

# RALALA Lake Association

## Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes Association Newsletter

Spring 2013

### Special points of interest:

- Volunteers Needed for AIS Program
- Water Patrol Needs Your Help
- New Website!
- 2013 Budget

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### President's Letter—by Bob Lee

I am sitting here at my desk on the 3rd of May, after several relatively warm days of melt off, looking out the window at what I hope is the very last of this year's snow and ice. I can't remember a winter that seemed as interminable as this one has been. If you have been in Florida or Arizona or some other warm clime, see the picture at right for what it looked like here just a couple of weeks ago! (By the way, that is my friend Tucker hamming it up in front of the camera—as he always loves to do.) Hopefully, spring is really here this time and we can all enjoy another beautiful season at the lake.



As many of you know, your board of directors recently elected me as the president of RALALA. I am still finding my way and thinking about what I think needs to be

done by this association. It would help me to hear from as many of you as possible about what you think is important.

But one thing that I know is critically important is protecting our lakes from the rapidly spreading aquatic invasive species that are doing so much damage to North American lakes and rivers, including many lakes in our immediate area. We

have made a major effort over the winter to do something meaningful on this front.

We recently obtained a State grant to fund 50% of the cost of placing aquatic invasive species inspectors at the Roosevelt access on Highway 6. The CLT AIS Committee and the City of Emily both obtained similar grants to help fund the cost

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### Emily-Outing Area Collaborating Against Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) — By Darril Wegscheid

Local citizens, in cooperation with their local lake associations, local committees, and local units of government are collaborating with the MN DNR this summer in a dedicated effort to keep Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) out of our local waters.

Buoyed by DNR matching

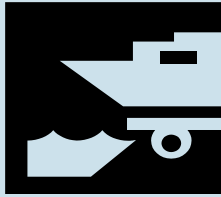
grants to the City of Emily, Crooked Lake Township (Outing), and to RALALA, DNR-trained AIS Watercraft Inspectors will monitor public boat landings at Ruth Lake, Lake Emily, Lake Washburn, Leavitt Lake, Lawrence Lake, Smokey Hollow Lake, Lake Roosevelt and an array of the

area's smaller lakes.

Inspectors will be hired by a DNR-approved independent contractor, DNR trained for the task, and earn \$10.00 per hour while keeping our lakes free of invasive species.

Applicants for the inspector jobs must be dependable,

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## Volunteers Needed for Invasive Species Inspections– cont'd from p.1

outgoing, have a flexible schedule with the availability to work weekends and various holidays. Interested persons should apply TODAY online at [ercstaffing.com](http://ercstaffing.com) or call 218-824-9675. DNR training is needed (and available, if you connect quickly). For more information, please contact me by telephone. Folks local to our Emily – Outing area are definitely urged to apply for these positions.

In addition, I urge you to learn more about the horrific damage caused to property values, fisheries, boating, water-skiing, and even personal safety as a result of AIS infestations. Studies have shown drops of up to 30% - 35% in property values (and thus in local tax-share), with a lake's infestation.

An eye-popping video about zebra mussels (by the national "DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL" campaign, with collaboration of many – including the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Great Lakes and the State of Michigan, etc.)

is viewable on area websites. One such site is: <http://www.ralalalakes.org/>. Navigate there, then use the tabs, "ENVIRONMENTAL" and then "INVASIVE SPECIES" and finally click on the words for the video. All fishermen, boaters, water users and their families should see this recent information about the damage to fishery capacity in the Great Lakes (down 80%), and similar destruction elsewhere in our nearby states.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) continued their spread in Minnesota during 2012. The most notable victim recently identified is Lake Winnibigoshish – about an hour North of Outing. As Minnesota's 4th largest fresh water lake (88.24 sq. mi.), the lake now has been confirmed to have Zebra Mussels. The MN DNR found 'veligers', their microscopic offspring, in samples taken in August of 2012. Environmental science would suggest that zebra mussels have been in that lake for at least a couple of years to be spread into those deeper waters.

The infestation rate and risks

have grown dramatically in the past few years as major metro waters, Gull Lake, Lake Mille Lacs and other area lakes have become infested. Scientists say that Great Lake fisheries are down 80% since the invasion of zebra mussels.

