

RALALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2025
Via WebEx

Present (8): Bob Eddy, Gary Langer, Diana Lee, Kim David, Bob Lee, Mark Mosman, Lloyd Thyen, Lisa Bonafede (abbreviated attendance)

Absent (3): Carolyn Gallagher, Bonnie McGowan, Betsy Skagen

Welcome: Bob Eddy

Secretary's Report: Diana presented a draft of the September 18, 2025 board meeting minutes and no changes were requested.

Upon motion made by Mark, seconded by Gary, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the September 18 board meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Diana presented financial statements (Income & Expense, Balance Sheet and Budget vs Actual), distributed prior to the meeting, for the month ended September 30, 2025.

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

Membership Communication re Zebra Mussels: Bob Lee reported that he sent a draft of his zebra mussel "article" to Betsy for editing before publishing in the newsletter and posting on the website. After discussion and acknowledging that a RALALA member reached out for advice on dealing with zebra mussels on his dock and lift, Bob Lee agreed to amend his article to include more guidance on what actions, if any, should be taken to remove zebra mussels when found. He will then re-submit the updated article to Betsy.

Bob Eddy reported that the DNR has posted signage regarding the existence of milfoil and zebra mussels at the Lawrence launch site, but did not post a sign near the channel.

Membership Communication re Channel Depth Issue: Bob Eddy indicated that he sent a draft of his memo/article about the channel to the full Board and asked that the Board review the draft and give feedback prior to it being published in the newsletter and on the website. The communication will recap observations made during analysis, what RALALA plans to do in 2026 with

regard to depth monitoring, etc., and also the fact that the cost of dredging or permanent fixes would be substantial and would involve an approval process.

Membership Solicitation: Gary suggested that the 2026 membership solicitation process should begin as early as February, and that due dates for membership form revisions, mailings, emails etc. should be established at that time. The Board agreed with that recommendation.

CLT Lakes & Shores Committee: Gary discussed the summary he sent to the Board about the composition of the committee, CLT's current AIS budget, and the methodology used to determine how the budgeted funds get divided between RALALA and Lake Washburn Association. Gary also encouraged board members to attend the Lakes & Shores Committee meetings from time to time. The meeting dates and times are posted on the Crooked Lake Township calendar and occur every other Wednesday.

Newsletter: Kim indicated that she has revised the newsletter header, per recommendation at an earlier board meeting, and that she and Betsy are awaiting final submissions of articles for the upcoming edition. Kim invited board members to also submit any "blurbs/short announcements" that anyone desires to add to the upcoming issue.

Gary indicated that plans for next year's Youth Boater Training have been confirmed due to efforts by Bonnie (location/food) and Dave Johnson (coordination with Crow Wing Sheriff Water Patrol):

Date: June 18, 2026 9:00am-Noon

Location: Lakeside Cookhouse (prev. named The Channel Bar & Grill)

Lunch: Pizza & soda (donated by Paul—restaurant owner)

Board Member Open Action Items: Bob Eddy led a discussion through each item on the Open Action Items List in order to mark off completed items and to add any new items. He indicated that Carolyn has offered to maintain the list going forward, including updating it following each board meeting and distributing it prior to the next board meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Prepared by:
Diana Lee, Secretary