

RALALA Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2022

Via Webex

Welcome: Bob Eddy, President

Present: Bob Eddy, Anne Bonnerup, Kim David, Sara Parke, Linda Van Straaten, Dave Lawson, Dave Johnson, Lloyd Thyen, Gary Langer, Mark Mosman, Bob Lee, Mikie Walker

Secretary's Report: Minutes from April 16 reviewed and corrected. Dave Johnson moved. Anne 2nd. **Approved unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: Motion from David Lawson to update treasurer's report to reflect the asset of \$10,000 investment in stocks and bonds with the McKnight Foundation as well as the true interest in the earnings, noting that the \$10,000 match is contingent. 2nd Bob Lee. **Approved unanimously.**

Current Business

Enbridge: Bob Eddy attended Emily City Council meeting. Draft of letter was read. They are in full support of what RALALA is doing and thanked us.

POL update: Anne reported that site visitors will have an app to be used. Could use more site visitors. SWCD will no longer send people out for our event, as they are trying to serve other lakes. Anne went into detail about program and who will do what. Lake Shore Season Launch takes place on June 11. Lloyd pointed out that on that same date will be the clean up date for CLT from 9-noon. Could affect number who come.

Langer went into detail for June 11 event. Discussion in detail for event day. Anne talked about RALALA information table and what would be displayed, which brochures etc. Asked about having newsletters on table. Expense noted. Only have 15 extra newsletters - maybe 2 on display. Can be read on-line. Samples of zebra mussels, milfoil examples . . . Dana will bring. There is a display at the CLT library.

Booklets being offered by Itaska Waters. Noting cost of group to produce, Bob Lee made a motion to give \$50 donation to Itaska Waters. Anne 2nd. **Approved unanimously.**

Lawson has collapsible fishing pole can be used as prize.

Do we need materials at the Lions Corn Feed. Will plan to keep that in mind as they plan for 6/11.

Woods Bay Initiative: DNR putting out nets on Tuesday. Discussion about time to put sign up at entrance of WB.

CLT Lands and Shores Committee: Lloyd - Get the Lead Out is moving forward. Discussion about viliger nets/ ZMEWs available at cost. We still have ZMEWs already – several available in basement of CLT. Committee considering purchasing a couple of their nets but it has been found that the ZMEWs catch the viligers much earlier. Can offer ZMEWs at 6/11 event.

Membership: Darril absent. Gave Bob information that we've had 219 responses and memberships paid up. Bob Lee said that 45 of the respondents were not members in 2021 and we have gotten 12-20 new memberships.

Water Quality Testing: MDOT will be working on ATV trail.

Newsletter: Kim wondering if we want to consider purchasing our own printer? Determine cost of printer, maintenance – paper, ink - as opposed to outsourcing printing – cost per copy etc. Can talk about this at next meeting.

Spring Fling – need to distribute new brochures that Kim will have this week. Langer volunteered to distribute them to the bank, ACE Hdwe, etc. Next newsletter mid-July. Kim will work up a schedule.

ILID Status: Batteries are dead. Will install next weekend. Mark says they will be up and running. Langer stated that activity at the launches is almost nothing. Will discuss at the AIS round table.

IT Infrastructure: Cyrus unable to attend

New Business

Week vs. Weekend Board Meetings: Decision to move Board meetings to second Tuesday from 7:30-9 p.m. starting June 14; July 12; August 9 and September 13. Gary made motion – Anne 2nd. **Approved unanimously.**

Annual Meeting: moved to August 6 - Lloyd will request CLT for that date

Letter from Debbie Prindle: North end shoreline issues – loon nesting across from their house and concern with wake boats. That island is private property. Sheriff does not do signage. Anne will ask owner for permission to put a loon nesting sign on the private property. Discussion about new signage for all loon nesting sites. Sheila will know if this is a known nesting site.

Letter from Tim Dirks: Person lives near Woods Bay. Had spent \$500 on 3 signs saying “no wake zone” and they have disappeared. Lawson had called the Sheriff and the DNR to inquire about the signs. No one knows where the signs might be. Was told that signs are okay on private property but not on DNR or state owned or managed property. Langer volunteered to go and speak to Tim.

Public participation in Board Meetings: Discussion. No need for motion. Can invite public participation on an ad hoc basis. Sheriff handles water surface and enforcement. County has to create ordinances and that requires public meetings. There are no restrictions on public waters as of now in the state of Minnesota.

AIS Round Table: Lloyd got certification during a 4 hour session as AIS Detective. May 7, Eddy attended AIS meeting sponsored by WAPOA. Dr. Nick Phelps from the U of M AIS Research Center discussed the ethics and morality of eliminating AIS, studies on lakes in MN, focusing on prevention (inspecting boats and due diligence). Once it is in place, there is no stopping that. Dries out and it is dead, as opposed to other AIS that can be revived when it gets back in the water.

Dana is responsible for inspectors. Certification requires 600 hours of training. Requires \$26.00/hour from lake associations and pays inspectors \$18.00/hour.

Bob asked for the creation of a sub-group to work on Thunder Lake. Lake has zebra mussels now. Need to talk with them about an inspector, ILIDS, hours, location. Gary, Mark, Lloyd and Bob Eddy will become the sub group.

Discussion about dock service providers in the area: Land O’ Lakes, Olds, Lakes Barge (Rob Clausen). Walters (Remer) and Boat Doc (Schaumberg). Lloyd stated that there is a 5 star program for Cass County.

Motion to **Adjourn.** Bob Lee made motion – Anne 2nd

Respectfully Submitted, Mikie Walker, Secretary