Key actions for all to heed:

- Never move a boat lift, dock or water equipment directly into the water. The safest (and mandatory) procedure is to have it sit dry for at least 21 days. There are many places for water to collect, and ZMs to hide in these forms of apparatus.
- ALWAYS – CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY your boat, motor, trailer, fishing gear, toys, etc. as various forms of AIS can cling, hide and travel along.
- Talk to family, friends, guests, and neighbors about protecting our fresh water, and being careful.
- Support our all-out effort this summer to keep these little monsters out of local lakes.



## Water Testing—Neither Snow Nor Ice...

Boring through more than two feet of ice in late February, John Rowell (pictured here) worked with Darril Wegscheid to gather fresh water samples near the boat landings on each of our RALALA lakes. The samples were tested and assessed for "hardness" (calcium present)

and "acidity" (pH level). This data is necessary to understanding the susceptibility of our lakes to zebra mussels and other AIS. Scientific understanding of these factors are necessary to help protect our community, sport fishing, tourism, water sports, and property values.

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of additional inspectors at various boat launches including the ones on Lawrence, Leavitt and Smokey Hollow. We are all combining forces to get those DNR trained inspectors working on all of our boat launches for as many hours as we can this summer. Every additional \$7.50 we can raise in voluntary additional EQI donations from members like you will make it possible for us to add one more hour of inspection time. This inspection initiative is really important to us, not just because of the potential devastating ecological effect of an infestation on the lakes we love, but because realtors tell us that houses or cabins on lakes infected with zebra mussels or Eurasian milfoil lose about 30% of their value! If you can't afford to contribute money, please think about giving us some of your time. We need volunteers at the launches as well as is described in an article in this newsletter. Also please note that this effort creates job opportunities. If you know someone who might want an inspector job, please contact Darril as explained in that same article.

I also want to alert you to a proposed restatement of our

articles of incorporation to be discussed and voted on at our annual meeting on May 26th at 4:00 pm at the Crooked Lake Township Hall in Outing. As some of you probably know I am a corporate and business lawyer (semi-retired these days) and have experience with assisting non-profits in drafting their organizational documents. At the request of the board, I reviewed RALALA's organizational documentation and found quite a few shortcomings. After I reported back to the Board they decided to have me completely redraft both the articles and the bylaws with the purpose of bringing these organizational documents into the 21st century and to more closely align what these documents say with what we are actually doing as an organization. A discussion of what we were trying to fix is contained in this newsletter. The text of proposed new articles were e-mailed or mailed to all existing members. If you did not get a copy, please call or e-mail me. I look forward to discussing this proposal with you at the Annual Meeting. If you have ideas about how to improve these articles beforehand, please feel free to contact me.

As I am sure many of you re-

member, I had been promising a new website for RALALA for more than a year. Well, I finally delivered something this winter. Please take a look at the new [www.ralalalakes.org](http://www.ralalalakes.org). There is an article in this newsletter about what is there. I would be glad to hear from you on this or anything else you would like to see RALALA doing in the future.

In the interest of full disclosure and to get comments we are publishing RALALA's budget in this newsletter for the first time. Comments are welcome.

I urge you all to be actively involved in RALALA. Attending the annual meeting is a good place to start or continue your involvement.

We all know that our lake time is special, and relaxing is a very important part of the lake experience. But if each family gives just a small bit of their time, money and talent, we can also easily fulfill our duty to be good stewards of these lakes that give us so much enjoyment.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to that end. See you at the ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY MAY 26 AT 4:00 PM AT THE CROOKED LAKE TOWN HALL.

### Sheriff's Water Patrol—by Denny Neill

Soon it will be time to start patrolling our area lakes. We have an urgent need for more members to accomplish this. If you can spare a few hours please call Denny Neill at 218-

792-5234 .

