

RALALA General Membership
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
May 26, 2013
Outing, MN

RALALA convened its Annual Meeting at the Crooked Lake Township Town Hall, Outing, MN on Sunday, May 26, 2013.

1. Introduction

The Meeting was called to order by President Bob Lee. Mr. Lee reviewed the agenda.

2. New Articles of Incorporation

New Articles of Incorporation were sent to members via US mail or e-mail. Mr. Lee reviewed the reasons for the New Articles and proposed a few changes to the New Articles based on feedback from members. Mr. Lee addressed questions raised by members related to the New Articles.

A motion was made to approve the New Articles of Incorporation, the motion was seconded and there were no objections and the motion carried.

3. Election of Board Members

Denny Neil has asked to resign from the board and was thanked for his service.

Linda Van Straaten has agreed to be the Vice President and take over as President following Mr. Lee.

The New Articles increase the size of the board from 11 to 13. New board members will be:

Darril Wegscheid who will assume responsibility for Linda Van Straaten's previous position.

Roger Brekken will join the board.

Sue Schaefer will be joining the board from Smokey Hollow.

Terms for the board members have been reviewed and modified as necessary to allow for approximately 1/3 of the terms expiring at one time.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting (May 26, 2012). The motion carried.

4. AIS

Darril Wagscheid reported on AIS.

- Washburn is successfully fighting milfoil using divers. Lake Emily is infected

and is planning to tax lakeshore owners to fight them.

- Zebra mussels are a primary concern. The problem with zebra mussels is once they are in a lake it is not possible to get rid of them. Prevention and education are the only real options to reduce the chances of zebra mussels being introduced into the lakes.
- RALALA received a grant for about 75% of what was requested for inspectors on Roosevelt Lake on Hwy 6. The City of Emily also received a grant which is shared with Lake Emily & Ruth Lake for inspections.
- DNR interns will be responsible for inspections but not available until they are out of school. Extra hours of inspection support are purchased by the City of Emily to cover some of the lakes on Friday, Saturday & Sunday until the interns are available. As this does not provide complete coverage for all days of the week, coverage across the lakes are random in order to increase awareness.
- A volunteer is onsite to provide public education and offer to show what can be done to inspect a boat but an inspector is trained by the DNR and is authorized inspect boats and to take charge of a situation (e.g. uncooperative boat owner). The paid positions are \$10/hr.
- Generally people are very appreciative of the inspection program & information shared by the volunteers. It would be very helpful to have volunteers at the launches to share information with people and support the inspectors. In addition, more volunteers are needed to allow for shorter shifts. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact Mr. Wegscheid, contact information is on the website.
- Mr. Wegscheid plans to go door to door to increase education regarding AIS this summer.

5. DNR Liason Report

Roger Brekken was away so his report was given by Mr. Lee. Marc Bacigalupi at the DNR and agreed to have a meeting later this year to discuss any concerns with respect to fishing on the lakes. A list was sent around requesting anyone interested in working with Roger Brekken sign up.

6. Treasurers Report

John Rowell presented the report of the Treasurer. Checking account balance of \$245.72; Savings account balance of \$5,759.11; and EQI account balance of \$19,411.21.

7. Membership Report

Linda VanStraaten recognized that Mr. Lee has committed many hours of his time to reviewing our Articles of Incorporation and that his professional expertise

has been invaluable.

Ms. VanStraaten reported that 550 mailings were sent out to property owner non-members and of those so far we have 19 new members. As of May 26, 2013 we have a total of 102 current members. Ms. VanStraaten encouraged everyone to invite their neighbors to join RALALA. She also reminded everyone to provide e-mail addresses instead of US mail to save on administrative costs. There was a question regarding ability to attract business memberships. We have business members and offer different types of memberships including some that provide advertisements in the newsletter. Mr. Lee suggested that we should continue to pursue business memberships and that advertising on the website may be of interest to business owners.

8. Website Review

Mr. Lee reviewed the new RALALA website that he created. He highlighted the following:

- Newsletters
- AIS information
- Shoreland Restoration
- Lake Management Plan
- Lake Information
- Events
- Pictures can be sent to Mr. Lee to be used on the website.

Links can be added, recommendations should be sent to Mr. Lee. There is a RALALA facebook page. It will be linked to the new website. There was a recommendation to add a way to track open positions at the launches so that volunteers could offer to fulfill open positions.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2012 meeting and the motion carried. Future minutes will be posted to the website.

9. 2013 Events

The Picnic and annual BBQ and silent auction will be combined events this year to reduce the volunteer commitments. Ms. Kowalski noted that dates for the annual picnic and Historic Trade Route were incorrectly published. These events will not occur in 2013. Ms. Van Straaten asked for the donation of additional silent auction items from those willing to donate.

10. New Business

No New Business items were discussed.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.