

RALALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2026
Crooked Lake Township Town Hall
(and via WebEx)

Present (6): Bob Eddy, Gary Langer, Diana Lee (via WebEx), Bob Lee, Lloyd Thyen, Bonnie McGowan

Absent (4): Kim David, Mark Mosman, Betsy Skagen, Lisa Bonafede

Welcome: Bob Eddy

Secretary's Report: Diana distributed a draft of the May 21 board meeting minutes, and no changes were requested.

Upon motion made by Lloyd, seconded by Bonnie, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the May 21, 2026 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Diana presented financial statements (Profit & Loss Statement along with balance sheet) for the month ended May 31, 2026 as well as a Budget vs. Actual report covering January-May.

Upon motion made by Bonnie, seconded by Bob Lee, and unanimously carried, the financial statements were approved as presented.

After discussion, it was agreed that any cost-sharing arrangements (such as City of Emily) -- those who pay invoices directly rather than reimbursing RALALA -- should be noted on the budget report, so that we can easily track what our AIS expenses are without the cost-sharing assistance.

Loon & Lakes Festival: Gary and Sheila reviewed plans for RALALA's booth at the upcoming festival on June 27 in Crosslake Town Square, at which RALALA was selected as the "feature lake association".

- Sheila presented two tri-fold displays (containing photos and text) that will be displayed in the booth, one featuring what loons need for a healthy environment and the other one featuring RALALA's initiatives to provide the healthy environment.
- Sheila also explained that attendees will be asked to answer a loon trivia question correctly before entering to win a drawing for a loon floatie. The trivia question has all correct answers (a no fail test) and is intended to be

educational. A handout was included containing 30 loon facts for attendees to take home with them.

- Candy and sunglasses will be available to hand out to kids
- Membership information, Get the Lead Out, and other materials will be displayed as well
- Sheila and Gary discussed a blog published by the National Loon Center on its website entitled “Rah Rah for RALALA”. Sheila and Gary were interviewed for this blog. It can be found at:
 - nationallooncenter.org/about-us/blog

There was discussion that copies of the blog, along with a recent brochure/magazine featuring Lake Roosevelt (published by Cass County) would serve as helpful recruiting tools for RALALA.

Membership Status: Diana provided an updated report on number of paid members, along with totals received for dues, EQPI, and pass-through funds for the food shelf, Emily and Outing first responders and Outing fireworks. Gary reported that a second mailing of membership materials was sent to unpaid members on June 11 by Lakes Printing.

Zebra Mussel Safari Project: Bob Eddy reported that 19 sampling devices have now been deployed (5 on Lawrence, 5 on north Roosevelt and 9 on south Roosevelt). He explained that the height of the sampling devices will need to be adjusted as the lake levels change, and at the end of the season photos will be taken and submitted to the University of Minnesota for zebra mussel analysis as well as water quality testing for research on relationship between water quality and zebra mussel growth. He also was pleased to note that 16 of the 19 volunteers participating in the project are “new” volunteers.

Youth Boater Training Event: Gary reported that the event (held today) had 13 attendees (ages 12-17) and was hosted by the Lakeside Cookhouse, even though the establishment is not yet fully renovated and open to the public. He expressed gratitude to Paul Huyng (owner) and his staff for the generosity in supplying the food and the excellent service. Gary also noted that Dave Johnson took the lead in the registration process and checking in attendees as they arrived.

Board Recruitment: The board discussed the need to recruit additional board members and agreed that an event should be planned, possibly a lunch in September at which we could discuss board duties and specific RALALA initiatives to help interested parties align their interests and talents with a position on the board. It was agreed that we could focus first on inviting current volunteers and lake stewards and can combine an “appreciation” event with a board

recruitment event. Following the group event, interested parties could then arrange to meet with an individual board member (based on area of interest) to address any further questions or concerns.

Emily Day: Bonnie reported that she was unable to line up enough volunteers to staff a booth at Emily Day this year, especially in light of the fact she herself may not be available to attend all or part of the day. It was agreed that RALALA will not participate at this year's event, but future years are a possibility, especially if RALALA can grow the size of the board.

Corn Feed: Gary discussed plans for this year's Corn Feed at which RALALA shares a booth with Washburn Lake Association and CLT Lakes & Shores.

- This year the group requested additional space to better accommodate all three groups (4 "spaces" rather than 3)
- CLT has agreed to pay for renting one big tent at a cost of \$552
- As in the past, tee shirts will be available for the kids and "Get the Lead Out" contest will take place (including prizes for most lead). A \$300 trolling motor will be first prize for the contest, and several other prizes will be also be awarded to runner-ups.
- In light of the cost of rental for increased space this year, prizes, tee shirt supplies, etc. Gary asked that the Board increase this year's RALALA budget for the event to \$500 (from \$350).

Upon motion made by Bob Lee, seconded by Lloyd, and unanimously carried, the board approved a budget of \$500 for this year's Corn Feed.

Annual Meeting: Bob Eddy discussed the need to notify and remind members of the Annual Meeting via newsletter, email and social media. He added that the notifications need to include the need to RSVP for "in person" vs. "WebEx" for planning purposes. Bob indicated he will contact Betsy to discuss the communications. A WebEx invitation will also need to be arranged.

Adjournment:

Upon motion made by Bob Lee, seconded by Bonnie, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:
Diana Lee, Secretary