The Water Patrol will start in late May, schedule to be determined. We will start with a sign up session and pass out

new info. I will contact the Sheriff's department to get them to commit to a date for our sign up meeting. We will try to get a Boat and Water Safety class for youth planned also





### RALALA Summer Events—2013

Due to the heavy load that has been placed on our volunteers who do all the heavy lifting to make our events happen, we have decided to cut back somewhat on the number of events planned for this summer. As you can see from Darril Wegscheid's article below, there will not be a Trade Route Celebration in Outing this year. Thus, our BBQ did not have a companion event, so we have decided to combine the annual picnic and the BBQ into a single event. We

have also decided to experiment by moving the Annual Meeting from Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend to late Sunday afternoon in hopes of getting better attendance. With those changes the events shape up as follows:

- The Annual Member Meeting will take place on Sunday May 26th at 4:00 P.M. at the CLT Town Hall
- The RALALA fund raisers, silent auc-

tion and BBQ will be held on August 10th, at the Village Inn.

- The RALALA Raffle will be on Saturday August 31, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Village Inn. The raffle will include prizes of a Browning X-Bolt Medalion rifle, \$1000, and a third prize yet to be determined.

Please mark your calendars and invite family and friends to join in these RALALA events.

### No 2013 Trade Route Celebration—by Darril Wegscheid

With grateful hearts for past contributors and supporters, we wish to announce that the "Historic Travel Route" celebration in Outing, MN will not proceed this year (2013).

Those events in 2011 and 2012 touched a significant interest for many residents, visitors, friends and family – which is gratifying and much appreciated. It could not have been held without the many wonderful volunteer exhibitors, excellent archaeological resource professionals, our Native American friends and historians, and general public. Thanks to all!

This 'time-out' status is so we all might digest and consider how best to address

### RALALA on Facebook



RALALA has a presence on Facebook.

Search for RALALA to see existing content, and post new information or com-



feedback and insights from the public. The Organizing Committee for the event has gathered many comments. That feedback has encouraged us to keep any future commemoration fresh, educational, interesting and enjoyable.

There is such a deep history about this wonderful area. The fact that indigenous people lived and thrived here for some 5,000 to 8,000 years raises many opportunities to engage

educators, historians, chambers of commerce, anthropologists, archaeologists, artisans, tourists, and folks of all ages. To research, organize and present that much material is a major challenge. To do justice to the materials will require an examination and exploration of various options, and accomplish a review of support and options for an event of some sort, and over some frequency, to make it worthwhile in years to come.

You are encouraged to stay in contact and to let us know your thoughts, and perspectives toward future possibilities. To link into the plans for the future, and to provide us with ideas, you are asked to please send an e-mail to: [djwgscheid@earthlink.net](mailto:djwgscheid@earthlink.net)

ments. Search for us when you log in. If you are not a member of Facebook, it is very easy to join! Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), and create a personal profile for

yourself. It is easy to protect your privacy and to keep your information for only friends or family. We look forward to your visit!

## NEW RALALA WEBSITE — HERE AT LAST! By Bob Lee

I had been promising all of you a new and exciting RALALA website for some time now. For a variety of pretty pathetic reasons I managed to put off getting this project completed. But this winter I finally managed to put this project together and got something up on the web. I have been getting feedback and making additions ever since. I am sure it still can be improved, but we are off to a good start. If you haven't been there yet, you can visit our new site at [www.ralalalakes.org](http://www.ralalalakes.org).

Unlike our previous website hosted by Minnesota Waters, we now have complete freedom to put just about anything on this website in any format that we choose—provided that I can figure out how to write the code to make it happen! We have a huge amount of space available to house lots of documents and text.

At the moment, the site contains, among other things, all of our newsletters for the past three years (in color for those of you who do not get them sent to you by e-mail and have only seen them in boring black and white); information about our Environ-

mental Quality Initiative; lots of information on Aquatic Invasive Species and what you can do to stop their spread to our lakes; some great shoreland restoration resources for your use if you are thinking about fixing up your lakeshore; a copy of our Lake Management Plan, a summary description of the plan, and all the attachments and related resources for those who really want to dig deeper into this subject; extensive information about our lakes, including an aquatic vegetation survey, fish stocks information from the DNR; water quality data on all of our lakes; the current RALALA event schedule; contact information telling you who to call with respect to various volunteer opportunities; links to a number of community sites in this area and links to the sites of other lake associations with which we deal; information on joining RALALA and a comment form.

