

RALALA Board Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2014

The RALALA Board of Directors convened at the home of Bob Lee in Emily, Minnesota on September 27, 2014. The following members attended: Bob Lee, Linda VanStraaten, I Sue Schaefer (late), Roger Brekken, Darill Wegscheid, Rollie Maki, Jackie Evans and Denny Neil.

Absent: Gary Langer, Sandra Dee, Mikie Walker and John Rowell

Approval of the previous minutes was tabled.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Bob Lee, Darill Wegscheid moved that it be approved with the following recommendations and Roger Brekken seconded the motion. There was discussion of the over \$8000 donations made to the Wood's Bay project, which was over and above the \$5000 the board agreed to match. Therefore, it was agreed to send \$15,000 toward the project as well as whatever else has come in. Added, was that \$250 donations be sent to the Lake Associations of Emily and Mary Lakes and Ruth Lake and to Washburn Lake to assist them in fighting their invasive species. The report was approved with those additions.

There was confirmation that the Board did not make a contribution to the Blood fund drive other than the contributed quilt wall hanging and cork board donated to the auction.

Darill Wegscheid reported on the status of the Lessard-Sams funding to attempt to get the lake associations involved in cleaning boats faster up and down highway 6. A Baxter area facility is looking at \$30,000 to build a facility—counties to run the programs. If the counties work on this as units of government, we would part of the Mississippi Headwaters Association. Darill believes that that the effort needs to be headed at the county level. The DNR believes there are six different ways to decrease the incursion of zebra mussels, such as monitoring boats through a gps device. Car counters were at Leavitt, Smokey and Morrison Lakes had car counters with minimum activity at Smokey and Leavitt and very light activity at Morrison. Darill will work with the camp ground manager at Morrison. Various proposed options were discussed. Darill will work on including an AIS component into the lake management plan and bring it back to the board for approval. The current I-lids project monitoring the lake entrances is still being fine-tuned, as there have been updates that were hard to coordinate, and so the second half payment has not as yet been made.

The Rifle Raffle was discussed and it was mentioned that not only should participants be over age 18, but they must also be able to pass a background check.

Linda VanStraaten gave the report on the Silent Auction and indicated that after an analysis of the man-hours invested, it was determined that this is not the best fund raiser available and more time needs to be put into other options. There was discussion of pre-orders being offered for BBQ pork shoulders for the 4th of July and increasing the opportunities for selling Raffle tickets.

Bob Lee introduced discussion about the timing of the Annual Meeting and the need to set a date. Saturday, June 20th was decided on. There was discussion of making this a pizza night meal with everyone bringing their preferred adult beverage, as well as possibly offering door prizes.

Generic banners for events will be explored by Linda VanStraaten

The golf shirts arrangements have been made and the Ralala website is setup with PayPal available. We will need an initial 24 orders to start, before the orders will be completed, and then there will be no requirements for numbers.

Membership is currently somewhat less than last year but we expect memberships to continue to come in as they have in past years. There was discussion about activities to encourage membership, as well as

developing packets for members. Also considered was leaving copies of the newsletter at restaurants and at the launch sites.

The meeting was adjourned after 11:30 A.M.

Prepared by Jackie Evans