

RALALA Board Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2015

The RALALA Board of Directors convened at the home of Bob Lee in Emily, Minnesota on September 12, 2015. The following members attended: Bob Lee, Linda VanStraaten, Roger Brekken, Darril Wegscheid, Rollie Maki, Jackie Evans and Denny Neill, John Rowell, Anne Bonnerup and Gary Langer. Absent: Sandra Dee.

Roger Brekken moved to approve the minutes from May 30, 2015 and July 25, 2015. Darril Wegscheid seconds, motion approved.

Anne Bonnerup's appointment as director was confirmed through email and signature sheets.

Roger Brekken reported that there are one new and one used buoys from the Sheriff, one was placed in Woods Bay by the slide side entrance, the other used buoy at the outlet from Roosevelt to Lawrence. Two of the buoys had broken housing and were not floating as high as they should. Brian Olds should continue to do buoys and Roger will follow them up. He spent \$170 for chain and bolts and recommended \$ 200 for next year. Denny Neill says the sheriff should pay for chain and bolts etc. John Rowell says that early in the year Mary Kowalski mentioned that Ralala should have recognition for the buoy work. Roger Brekken said that he has mixed emotions about it—that would detract from the message and maybe increase liability. Anne Bonnerup mentioned vandalism as well. The consensus was that recognition would probably not be done for a variety of reasons . Bob Lee will work on a flier about what the association does. Gary Langer suggested a second board during raffle ticket sales that shows what the association does.

Five board members attended the DNR meeting. Discussed was the long range muskie plan, with Gull Lake next and DNR requesting opinions on it. There was a question about the impact on other fish. Mark's report says that both species increase and there is no change. Darril commented that there are muskies in Mille Lacs and no impact there--Mille Lacs collapsed for walleye. Mille Lacs is also shallow. Bob Lee commented that a fisherman has said that Roosevelt is already impacted, cisco, by muskie. Rollie Maki commented that you don't see cisco at night. There was discussion about the lack of data provided by the DNR. Anne asked about any data on fisherman coming in. Bob recommended a neutral reply and to send letter about the need for more testing and producing results before adding more muskie.

John Rowell provided the Treasurer's report as follows:

1. Banking—PRSB Checking	\$ 1113.00
Savings	\$ 8607.77
Wells Fargo Checking	<u>\$11,895.19</u>
Accounts Total	\$20,615.96

2 Budget

- a. Membership. We budgeted \$6000 for memberships (240) and \$500 for advertising. Currently we are behind with 145 members (\$3733.60) and thirteen advertising (\$390)). Last year at this time we had 190 members. Current donations for Fireworks \$525 and 1st Responder \$590.
- b. EQI (Membership Donations) Budget \$4000 / Actual \$5993.75
- c. Raffle \$8227.00 which Gary will discuss

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- a. Fund raising, Raffle, BBQ

b. Aquascape—Rollie Maki

d. Buoys—Roger Brekken, Ralala recognition on buoys?

Membership and advertising were under budget, but with EQI at \$5,000 plus and the raffle total over target of \$8000 the net was about \$6000 after expenses. He will look at doing our own printing in the future.

For the 2016 budget planning fund raising we will do the raffle as well as pork shoulders if Mike agrees. There was a question about the Aquascape money.

Darril Wegscheid moved to accept the report, Bob Lee seconds. Approved

Denny Neill asked if the picnic is gone permanently. Bob Lee will look at that for the future

Advertiser information was distributed and Darril Wegscheid suggested the addition of several others that he will speak to. Board members will speak to those not yet contacted

Golf shirts. Bob has 23 shirts ordered and with a recent order of 2 more will now be able to order. Roger Brekken and Anne Bonnerup added 2 more orders.

Art Paterson of the Ruth Lake Watershed is asking for help for treatment of zebra mussels. Repeated searches found 9 adults in same area by a rental property. Testing for veligers was negative. There is no breeding at this time of year as zebra mussels can't reproduce below 55 or feed. If treating, need to do now and when water temp drops or wait until spring. His preference is to do it now because they are certain no veligers are in the lake. Roger says they treated 16 acres for milfoil which was only partial. Ruth Lake has only \$5000, has asked Emily for money and they are trying to decide if they can give 10,000. Bob Lee stated that there is a lot of movement from local lake to local lake and there is a serious threat to our lake. Darril Wegscheid moved to donate \$2000 to their treatment of the lake. The state would probably pay but cannot do it quickly enough. Roger seconded the motion which was amended to pending Crow Wing County money available. Darril Wegscheid will make the decision on the amount needed. Approved

Future board meetings—will go to last sat of month May 21, June 25, July 30, and Sept 10 2016. Approved.

Membership is at 145, 190 this time last year and ended with 220. Need to make significant effort for new members. There was discussion about a neighborhood captain campaign, which works, but takes a lot of work and a lot of people. There is new software which does groups. Darril Wegscheid says the card is important and the flier is important. Bob commented that most of the members are from South Roosevelt. There was discussion of options for going forward with person to person contact. Darril Wegscheid will look at putting something together for blocks by early November.

Darril Wegscheid is the representative to LARA which meets one time a year. ACCL meets monthly, Set 25th open to public. Mary Kowalski is on the board. The Pine River watershed needs a representative and Jack VanStraaten was going. Northern Waters Alliance will work with other organizations.

Gary Langer offered a raffle hand out and said he needs assistance with setting up for the times that tickets are sold. Gary thinks that there needs to be 2 captains to address the issues

Objective: Our objective is to raise funds to financially support an awareness, understanding and stewardship of our area lakes and educate others about the challenges regarding the threat of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) to our lakes.

How to Help: Help sell raffle tickets
Encourage neighbors to join RALALA

Participate in planned summer events

Major Events: Start date 6/13
50 Lakes 6/27
July 2, 3 and 4th
Remer Days 8/8
Lions Corn Feed 8/15
Village Inn Drawing 9/15
BBQ date to be determined
Ralala Raffle Mailing—date to be determined

Off Site Every Saturday
Roosevelt Station
Holiday Station--Emily

Roger Brekken moved to adjourn. Denny Neill seconded. Approved.

Prepared by Jackie Evans