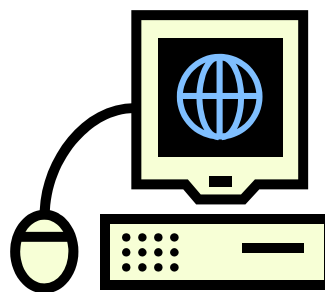
I am also planning on adding another feature to allow you to pay your dues or make EQI donations by PayPal.

I am also eager to add photos to a photo gallery on the site. So far, I have used the few photos that have been sent to me as artwork on the various pages of the site, but there is room for an unlimited number of additional

photos. Please send me your best.

I am quite sure that there is additional information that belongs on this site. I am looking to all of you to tell me what you want to see, and hopefully provide me with additional content that your friends and neighbors will want to see or read.

One thing that has already been mentioned is a place to add stories about our memories of the lakes and historical tidbits about the past use of the lakes by our families and others. I will definitely make a place for it. Send me what you have. I would especially love to get copies of photographs from the good old days showing what things were like



up here when you were all just little tykes. If you need help with scanning, I would be glad to help you out.

I look forward to hearing your suggestions.

## Proposed New Articles—by Bob Lee

By the time you get this newsletter you should either have received an e-mail containing a set of proposed new articles of incorporation or a letter from us containing

those proposed articles. The draft you have received is the product of a process in which the Board asked me to review RALALA's existing organizational documents; I then reported back

on a number of significant shortcomings, and was asked to do a set of restated articles and bylaws for review

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## Proposed New Articles—by Bob Lee cont'd from p.5

and approval by the members and the Board.

In a nutshell, what we are trying to do is to: (a) replace all of the antique and vague language in the original document with clear and reasonably concise language; (b) spell out a set of purposes and powers that actually match what we are doing and think we should be doing

as a lake association; (c) adopt modern language that maximizes indemnification of officers and directors who are doing their job in good faith; delete obsolete or unnecessary restrictions that serve no good purpose; and insert a dissolution provision that clarifies that no funds we contribute to RALALA (for which we receive a tax de-

duction) will ever go to officers, directors or members.

This document has been worked over by several of us, but you may still find things that need clarification. I would appreciate hearing from you (preferably before the annual meeting) with any suggestions you may have for improvement.

## CLT AIS Committee—by Ed Evans

The Crooked Lake Township (CLT) AIS Committee (Committee) has not been completely dormant since last fall even though we did not have meetings during the snow season. Several of the initiatives they discussed and decided upon last fall are just currently in the process of implementation.

The Township, in collaboration with the Committee, prepared an application for a Local Government Unit based DNR Level 1 Watercraft Inspector Grant to provide Inspectors at the public landings of the lakes in Crooked Lake Township in the summer of 2013. The Township was awarded a grant of up \$7750 (or 1000 Inspection hours) for 2013. This grant is a reimbursement contract in that the DNR will reimburse CLT at the rate of \$7.75 for each approved Inspection hour, up to 1000 hours. The remainder of the cost of the inspectors (\$7.25/hr) will be divided between RALALA, Lake Washburn Association, and the Committee so the net final cost to the Township taxpayers is zero.

CLT also signed a contract

with Employment Resource Center (ERC), an employment agency in Brainerd with experience in providing watercraft inspectors. They will provide DNR trained Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors based on a schedule that we provide. These Inspectors will be ERC employees and ERC will perform all the administrative functions as employer.

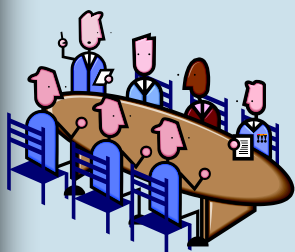
RALALA also received a DNR grant to provide Level 1 DNR Intern employee Watercraft Inspectors to the public landing on Highway 6 on Roosevelt Lake only. Thus, the CLT grant can be used to provide Inspectors for the public landings on Washburn Lake and Luschers Park on Lawrence Lake. An additional roving Inspector will be used to visit the smaller lakes on Holiday weekends. RALALA, LWA, and the Committee are sharing the cost of these Inspectors. The Committee is also assisting with the Inspector scheduling between CLT and the Lake Associations. We all have high hopes that our lakes will be well protected this summer.

