

## LWA Board Meeting Minutes – Zoom call on May 9, 2023

Present: Glen Goodwin, Ross Lindmeyer, Kathy Pfaff, Vicki Lipstreuer, Ron Reich, Dave Patterson, Charlie McGlynn, Mark Wolf, Janis Judd, John Clausen, Brent Nordstrom

Visitor: Bob Eddy – RALALA

Absent: Susan Tyra, Scott Erikson, Pat Maranda, Jim Patterson

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by President Ross Lindmeyer

Approval of minutes from 9-14-22 board meeting presented via email – motion made by Vicki/Kathy – motion carried

### Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report – Kathy emailed her report to board members, discussion was held about opening an on-line savings account (gets better interest). Question was asked – can LWA do this? Ross suggested looking into an American Express savings account, Charlie suggested US Bank in Pine River. Bob (RALALA) shared they are looking at similar options and thinking about money markets, bonds, stocks, etc. for investing their money.
- B. AIS – Ross signed a contract with Freshwater for our annual survey – cost of \$4,980.00 – survey will now include zebra mussels, velligers, and lakeshore invasive plant species identification. Ross has reached out to Cass County and Crooked Lake Township (CLT) Lakes & Shores (L&S) committee to help offset the cost of lake survey. He applied for \$2,490.00 from Cass County and \$2,000 from CLT L & S committee (maximum we could ask for). DNR denied the grant funds LWA applied for this year, RALALA was denied also, only four lakes in Cass Country received DNR grant funds. Look for articles and information about AIS in our LWA Spring newsletter.
- C. CLT Lakes & Shores Committee – Ross has applied for the \$2,000.00 funding for our lake survey. Cass County has a beautiful color booklet online with invasive species pictures and information. Will check with CLT L & S for additional funds for the additional inspector hours at the boat landing. We are looking to have 132 inspector hours this summer – total cost of \$3,630 /we are currently funded for \$3,000 inspector expense. RALALA has put in for additional inspector hours on Lawrence and Roosevelt boat landings. Ross has resigned from CLT Land & Shores committee – we need another rep from Lake Washburn (board member?). Susan Tyra and Les Raisch have also resigned from the the CLT Land & Shores committee. They meet once or twice a month at CLT hall for an hour or two on Wednesday 10 am to noon. Bob shared that there may be some budget cuts at CLT for L & S for inspector hours funding – more to come. Ross will suggest to Lloyd and Gary that CLT L & S committee should look into doing an evening Zoom meeting.

- D. Water Patrol – Vicki reports the Sheriff’s boat has been delivered to Land O’ Lakes Marine, needs a few repairs, probably won’t be in the water until the first weekend of June. Pat has lined up training for the volunteers on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the CLT hall. Pat has started to organize a youth water safety training program to take place in 2024.
  
- E. Database/Membership/Communication – Glen shared that 275 members have renewed so far (about the same as last year at this time) with over 60 sustaining members. The email blast that went out last week (404 on email list) with information about all the dates of summer activities had an 80% opening rate (321 opened); wake boat seminar on May 31<sup>st</sup> got almost 50 clicks, people also clicked on the CLT website, our newsletter, and the LWA website. He will do another campaign to encourage membership in about a month. Last year we topped at 306 for total members. Goal for this year to is to reach or exceed 325 members.
  
- F. Buoys / options for Narrows – no report. Scott will email the board with his report when he returns from his travels
  
- G. Lake Stewardship Committee Update – no report
  
- H. Webmaster – Kathy shared that all is going well. She would love to find someone else to redo the website, update it, etc. Charlie volunteered to take it over this summer.
  
- I. Newsletter – Laurie Wolf unable to attend board meeting, Glen reports that the printer has all the content, waiting for first proof – goal is to have newsletter in mail before Memorial Day weekend. The Spring newsletter is full of safety reminders, fun content and great articles.
  
- J. Water Quality – Charlie reports the DNR has a new enrollment process this year. The first water test will be done May 20<sup>th</sup>. Last year the water quality was kind of the same as always – clears up by end of summer. RNB labs still not sending Charlie the data. Dave Snesrud is still committed to help with the testing – Charlie says they make a great team.
  
