

RALALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2026
Crooked Lake Township Town Hall
(and via WebEx)

Present (7): Bob Eddy, Gary Langer, Diana Lee, Kim David, Bob Lee, Betsy Skagen, Lloyd Thyen

Absent (3): Mark Mosman, Bonnie McGowan, Lisa Bonafede

Welcome: Bob Eddy

Secretary's Report: Diana distributed a draft of the April 16 board meeting minutes, amended to clarify that RALALA is participating in the Loons & Lakes Festival on only June 27 (even though it's a June 26-27 event).

Upon motion made by Gary, seconded by Betsy, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the April 16, 2026 board meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Diana presented financial statements (Profit & Loss Statement along with balance sheet) for the month ended April 30, 2026 as well as a Budget vs. Actual report covering January-April.

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

Amended 2026 Budget: Diana requested that the Board approve a revised 2026 budget due to the fact that she did not adequately think through how interest income on a Certificate of Deposit must be accounted for when rolled into a new CD rather than cashed in. The interest accrued at maturity date on a CD must show as interest income on that maturity date -- whether it increases cash holdings or increases the principal on a rolled-over Certificate of Deposit. Therefore, Diana recommends changing the 2026 projected interest figure to \$7,750, which is the amount expected to be earned on two Certificates of Deposit, along with nominal bank account interest.

Upon motion made by Kim, seconded by Bob Lee, and unanimously carried, the 2026 Budget, as amended to show projected interest income of \$7,750, was approved.

Donation Options: Diana shared a note received from a RALALA member suggesting that (a) RALALA establish a brokerage account so that members can

donate shares of appreciated investments and (b) that RALALA should suggest to senior members that they donate to RALALA via Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from IRAs. It was agreed that additional information be gathered and further consideration be given to establishing a brokerage account; however, the Board agreed that they are not comfortable “suggesting” QCD donations but possibly just informing members it is an option.

It was agreed that one or more board members should follow up, possibly via conference call, with the member who sent the note to further discuss the brokerage account suggestion.

Newsletter: Kim requested that business member advertisements for the summer newsletter be in final form by the end of June.

There was discussion about the fact that Kim’s PDF version of the newsletter is needed by Bob Lee to post the newsletter to RALALA’s website, rather than the document created by Lakes Printing, so that hyper links work properly on the website. Betsy indicated she would like to publish individual articles from time to time on Facebook, which would require Kim to make individual PDFs for that purpose.

Membership Status: Gary reviewed the current status of payments that have come in as of May 20. With regard to the second mailing of membership solicitation materials to unpaid members, the following document revisions and mailing schedule was agreed upon:

- Bob Eddy’s name and title will be added to the cover letter’s signature block;
- The due date on the membership form will be changed to July 15;
- Kim will send the updated documents to Lakes Printing with a request for a mailing date of June 10;
- Bob Lee will send updated mailing list (containing only unpaid members) to Lakes Printing on June 9.

Adopt a Highway Cleanup Day: Gary reported that there was a great turnout for highway cleanup on May 16, all went smoothly, and there was positive feedback.

A discussion followed with regard to RALALA’s ongoing need for volunteers to assist with specific projects. Gary noted that when people are approached to volunteer, they are likely more inclined to participate if they are presented with a clear vision of what the task entails and how long it will take. Bob Eddy agreed to schedule a brainstorming session, among board members willing to participate, in order to assemble a list of tasks (that board members could use assistance

with), including anticipated time commitment, that can be used to solicit more non-board volunteer participation. The brainstorming session will be scheduled for June 10, following the CLT Lakes & Shores Committee meeting.

Betsy suggested that Highway Cleanup could be a family-friendly event and that volunteers be encouraged to bring kids. Betsy also inquired about whether RALALA could outsource some of the tasks done by board members, such as paying someone an hourly fee for helping with a once-a-year mailing. The board ruled out an “employee” situation but will give further consideration to what could be delegated to an independent contractor, similar to using Lakes Printing for newsletter printing and mailing -- that was previously done by a board member.

CLT Lakes & Shores Meeting June 10: Gary indicated Steve Henry and Brian Miller (Operations Manager of WaterGuards – the independent contractor who hires and provides AIS inspectors) will be guests attending the 10:00am meeting and encouraged board members to attend.

Zebra Mussel Safari Project: Bob Eddy reported that 20 volunteers have stepped forward to participate in the Zebra Mussel Safari Project – 4 on Lawrence and the majority on south Roosevelt. He noted he would like to get more participation in north Roosevelt and also add Lawrence Lake public dock as a location, but may need CLT board approval for that. He also expressed it would be helpful to have better coverage in the southwest area of the lake. Bob Lee offered to solicit a neighbor of his to participate. Bob Eddy reported that the Safari Project equipment should arrive shortly and he will get it distributed.

Annual Meeting Speaker: Bob Eddy reported that MAISRC (Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center) has confirmed that a zebra mussel expert will be available to speak at RALALA’s annual meeting on August 8, but may be available only via WebEx. Bob noted that testing needs to happen in the near future to confirm that the meeting can successfully be offered via online connection. Bob suggested that a “save the date” communication should go out shortly now that we have a confirmed keynote speaker to include in the message.

AIS Grants: Gary reported that Steve Henry (Cass County) has confirmed that RALALA will receive a \$5,000 grant for 50% of AIS survey expenses and Amy Stoneking (Crow Wing County) has indicated RALALA will receive \$2,500 for treatment of Eurasian Watermilfoil.

Bob Eddy reported that he learned from attending Emily Waters Group meetings that funds received from the City of Emily will now be available for both AIS survey and treatment -- previously they could only be used for treatment. He

further reported Emily increased the budget for Emily Waters by 10%, and that going forward the funds won't necessarily be divided equally among the lake associations but "weighted" according to where the greatest needs are.

RALALA/DNR Liaison: Bob Lee reported that a member inquired about why RALALA no longer reports on news and updates from MN DNR Fisheries Division. Discussion followed relating to RALALA's need to appoint a liaison (which we had for several years but no longer have), and that regularly scheduled meetings should take place to discuss fish stocking and other related issues.

Bob Lee agreed to contact the member (referred to above) to find out if he is willing to serve as RALALA's representative and to interface with the DNR. It was agreed that if the person is not willing to serve as a "liaison", we should seek a volunteer via social media post.

Upcoming Events: Bob Eddy requested updates with regard to the following upcoming events:

- Youth Boater Training – all plans are firmed up – Lakeside Cookhouse is confirmed location but food may need to be arranged since restaurant portion of building will not yet be open
- Roosevelt Boat Parade – no coordinator this year – need a volunteer to take the reins if desired. Difficult when 5 bodies of water are involved— North Roosevelt, South Roosevelt, Lawrence, Leavitt, Smokey Hollow. Probably not desirable to manage multiple lakes – some of which already have coordinators
- Emily Day – Booth not yet reserved -- Bonnie may be heading this – If so, will need volunteers to help
- Corn Feed – all plans are firmed up
- Loons & Lakes Festival – all plans are firmed up – details relating to RALALA booth will be shared at June 18 board meeting

Adjournment:

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

Prepared by:
Diana Lee, Secretary