

RALALA Board Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2022

Via Webex

Welcome: Bob Eddy, President

Present: Bob Eddy, Darril Wegscheid, Ann Bonnerup, Kim David, Mark Mosman, Lloyd Thyen, Sara Parke, Jeff Caza, Linda Van Straaten, Bob Lee, David Lawson, Mikie Walker.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from February 5, 2022 Board Meeting, March 19, 2022 Board Meeting and April 2 Initiatives Meeting were considered. Bob Lee made the motion that the minutes all be approved. Darril 2nd. Minutes were **Approved Unanimously**.

Treasurer's Report: Sara went over the new formatting of accounts on Quickbooks. The item marked "Restricted funds" is Grants, money to be spent for specific purpose. Non-restricted funds account for the increased projections in the EQPI (Environmental Quality Projects and Initiatives) funds. The board previously decided there would be no raffle this year. "Pass-throughs" are funds we collect – but pass on to the organization for which we collect, i.e., fireworks for Emily and Outing, First Responders and Outing Quick Response.

Lloyd pointed out that RALALA can no longer donate to the Outing Chamber of Commerce because they are not 501(C)(3) organizations and donations on behalf of RALALA are restricted to only 501(C)(3) organizations. Monies they receive are mostly from gambling and are to be used for public purposes. Money for fireworks should be given to CLT or the township, instead of the Chamber of Commerce. He told the group that the money donated to the fire departments should be directed to the Firefighters Relief Fund.

Bob Eddy, said that discussion will take place at the next Finance Sub-Committee meeting regarding how money is collected, how those things are funded - the whole donation and pass-through component. This year, we will earmark monies collected for the Outing Fire Fighters for the Firefighters 'Relief Fund. We will "pass-through" whatever comes through and then make changes for next year's 2023 budget. The only organization RALALA was donating to and shouldn't is the Chamber of Commerce, this does not affect or apply to the payment we make to the Chamber for our (RALALA's) membership.

The item "Administration and IT" is budgeting for software and rent of space on a server to store RALALA records in the Cloud or some private server. Currently, Bob Lee is storing it on his own server without cost to us.

Milfoil fund is restricted to only expenditures for the surveying and treatment of Milfoil. For 2022 we removed this line item from the membership solicitation letter. We will spend down the milfoil account balance and then go into the EQPI funds as discussed during the March 19, 2022 board meeting. Bob Lee made the motion to approve the 2022 Budget. David Lawson 2nd. **Approved unanimously**.

Current Business:

Meeting dates for 2022 discussed. We will continue to meet via Webex. Darril made the motion to approve meeting dates. Mark 2nd. **Approved unanimously**.

Enbridge Sub-Committee report: Letter to Enbridge written by Russ Van Dell was discussed. Bob Lee will provide comments on the document prior to the Enbridge subcommittee meeting on Monday. Bob Eddy will arrange a briefing for the CLT and City of Emily in the next month or so. Board approval of the document will be required prior to distributing to Enbridge.

Protect our Lakes: Maintenance of the plantings and the area will be done by “Prairie Restorations” out of Esko, MN rather than the Princeton group.

Woods Bay Update: Sign was ready for Kim to show. She will take it to Brainerd to the DNR offices this week and they will install it. David Lawson pointed out that the peninsula on which it will be placed is now completely under water. The lake is very high, he says. Mentioned sign that had been put at the entry to Woods Bay saying “No Wake”. Suggestion made that he call the Cass County Sheriff to inquire.

CLT Lake and Shores Committee: Lloyd stated that inspectors are needed. “Water Guard” will be the subcontractors that provide landing site inspectors this year. Their next meeting will be April 27th at CLT at 10 a.m. Anyone interested is welcome. Their focus will continue to be the “get the lead out” campaign. Check out details on the Cass County Environmental Services website.

Membership: Darril reported that all membership mailing had been send within the last two weeks. Bob Lee reported that he has already received about 95 membership renewals. that to date about 50 letters have been returned. Ideally, he would like to recruit 10-15 people from each of the area lakes as members.

Water Quality Team: 8-10 people sought to do water testing over the 5 months of the season for an accurate lake profile. Darril has about 4 of them.

Newsletter: Kim has all of the articles she needs for the next newsletter except the ATV article. Darril will be working on that as well as the Shadow Pizza ad that is lacking. Kim had 500 business cards printed and 1000 brochures.

ILIDS: Mark Mosman reported that we received the invoice invoice for 2022. We talked to the vendor to clarify charges showing that we use the units for 12 months. What we found is that he should have had 2 units for 6 months. Vendor updated their invoice. Further discussion is needed about vendor video reviews. . We also need to do some further maintenance on the unit on Roosevelt. We had significant false reads due to wind moving the sign and base. We have reached out to the vendor and will continue to consult with them until we have stabilized the Roosevelt unit.

IT Infrastructure: Cyrus could not be present

ATV signs: MnDot is in charge of placing signs for the new ATV route along both sides of Hwy. 6 from the Broken Arrow Motel to Mill Road. The signs need to be in before frost-out. They may use a sub-contractor.

New Business

Additional Grants: Additional grants are available (from Crow Wing Power and the DNR).

We need to determine what projects we could present for grant consideration.

Outsourcing Services: Bob Eddy discussed the possibility of using outside services for providing mass mailing. Group agreed that we should look at options.

Other Business:

Letter from PLM regarding notice in newspapers for treatment times. Announcements will be run.

Reminder: two things happening on June 11th. Adopt a Highway will take place in the afternoon. Hoping more people than just the board will participate!

Motion to Adjourn: Darril made a motion to adjourn. Linda 2nd. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mikie Walker, Secretary