

RALALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 19, 2021

WELCOME: Members in attendance via Webex: President Bob Eddy, Kim David, Linda Van Straaten, Sara Parke, Mark Mosman, Gary Langer, Bob Lee, Darril Wegscheid, John Rowell, Anne Bonnerup and Dave Johnson.

Minutes of the April 24, 2021 meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Linda Van Straaten; Second by Gary Langer Unanimously adopted.

Treasurer's report: John Rowell reviewed the treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Darril Wegscheid; second by Bob Lee. Unanimously adopted.

Current business:

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Anne Bonnerup reported receiving news from Sheila Bolt, Crow Wing Soil & Water Conservation District Outreach Technician, that approval was granted by their board to provide a 50% cost share (based upon RALALA proposed budget for the Outing Dock Landing Project, including the planting and the interpretative signage. This will be provided as reimbursement when the project is complete. Bob Eddy will sign a contract with Prairie Restoration for their work leading this project. We have other grant money that will be supporting this project as well; a process for the payment of the grants needs to be figured out. Gary Langer noted that Prairie Restoration will

need to send an invoice to CLT/AIS for the \$3500 grant from them.

The POL community kick off event will be June 12 from 1-3pm at the CLT Hall. Information flyers and advertising is planned. Sheila Langer is going to be a photographer for the event.

Lake Steward Program: 9 have signed up; Anne has ordered 10 signs

Parade of Shores: the event will be July 24 in the morning; a flyer and advertising will be planned. Small lakeshore restoration projects are being sought to be part of the tour.

We all congratulated Anne and Kim for the development of these wonderful events. Many community compliments are being made in various organizations.

Ilids: were installed May 9 at Lawrence and Roosevelt public landings. The Ilids are now equipped with mass sensors and not simple motion sensors. Volunteers need to be trained for viewing the videos soon. Coordinate with Dana from the Cass County DNR/AIS program will help with making sure we don't view videos when a paid in person inspector is there.

Water Quality initiative: Darril sent out a report to the board from the firm AW Labs outlining what services they could offer for using their labs for data analyses of the sample water collections. Discussion followed about testing the water (tributaries) above and below the new Enbridge pipeline #3 which is positioned north of Lake Roosevelt. The 2010 data

that has been collected over the years can be the benchmark for future studies. Studying Woods Bay water was suggested considering the use it gets with the over population of boats and swimming in the summer. WAPOA pays the lab cost for the water sampling. We pay WAPOA a yearly membership fee.

Membership: 223 members...very early to be at this level. Darril will send out reminders for stragglers.

Newsletter: send any articles you'd like to be in the next newsletter to Linda by May 31; publication will be end of June. Darril will write an article about the beaver issue.

Fundraising: The March membership letter announced that there would be no raffle. The 2021 permit is still valid to use before Sept 5, but the board decided that there would be no fundraising project this year due to the many projects and initiatives we have started in 2021. We all agreed the 50/50 raffle is to be considered for 2022; perhaps pair it with the spring 2020 membership letter to reduce mailings and target a need. Sara offered to help next year.

New Business:

Future board meetings left no consensus after discussion; a meeting by meeting approach as Covid concerns are fluid. We settled on trying to meet in the evenings with a hybrid method. We don't know if the CLT has wifi , and a strong bandwidth.

The 2021 Annual meeting will be in the CLT hall on Saturday, Aug 7 at 9am. Gary Langer has reserved it from 8-12.

ACCL will be given permission to send their emails to Bob Eddy, Darril Wegscheid and Linda VS for their mailings instead of the entire RALALA board.

the RALALA bylaws Sect 3.2.0 have stated that the board was capped at 13 members. This section was modified by a Bob Lee motion that the Board will be comprised of 15 members. Seconded by Darril Wegscheid.; motion passed.

Bob Lee made a motion to change Section 3.1.0 of the Bylaws to add a sentence to say “in the event that the number of directors is less than the maximum number of directors stated in Section 3.2.0 , the board may elect a director to fill such term until the next annual meeting.” Seconded by Darril Wegscheid. Motion passed.

Bob Lee made a motion that Sara Parke will be elected by the board now until the next annual meeting, where she will be elected by the membership on the slate of nominees for a 3 year term. Seconded by Bob Eddy. Motion passed.

A discussion about another potential board nominee will be continued.

Bob Eddy presented his concerns about the lack of publicly known plans for disaster containment of the new pipeline north of Lake Roosevelt. He made many calls finding no answers. He showed us photos of his visit to the pipeline area.

Bob Eddy, Darril Wegscheid and Bob Lee will form a sub-committee to look further into how to find the answers to our questions.

Adjourn: Motion made by Darril Wegscheid, second by Dave Johnson; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Van Straaten, secretary pro-tem