

RALALA Board Meeting Minutes –June 22, 2018

The RALALA Board of Directors convened at the home of Bob Lee in Emily, Minnesota on May 18, 2018. The following members attended: Bob Lee, Jackie Evans, Gary Langer,, Kim David, Mikie Walker, Linda VanStraaten, Mary Weihrauch, Anne Bonnerup, Rolli Maki. Absent: Darril Wegscheid, John Rowell, Roger Brekken,

Bob Lee called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Weihrauch, seconded by Anne Bonnerup. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The treasurers report. was presented by Bob Lee

ACCOUNT BALANCES

	Checking	\$ 192.70
	Savings	\$ 27,845.35
	Milfoil	\$ 6,969.78
	Less designated	2,000.00
	Total	\$ 33,007.83
Budget includes	PayPal	\$ 1,058.75
	Total	\$ 34,066.58
Donations	Member Donations	\$ 3339.29
	Milfoil	\$ 6969.78

Membership 102 with 7 more coming. Last year as of June 30 there were 133 members. Linda moved to accept the treasurer's report, Mikie Walker seconded. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bob Lee reported on the status of milfoil. The total bill for treatment and the survey, estimated, is \$8865.58 to treat 3.7 acres. For single plants, Bob will ask for the gps coordinates to pull individual plants, although using that method only gives a 30% chance to eradicate an individual plant. There is a new treatment for milfoil which is more effective. It is put on the lake bed to kill the roots, however, it is not approved by the State yet, so can't be used. In the future, it may be able to eliminate milfoil. Kim David suggests comparison pictures for tomorrows meet and greet. Bob will call PLM today to start the process of treatment.

The City of Emily is paying for the survey, \$1600. Both Emily and CLT want direct billing for treatment.. Bob Lee suggested having the communities split bill. Gary Langer said the CLT AIS committee will offer \$5000 with no designation for spending. Bob Lee asked for a motion to approve a request for \$4432.79 from CLT for direct billing. Mikie Walker so moved, Bob Lee seconded, motion approved.

There was a discussion of detecting zebra mussels.

Bob Lee a received letter from Laker Lions to rent a booth Aug 18 to sell tickets. Gary Langer will call to check if still trading shucking of corn for booth.

Mary Weihrauch and Kim David discussed the upcoming Meet and Greet. Set up will be at 12:45 by the front door. They will need brochures etc. and Linda VanStraaten said she would assist. A massage and gift certificate will be given away.. Mary Weihrauch also wants to include something from the Village Inn. The event will probably last from 1-4.

Mikie Walker has agreed to be the new secretary, John Rowell will continue to be treasurer with the assistance of Dave Bonnerup. There has been no response yet for a new vice-president.

The annual meeting will be July 14, the boat parade July 7 at 3 pm.

Darril Wegscheid asked for volunteers for Fifty Lakes on June 30. Said the signs have been put up.

Communications with members: Kim David said there needs to be a change in some of the communication. Young people need to be addressed through texting etc. and PayPal needs to be stated clearly. Bob Lee has been sending mass mailings thru work and is losing that capability next week. We need a provider to do mass mailings, possibly earth.link or Emily etc. Bob has not heard about text problems but has heard about too many emails from Ralala. Three people have said the emails were too political last year. Bob will look into mass texting.

We still have some members getting hard copies of the newsletters. They used to be printed in black and white. That will be discontinued and printing will be done in color at home.

Annual meeting. Investigation is being done into signage for the meeting. Items to be covered will be reports, new officers, election of new board members, and a focus on AIS. Coffee, water and cookies will be served. There is a lake shore restoration meeting at Wapoa and we should look at encouraging more lake shore restoration by owners. It appears lake qualities have been declining. Those maps will be available at the annual meeting. Bob says those maps have the wrong data and there are problems with our data because sampling was done incorrectly. Map for this past year show vast improvement for white fish chain, but this was because of zebra mussels. The focus in the future will be on water quality. Jackie Evans suggests possibly offering help for individual assessments of property. Let people know they can apply to their county for grants for restoration. Photos will be available and a suggestion box for ideas at the meeting. A question arose about conducting a survey like Washburn Lake Association did.

Mikie Walker made a motion to adjourn, Jackie Evans seconded. Approved.

Submitted by
Jackie Evans