

RALALA Board Meeting Minutes –September 14, 2018

The RALALA Board of Directors convened at the home of Linda Van Straaten in Emily, Minnesota on September 14, 2018. The following members attended: Bob Lee, Jackie Evans, Gary Langer, Linda Van Straaten, Mary Weihrauch, Anne Bonnerup, Rolli Maki. Darril Wegscheid, John Rowell, Mark Mosman. Absent Roger Brekken,, Kim David, Mikie Walker

Linda VanStraaten called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Darril Wegscheid seconded by John Rowell. The minutes were approved.

The treasurers report. was presented by John Rowell

As of 9/11/18 the financial summary was as follows:

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking	\$ 529.41
Savings	\$ 43416.90
Milfoil	\$ 15447.24
Total	\$ 59393.55

Membership is currently at 221

The 2018 Income status as of 9/11/18 was as follows:

	'18 Budget	'18 Actual	Difference
Membership Dues	\$6500.00	\$5414.48	-\$1085.52 (43mbrs)
Advertising	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	
Membership Donations (EQI)	\$4500.00	\$7427.89	+\$2927.89
Raffle	\$6000.00	\$6790.00	+\$790.00
Milfoil Donations	\$10000.00	\$12054.44	+\$2054.44

John stated that he hoped to not to have substantial ais expenses next year, and the board needs to find some way to help the membership with current funds. Bob Lee commented that he has had some people call about having milfoil, and those properties will be checked in the Spring.

Linda Van Straaten and John Rowell are working on the gambling report. Gary Langer stated that the Crooked Lake Township AIS committee will be providing at least \$5000 next year toward treatment of milfoil.

Gary Langer also said that the AIS committee membership committee was filled out with Rollie Maki, Peggy Parks and Milt Spieler.

Roger Brekken will schedule a fall DNR meeting.

Darril Wegscheid reported on the membership committee. Darril said there are about 1100 homes in the watershed area. Bob Lee said there are 920 in the data base, including commercial and secondary parcels, probably actually 720 with approximately 500 actually on a lake..

Linda VanStraaten indicated she wants to evaluate the raffle evening, including the lack of a microphone that evening and the location of the event. There was commentary about discussing different prizes, giving away 6 gift certificates, etc. Prize winners took a bit to get hold of. But by Wednesday Linda had gotten hold of the 2nd prize winner. Darril discussed the background of prizes. Anne Bonnerup wants to offer something other than the rifle Gary Langer suggested paddle boards, kayaks etc. Mary Weirauch

said her experience is that the gun is the draw.. There was other discussion regarding who buys raffle tickets, multiple drawings (not allowed) and buyers asking how many tickets are being sold. . Linda said that prizes have to be decided by January as well as the estimated value of prizes or cost of prizes. Darril Wegscheid, Linda Van Straaten, Jackie Evans and Anne Bonnerup will form a subcommittee to make recommendations. Also to be decided is the location of the drawing.

Kim David was thanked for her newspaper ad regarding the final drawing.

Linda Van Straaten will do an article about sister organizations, such as Emily Waters meeting a couple of times a year.

Lawrence, Levitt and Smokey Hollow Lakes were successfully tested for milfoil by PIM and found to be clear. PLM suggested testing those lakes every year. Jackie Evans moved to survey those lakes every year, John Rowell seconded, Bob Lee recommended asking for a reduced rate. Approved.

The Volunteer dinner is September 15. About 30 people have responded, half are board members. All that responded were appreciative. Hours will be 5-7 P.M.

Linda Van Straaten proposed the next year's meeting schedule with the annual meeting July 27, a morning meeting at 9.

There was discussion of ways to offer help to members for surveys to their property.

Darril Wegscheid moved to adjourn, seconded by Mark Mosman. Approved.

Submitted by
Jackie Evans