

## **RALALA Board Minutes**

**June 23, 2021**

**Via WEBEX**

**Welcome: Bob Eddy, President**

**Present: Bob Eddy, Linda Van Straaten, Anne Bonnerup, Bob Lee, Glen Goodwin, Jeff Caza, Mark Mosman, Sara Parkes, Darril Wegscheid, John Rowell, Kim David, David Lawson, Gary Langer and Mikie Walker**

**Minutes of last meeting: Gary Langer moved to approve; John Rowell 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:** John reported that a \$1,000.00 corporate donation is expected soon. He also stated that the DNR has granted RALALA funds specifically for milfoil in the amount of \$1500.00 but this is contingent upon Governor Walz getting the state budget approved. **Darril moved to approve report; Linda 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.**

**Current Business:**

**POL (Protecting our Lakes) Status:** Anne requested help for the July 24 event – Parade of Shores. Things are moving forward. Discussion about June 12 meeting when they set up 30 chairs for audience and needed to add 15. People are interested.

**Lake Steward Program:** Potential participants take a quiz from the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Lake Steward Quiz. Results are forwarded to Anne, who follows up with a visit. Anne has received additional results from a couple of other property owners.

**Parade of Shores (July 24)**

John Rowell will demonstrate “steep slope planting” and erosion.

Bob Eddy's project has been their rain gardens and run-off containment.  
Kim and Nicola David have worked on their ice ridge damage and erosion mitigation.

Lloyd Thyen has a “no mow” area demonstrating the “No Mow, Let it Grow” concept.

Luscher Park has a year old prairie buffer zone/pollinator garden.

**Outing Dock Project:** herbicide has been applied by Prairie Restorations. We will be notified when work can begin. Kim is in charge of educational signs using high resolution photos taken by Nicola.

**Luscher Park:** Gary reported that the recent plantings are looking good and that the area represents the value of the buffer zone. CLT may be doing the first mowing this week. They have contracted for 3 mowings. Discussion took place regarding watering of those plants if we don't get rain. Prairie Preservations is doing planting probably in the next 10 days.

**ILID Status:** Mark Mosman reported that the camera on Roosevelt had dropped because of recent wind in the area. Discussion of the need to repair and/or maintain because this is an ongoing problem. He will be working with Eric concerning those problems. Motion sensor seems to be a problem, also the magnetic sensor seems to be too sensitive. Mark is not sure just who reviews the video taken by that camera or when. Would like a schedule. Also, the ILIDS team needs to get some training materials together for volunteer training.

**Water Quality:** Darril reported that all information for the June Secchi readings is in now for June. Readings will be done the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month. 6 sites have been designated. Testing will be done of input stream status thereby "profiling" a lake. Record will be made of temperature of water every 5-10 feet and oxygen levels. Discussion ongoing about phosphorus levels and how that can be decreased. Discussions taking place in the working group about a disaster plan. The profile will give a baseline between and among lakes.

**Newsletter:** Kim and Linda discussed the timeline for the next newsletter, deciding that the first week of August is likely. There will be an email sent out to the board when the decision is made. Inquiries were made as far as special articles people would like included.

**Pipeline Subcommittee:** Committee consists of the following members of the board: Bob Eddy, Jan Mosman, Bob Lee and Darril Wegsheid.

A letter from the subcommittee to Enbridge is in the draft stage and includes questions about leak detection, shut off capabilities and spill contingency plans as well as training of local fire and police to aid in any response. Additional questions are being compiled. Discussion was had about additional water testing at the Spire Valley creek entrance into Roosevelt and possible Enbridge participation in testing program.

The subcommittee has learned that there are 8 pumping stations along the pipeline route. One station is at Swatera. There are also additional shut off valve stations.

The pipe is 36-40" in diameter. It is being laid in a trench 7-8' deep and will therefore be 3-4' underground. It will be 12-15' under roads and 30-80' under wetlands.

The subcommittee is working with the CLT group regarding the pipeline intending to make information available to the City of Emily and the entire area.

**New Business:**

Board meetings will continue via WEBEX until further notice.

**August 7 at 9 a.m. will be the Annual Meeting.** The Lakes and Shores group will be asked to make a presentation for the meeting. They will talk about an on-going program "Get the Lead Out" in cooperation with local bait shops

**Boat Parade:** will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 4, with boats meeting at various locations. Darril and Jeff will arrange. They will also seek feedback from other lakes

Question about timing of the **milfoil survey** and when it will be. Bob will contact Freshwater Scientific and check status.

**Adjourn: Bob Lee made motion to adjourn. Darril 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Mikie Walker, Secretary