The Committee is also plan-

ning to send a postcard to all the property owners in CLT. The message will be how critically important an awareness of the AIS problem is, and the consequences of contamination to our lakes and the Township. It suggests that if friends or family plan to visit you here in CLT this summer and plan to bring their watercraft, to make sure that it is "Cleaned, Drained, and Dried" or leave it home and borrow or rent one here.

We are also purchasing AIS themed banner signs to put on the outdoor signboard at Outing Station, when major Township events are not being advertised. Other AIS banner signs will be placed on the outside of local businesses, with their permission. Public education of the AIS problem is critical.

One final thought—volunteer AIS Inspectors are desperately needed at the public landings this summer, to assist the DNR trained Inspectors, hand out literature, and discuss AIS with boaters. If you can spare a couple of hours on a couple of weekends this summer to help, please contact your Lake Association. Thank you.



## CORRECTION TO FALL 2012 NEWSLETTER—EDITOR'S UPDATE

Last fall we erroneously reported that Crooked Lake Township employees caused a wall of water to wash a septic system into North Roosevelt. The actual facts are contained in the following letter from Lloyd Thyen, the Chair of the Town Board and RALALA member:

" I believe we need to set the record straight regarding one incident reported on the front page (of the Fall 2012 newsletter). Township employees did open up a beaver dam that caused a flow of water which damaged private prop-

erty and moved gravel fill into North Roosevelt. While it may have appeared to the RALALA member from across the lake that a septic system was involved- the system was NOT washed into the lake! Several Town Board members were on location during the incident and did not observe any compromise of the septic system. Further, we reported the situation to Cass County ESD who inspected the site later and advised that they saw no compromise of the system.

The Township is under a Res-

toration Order from the DNR to remove the fill from the lake at the affected residence. The Town Board expects that will be accomplished this fall.

Also, I respectfully suggest that the accuracy of similar future negative references be confirmed prior to publishing the newsletter."

Lloyd has since advised us that the DNR has extended the time for correction of the problem to later this spring due to adverse weather conditions.

## LIBRARY NOTES

This article is reprinted, in part, from the Northland Press, April 16, 2013.

There are some important dates and events coming up at our library. Some of you have been reading about the opening of the Remer Library in their historical train dept. You can all be very proud that we gave them approximately half of their collection from duplicate titles donated to us. We also loaned them 6b shelving units and procured paperback spinner racks for them from Hennepin County Libraries. A very dynamic young lady named Rachel McCall was the energetic force behind the whole idea in Remer.

We are gearing up for Summer Story Times each Saturday morning from 10-10:45 beginning May 25<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day week-end. Plan to bring your guests and family who are

from 3-5 for special fun.

Our Annual Book and Plant Sale is also that weekend on Saturday from 9-4 and Sunday from 9-2. If you are dividing perennials or starting bedding plants or vegetables, please put them in containers and bring them to the garage next to the library after 10 A.M. on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>.

We will be at Emily's Spring Fling promoting a raffle for a beautiful brand new Bushnell telescope. Last week we received a wonderful donation of great children's books for all ages. Also, when Haven Books in Crosslake went out of business, they donated us all of their remaining Large Print books, display easels and shelf markers.

We are working on developing a web page for our library to keep you posted on happen-

ings, hours, events, etc.

We want to thank 3 board members who have retired: Rita Beard, Pat Oleson, and Michele Trostle. We will miss their hard work and all the hours they volunteered. We also appreciate you book donations and your support of the Outing Volunteer Library. Be sure to come see us at all of these events and throughout the summer hours we're open.

The Outing Volunteer Library will be open this summer for the normal hours:

Saturday	10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Monday	10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday	10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.