- K. Lake Level – no report
  
- L. Fisheries – Brent shared that he is learning “on the fly’ and asking John Harris lots of questions! Last fall results of electro fishing showed our numbers were low – only 6 for 2022. Michael Knapp, our DNR rep, loves the ‘fund a fish’ program idea. The DNR stocked our lake last year with frylings – no fish stocking this year.

## Planning

- A. 2023 Membership meeting speakers
  - a. Cass County Sheriff Welk – June meeting, he will talk about water safety and then have time for questions & answers
  - b. DNR speaker - Pine Bark Beetle – August meeting – Susan has contacted an expert at the DNR to speak for August meeting
  - c. MLR (Minnesota Lakes & Rivers) – need for individual memberships, would like to speak at a membership meeting to inform people/increase their total memberships/help toward their efforts with legislation. Glen is in contact with Jeff from MLR – they have a robust website and great email correspondence. Glen encouraged all board members to sign up for MLR emails and check out the website. Bob shared that RALALA had Jeff present at their meeting last year and did a good job.
- B. 2023 Special Events
  - a. 48 Clean-Up – will be Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - conflict this year with Our Savior's also doing Spring cleaning and ditch clean-up on May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - b. 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade will be Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm
  - c. Fishing Challenge – Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pat Maranda's lake front property, new events this year, an overall grand prize. Had a meeting already (Ross, Mary Lindmeyer, Lisa, Glen, Vicki, ) and got lots of things planned!
  - d. 48 Clean-Up – September 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - e. Floating Ice Cream Social – September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ron agreed to donate the use of his pontoon boat again this year – thank you Ron. More details to follow – especially about the fishing challenge.

## Ongoing Discussions/Concerns

- A. Wake Boat Education/Vermont article – we want to politely remind people to stay at least 500 feet away from shoreline, be courteous, (noise pollution), and continue to educate. Discussion held. Asked Bob how RALALA has addressed this issue on Roosevelt – he said yes, they have lots of wake boards/boats – they will be handing out a map this year with guidance and highlight the areas of concern for Roosevelt
- B. Additional Inspector Hours – we are asking for an additional 132 hours – will it be Thursdays or Sundays/Mondays? We don't know this piece yet. Vicki shared that last year we ran out of inspector hours and didn't know that. We need to discuss with DNR what are the dates we are covered and then look at additional days we would want covered. Ross will ask the company if they are fully staffed this year. We need to have better communication with DNR to keep a running total of hours we have used compared to our total contract to avoid last year's issues.
- C. Walleye "Fund a Fish" project – Brent said he has not been able to discuss this with Mike at the DNR – he will do this when he meets with Mike at the DNR office soon. Brent

thinks it is a great idea to have this “fund a fish” project for our lake association. He also shared there is a live bait shortage this year.

D. –

E.

F. Holding (1) Annual membership meeting discussion – Bob shared that RALALA has also done a Spring Launch Initiative Meeting. We would need to change the by-laws, Dave P. suggested we not specify “a weekend of the month”, just list it as “a once a year membership meeting”. Vicki/Charlie made a motion to. Present this by-law change to members at our June meeting. Motion carried. Mark asked if we could collaborate with RALALA on Spring Kick-off meeting as a special event. – Bob indicated we could work on that for 2024.

G. AED Donation/placement – the state of MN is giving free AED’s – discussion held for location of placement and battery upkeep if lake association pursued this. Glen shared that he found out it might not be an option for lake associations to have one. At the Thursday CLT meeting, Vicki spoke to Lynn Remington about this. Bob said RALALA looked at AED devices and their attorney said it might be a liability issue if lake association puts on at boat launch sites. Board decided not to pursue this.

#### Other Business

Glen asked if we know when Olds will be on Lake Washburn – do buoys? Ross will ask Brian Olds about buoys.

Motion to adjourn made by. Charlie/Mark – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Janis Judd