

RALALA Board Minutes

August 25, 2021 via WebEx

Welcome: Bob Eddy, President

Those present: Dave Johnson, Susan Tyra, Darril Wegscheid, Anne Bonnerup, Bob Lee, Sara Parke, Cyrus Malbari, Gary Langer, Mark Mosman, Mikie Walker

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept minutes of July 21, 2021 meeting of the Board: Darril, Cyrus 2nd.

Approved.

Treasurer's report: Sara, Bob Eddy and Bob Lee are now signors on the banking accounts. Sara reports that she will be transitioning to Quickbooks. Cyrus suggested that the treasurer's report also include a forecast of future expenditures. Discussion ensued.

Cyrus asked question about PLM treatment. It was confirmed that treatment for Lawrence and Leavitt would take place after Labor Day. Cyrus' property was to be treated – also Walker's. Neither was "posted" by PLM. Bob Eddy will ask PLM and get back to us.

Langer asked about survey costs and asked if it might be helpful to compare cost of treating Washburn as opposed to Roosevelt.

Current Business

POL (Protecting our Lakes) Bonnerup.

Parade of Shores: Jodi Eberhardt (on the Land and Waters Board - \$5000 grantor) is also a blogger and posted on the website sponsored by the Pine River Watershed Alliance, WAPOA and Crow Wing Soil and Water District: Caring for Land and Waters our map, write-up and introductions. They had previously featured Lloyd Thyen as RALALA and MLR first Lake Steward in the state.

Lake Steward Program. 7 people qualified with signs delivered and many posted; 3 additional in the works.

Sent reports to Jeff Forester, MLR. Bart Olson and Cyrus Malbari's property with emphasis on wildlife habitat and corridor was very interesting to him and he will be distributing it statewide to promote the Lake Steward Program.

Anne suggested using the grant money to order signs for next year – thus spending the money as it was intended.

Concern: No one has applied for the Bennies, perhaps when we evaluate 2021 POL and look to 2022, might consider paying \$100 for CWSWCD site visits rather than the reimbursement for work done by home owner.

Outing Dock Project: Plants are looking very good thanks to creative efforts with a sump pump (donated by Mosmans), generator and teamwork and finally MOTHER NATURE. Anne asked for volunteers to help with the watering if needed.

Aaron Soltau, Prairie Restorations, Inc. (PRI) checked the site when he was here for Washburn's members meeting on August 14th. Bob Eddy and Anne presented the POL summary at that meeting as Washburn will get started on shoreline restoration projects next year.

Interpretive Signs are en-route from Vacker Sign Co. Mark Mossman and Bob Eddy volunteered to help with installation. Tim Donnay, CLT Supervisor will be contacted about location of sign installations.

Anne reports that we have received the estimate and invoice from PRI for maintenance at the planting site.

Anne suggested a "dedication gathering" at the site with Board members, CLT, PRI. She will be writing up an article for the Northland Press and would like to include photos.

WATER QUALITY – Darril. Darril reports that phosphorus is up in the samples taken from Spire Valley. Discussion about cost sharing the sampling with Enbridge. Mark reported that there has been no training for local emergency responders for the pipeline that continues to go in. How do we get Enbridge to share costs?

Membership..Darril. Darril sent the list of the 256 members to the board. Delivered 3 applications for membership at the corn feed.

Newsletter - Kim and Linda. Kim reported through Anne that they are working on the layout. Discussion about who would be submitting articles and when they will be complete. Dave Johnson said he could have one about work with DNR by Friday – as did Darril reporting on Water Quality. Bob Eddy indicated he would have an article about the survey and treatment of milfoil.

An updated list of Board of Directors – changes timely after annual meeting will be included in the Newsletter. Discussion whether it might be better for January 2022 newsletter to kick off new lake season.

Pipeline Sub Committee – Bob Eddy. Committee will meet again before letter goes to Enbridge.

New Business:

Future Board Meetings - will continue into future via WebEx

Annual Meeting Date – Suggestions for next year discussed. Will carry forward.

Discussion about the “Get the Lead Out” program and how well it went. Langer reported that there were 27 pounds 7 ounces collected in one day. This was the largest collection in the state in one day. August 30th there will be an article about the program in the Northland Press.

Thursday – Saturday there will be a lead drop off at “The Nest.’ Cyrus commented that the Loon Center guy did a great job at the annual meeting.

Langer asked about the possibility of a June meeting as membership opportunity and creating initiatives for the winter.

Parade of Shores – Anne. Loon conservation efforts are funded by BP Deepwater Horizon Settlement. Discussion about conservation easements. Dave will be meeting with the DNR in November and could pre-load questions for that meeting. John Sumption is the guy for that discussion. DNR contact is Rob Rabasco. Rabasco had asked if there was a Lake Management Plan for our lakes. Bob Lee said he would look up the requirements for one and send them out to the board.

Motion to adjourn: Darril made motion to adjourn. 2nd Dave Johnson. **Adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mikie Walker, Secretary