**2013 RALALA PROPOSED BUDGET—as of 03/10/13**

	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	NOTES
<b>RALALA Income</b>				
Interest (est.)	\$3.00	\$6.01	\$10.00	
Donation		\$0.00		
Membership	\$5,500.00	\$4,900.00	\$5,500.00	
Sub Totals	\$5,503.00	\$4,906.01	\$5,510.00	Need to push for more members in 2013
<b>EQI Income</b>				
Lake Apparel sales		\$60.00		
Donations EQI Other	\$4,500.00	\$3,370.00	\$4,000.00	
Grant DNR AIS Prevent.	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		Note 4
Grant Wtrcrtf Inspectn		\$0.00		
Cass Cty Septic Inspctn	\$2,000.00	\$2,575.67		
Raffle	\$5,000.00	\$5,230.00	\$6,000.00	
Silent Auction	\$2,500.00	\$2,926.00	\$2,500.00	
BBQ	\$2,000.00	\$1,557.00	\$0.00	
Brat Sale			\$800.00	
Misc				
Trade Route				
Corporate Support		\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
Initiative Fund Interest			\$1,018.00	Note 1
Sub Totals	\$17,000.00	\$16,718.67	\$14,818.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$22,503.00</b>	<b>\$21,624.68</b>	<b>\$20,328.00</b>	
<b>RALALA Operating Expenses</b>				
News Letter Printing	\$1,300.00	\$848.00	\$1,100.00	
Includes Labels				
Postage	\$800.00	\$708.59	\$800.00	
Outing Donations				
Summer Fireworks	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Winter Fireworks	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
1st Responder	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Crooked Lake Fire	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Emily Donations				
1st Responder	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Emily Fire Dept	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Memberships				
Pine River Watershed			\$100.00	
MSRPO			\$200.00	
Minnesota Waters	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LARA	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	We need Board representation at LARA
ACCL	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Outing C of C	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
RALALA Programs				
Aquascape				
Water Patrol	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Annual Meeting	\$75.00	\$22.45	\$75.00	
Members Picnic	\$225.00	\$168.17	\$225.00	
Misc. and Administrative				
P.O. Box	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$44.00	
Misc Supplies	\$100.00		\$100.00	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	

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**2013 RALALA PROPOSED BUDGET—as of 03/10/13 cont'd**

	Budget	Actual	Budget	NOTES
Brd Mtg Conf Call		\$12.66	\$65.00	
Other			\$85.69	New Canopy
Promotional	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Volunteer Appreciation	\$200.00		\$200.00	
Website Maintenance			\$160.00	
Administrative Expenses			\$500.00	
New Woods Bay Sign			\$250.00	
(RALALA)Sub Total	\$4,969.00	\$3,714.56	\$5,769.00	
<b>EQI Expenses</b>				
EQI Administrative				
Checks & Bank Svc	\$40.00	\$40.50	\$40.00	
EQI Mailing	\$600.00		\$600.00	Funds to support EQI mailing & fund solicitation
Fund Raise & PR	\$200.00		\$200.00	
EQI Programs				
DNR Watercraft Inspect	\$3,650.00	\$375.00	\$6,750.00	Note: 2,3
Shoreland Planting				
AIS Prevention	\$1,000.00	\$20.00	\$1,100.00	Note: 3,4
Septic Inspection Pgm				
Sustainability Initiative				
Initiative Foundation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Water Quality/Assmnt				
EQI Fund Raising Costs				
Raffle	\$2,000.00	\$1,609.50	\$2,000.00	
Silent Auction	\$50.00	\$8.36	\$50.00	
BBQ	\$1,300.00	\$739.04	\$0.00	
Brat Sale			\$400.00	
EQI Other Expenses				
Trade Route	\$300.00	\$300.00		
Misc		\$39.45		
(EQI) Sub Totals	\$19,140.00	\$13,131.85	\$12,140.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$24,109.00</b>	<b>\$16,846.41</b>	<b>\$17,909.00</b>	

## NOTES

Note: 1 2012 interest (posted 12/31/12) available in 2013.

Note: 2 The RALALA Board of Directors has approved an obligation of up to \$6750 to be paid to Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors upon approval of the MN DNR

Note: 3 Priority for funding these Lake Water Quality/ Environmental Quality expenses will be from RALALA EQI donations in 2013. Additional funding, if required, will come from other EQI fund raisers.


Note: 4 This project involves installing up to two sets of "Burma Shave" type signs. Approximate cost is \$1000 per sign series. There is the possibility of receiving a DNR Grant which could cover one half the cost of the signs and installation. Deadline for Grant application is late April.

OUR VALUED BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL MEMBERS

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