey.

Newsletter: Linda has all extra copies of newsletter at her house. Question: where are any newsletters that were returned? John will check the Outing Post Office. Glen Goodwin suggested that returns might have gone back to Lakes Printing.

Linda had gotten an email from someone in the Outing area suggesting a topic for the newsletter for next time. She asked the Board for suggestions for future newsletters and when another should come out. Bob Lee reminded the group that when we went out after advertisers, we promised them that their ad would be in 3 newsletters for \$30.00. It was suggested that we do another newsletter late August then one in the fall.

Other ideas for topics for next newsletter suggestions: something on swimmers itch; a more complete report on activities and funding that takes place from the CLT/AIS committee; an up to date report on the legislation on wake boats; plusses and minuses on mosquito treatment and hazards (repeat from prior newsletter, perhaps).

ILIDS . . . Bob Eddy. There had been complaints from the inspector that the ILID was not working at the launch on Roosevelt. Bob and Mark Mosman went to investigate and found that that ILID is triggered by "mass" rather than a motion sensor (as many of the others are). They were able to confirm that the ILID at the Roosevelt Lake Access is working as it should.

MEMBERSHIP . . . Darril. Darril was unable to report because his microphone was not working but it was noted by John that membership number is at 208 at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting. The only reasons to have an annual meeting would be to confirm Mikie Walker for another term to continue as Secretary, and to thank Rollie Maki is leaving the board for his many years of service. There had been no responses to requests for new board members who would like to serve. Dave, Linda and Bob will work on a format for a possible Annual Meeting.

Glen reported that Lake Washburn is going to do an annual meeting via Google Forms, not a live meeting nor a Zoom format. They vetted each ballot sent to members only with email

address, physical address of lake property and name. Made sure that only one response came from each household. There is a short return time on responses. Effort to remain transparent as an association could be. Used the Pelican Lake Association Design as a model. Question asked: Do we have a reason to do a survey. Response from Board -no.

Organizational Matrix: Bob Eddy heading up the organization update. Matrix helps to delineate who is responsible for what. Needs feedback from board members. Would like to form a working group to help clarify duties. He will check on dates and times available next week via Webex..

Walleye Stocking: Tabled from last month. Bonnerup expressed concern about expenses next year as a result of the current pandemic and stress on local budgets. Thought we should be conservative on what we spend and what could be counted on from the City of Emily and the CLT/AIS committee. The \$800 estimate received by board was for Leavitt alone. Idea had been for property owners to pay that amount – but the stocking had to be in conjunction with DNR. John expressed concern that we were stepping into something that might become an annual cost for RALALA. Vote to table walleye stocking on Leavitt. Bob Lee made motion. Dave Johnson seconded. All in favor. Dave Johnson is liaison to DNR and he will coordinate.

New Business: PLM (Dave Hillstrom) suggested two chemicals for treatment of the milfoil this year. RenovateOTF had been used previously and estimated cost for this year is \$13,556.40. He suggested that changing chemicals could be to our benefit. Suggested ProcellaCOR at a cost of \$15,249.64. Survey of Eurasian Milfoil had been done by Freshwater Scientific Services. Bob Lee moved that we use ProcellaCOR this year. John seconded. Motion passed.

Bob asked if we could bring Freshwater back to do another survey before treatment as they apparently did not spot the bed at the end of his dock. Surveys also need to be done on Leavitt, Smokey Hollow and Lawrence. John asked if that bills be sent to him and then he would forward them to the CLT/AIS and the City of Emily. Langer confirmed that CLT/AIS would be willing to pay. John asked if Jan Mosman would get confirmation for the amount that the City of Emily would pay. Dave suggested that there be involvement by property owners.

Evaluate our summer decisions President Van Straaten stated that she was comfortable with the decision to cancel the raffle and the boat parade this year. Hopefully, things will be more positive next year.

Langer was asked to present his ideas for the future of RALALA. He stated that RALALA right now is known for the boat parade, the raffle and the treatment of milfoil. He suggested that we consider our mission statement and our bylaws and proceed to live out our articles.

Suggested dealing with “shoreline protection.” Boat landings at Leavitt (is especially bad), Smokey Hollow and the current work at Luscher Park and the Lawrence Lake landing. He suggested that we provide education and recreation in the form of a life jacket, fishing rod exchange/swap program. Programs concerning water safety; “getting the lead out” and replacement with stainless steel; take a kid fishing in conjunction with that topic. He suggested cleanup programs for Highway 58 or Blue Lake Road. He suggested that we make plans now to be carried out in 2021. Need to plan – put it out in the newsletter, get feedback from volunteers, write up something in the Northland Press to promote excitement for the area and report results. Need to do planning through the winter and have things ready to go for next summer. Kim thought any of this should be coordinated with a meet and greet – but all within social distancing or whatever is called for next season. All of this would enhance RALALA’s image.

Next Board Meeting: August 14, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: John made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dave. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.