

RALALA Annual Meeting... Crooked Lake Township Hall Minutes of Sunday, May 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by President Bob Lee. Bob thanked retiring board members Jim Foss, Lisa Mackall and Lynn Snyder and encouraged the membership to consider volunteering to serve on the Board because we are looking for new members.

John Rowell gave the treasurer's report. The budget for 2014 appears in the spring newsletter. A motion to approve the report was made by Roger Brekken and seconded by Jim Foss. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

President Lee announced the purchase of new software that helps an organization work with data on members and potential members in the RALALA watershed. We can use it not only to store information reliably, but also to communicate with members, send out newsletters, and enable us to appoint neighborhood captains and arm them with information about who are and who are not members in that neighborhood so the captains can help us efficiently recruit new members .

It was announced that there is a 3 year project along Highway 6 to stop AIS. A discussion about the Emily Manganese mining project indicated that nothing was happening at this point of concern for our RALALA group.

Darril Wegscheid discussed the purchase of I-LIDS and explained their function. They will be located on DNR and Crooked Lake Township property, but RALALA is footing the total cost cost of \$16,000 plus an annual operating expense. We are asking for volunteers who would review the tapes of the boat launches to watch for violations of the AIS prevention laws. The two units will be at the main Roosevelt landing and at Luscher Park. Both will be powered by solar panels.

Ed Evans talked about the success that the Crooked Lake Township board has had receiving 4 grants for AIS prevention. Ed is looking for volunteers to sit on the CLT AIS Committee.

Greg and Wendy Koch are the chair of the water patrol program. In their absence, Dave Johnson spoke about the 13 year old program. Denny Neil was applauded for all his years of service in connection with the Water Patrol. Volunteers are always needed for help with patrolling. A water safety program is given free for area youth. We share a sheriff patrol boat with Washburn Lake.

Roger Brekken spoke of our DNR ties and the news from them. Roger is in charge of a program to assess existing buoys in Lawrence and Roosevelt lake and to replace or repair those that are currently unusable. Consult the newsletter for a complete report by Roger. Roger has invited anyone interested to participate in a trip to Brainerd in the fall to have a private meeting with the DNR official to discuss RALALA issues.

Linda Van Straaten announced that a committee is working on getting RALALA tee-shirts made that would be available to order off of the website for anyone interested. An email will be sent to members when the products are available, and more information will be distributed in the next newsletter.

Mary Kowalski spoke to the environmental issue concerns about the possible construction of the Sandpiper Pipeline, a crude oil pipeline across Minnesota with one proposed route going just north of the north end of Roosevelt Lake through the Spire Valley. Mary encouraged all to become educated about this project and to voice an opinion by May 30 which is the public comment deadline. Information was given as to how to make a comment.

President Bob Lee made several announcements of upcoming RALALA events:

A Fourth of July boat parade at 1pm...all meet out on the lake by Woods Bay .

August 9th at the Village Inn is the Silent Auction and BBQ fundraiser .

August 30th will be the drawing of the winning raffle tickets at the Village Inn.

Bob Lee asked for volunteers to help with the organization and events. We need help selling advertising in the newsletter, taking lake water samples, water patrol, selling raffle tickets and helping out at the silent auction and BBQ. He asked people to call him at 612-710-2756 or to e-mail him at rsl@dewittmcm.com if they are interested in volunteering.

Bob then introduced out speaker Lindsey Ketchel, the new director of the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation who explained the mission of this non-profit to preserve sensitive shoreline in our area. She discussed the success of the Woods Bay Aquatic Management Area that will preserve one mile of shoreline and asked for help with their effort to raise an additional \$100,000 over and above what has been appropriated in the Legislature.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Straaten, Acting Secretary