

RCCCLA Board Spring Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2024, 9:00am
Wood Tick Inn, Cuyuna, MN

Attendees: Mike Stagman, Chris Emerson, Melissa Stagman, Rad Royer, Tom Hintz, Nancy Erickson, Jon Williams, Rick West, Jon Wittnebel, Scott Haas, Bob Heggerston. Absent: Karen Albers, Steve Earhart, Dick Johnson, Kim Sandstrom, Ejie Hanson, Jay Hanson, Bob Stokes

1. Call to order 9:05am (Rad Royer)
2. Approval of last minutes from annual meeting July 2023 (Jon Wittnebel) – motion/second/approved (unanimous)
3. Treasurer Report (Jon Williams)
 - a. Presented proposed budget. Prior year membership was higher than planned. Increased budget for this. Current membership is down at 111. Reminder email was sent. Motion to approve budget. Second/approved (unanimous)
 - a. Checking balance \$12,566.37 (\$570 undeposited), AIS savings \$17,549.78 = \$30,116.16
 - b. Motion to move AIS funds and half of checking into a CD, duration TBD by treasurer. Second/approved (unanimous).
 - c. Discussed options for collecting membership dues electronically. Stagmans will explore options.

Continuing/Old Business

1. AIS/Zebra Mussels (Rad Royer) - Found on East Rabbit on east side when ice was thin.
2. Boat landing inspection (Rad Royer) - Boat inspections are back on with DNR, Fri-Sun, Memorial to Labor Day.
3. Lake Level (Karen Albers) – Spring 2023 at 1.8, Fall 2023 at 1.22, April 2024 at 1.8 (using scale on the bridge)
4. Secci disc readings (Jon Wittnebel/Jay Hanson) - consistent in 13' to 24' range. Normal is around 17'. Hasn't been much change over the years.
5. Lake Water Buoys (Bob Stokes) – all ok. Oars-N-Mine has placed in water
6. Loon nests (3 on West – Dick Johnson w/ Dan Berren and Diane Gust. 2 on East – Rick West w/ Tom Rian, Mark Eiden). We have 6 total aluminum nests. Stagmans (West) and Chris Emerson (East) will reach out to make sure placed in water and not needing repair
7. Annual Meeting (Ejia and Rad) - July 20th. Discussed that this date always conflicts with Emily Days. Consider changing next year.
8. Loon count (Backlins) – done
9. Roadside cleanup (Scott Haas) - May 4 at 9 am. Scott renewed with MNDOT
10. Winter social 2023 report (Ejia) – went well

11. Fish/DNR/Chloride report (Jon Williams)
12. Water Control/Beavers (Tom Hintz) – Trapper is pulling his traps today. Price is up \$40. Will request a log of day/location/quantity. He only traps, doesn't remove dams. Jon Wittnebel will get names of possible people to hire to remove dams as needed.
13. Tent worm/spraying (Jon Wittnebel) – didn't do last year. Pilot will be increasing price and will let us know new amount. No plan to spray this year.
14. July 4th boat parade (Ejie) - 2pm on July 6st
15. RCCCLA Apparel (Karen) – Samples were passed around. Lakes Country Curio in Deerwood has good selection of Rabbit Lake items and a 10% discount for members. Include this in the next newsletter. Red Threads will make custom orders
16. RCCCLA Facebook page (Ejie/Melissa) – continue to promote items
17. Lake access monitoring (Rad) – last 2 years county has paid us to monitor accesses for Starry Stonewort. In Aug-Oct weeds are pulled from 5 locations & inventory taken.
18. Winter ice clean-up (Stagman) – few icehouses on lake this year due to warm weather
19. County Road 31 bridge project new point person - Chris Emerson
- 1) Motion to pay \$200 in memory of past board member Jerry Larson to Wishesandmore.org or Police Canines. Second/approved (one dissent). Rad will talk to widow regarding board gift for another deceased board member.
20. Expanded Monthly Socials (Chris Emerson) – Next meeting is June 1st at the bowling alley at 6pm. Can order food from Trailside. Don't have to bowl but can. No reservations needed. None in August due to the July annual meeting. Oct 5th at Cuyuna Brewery at 6pm. Dec 7th at Trailside Tavern at 5pm, will be in room near pickleball and can play pickleball.
21. Membership (Rad, Jon Williams, Melissa) – we will meet later and discuss
22. Ice In/Out Recording (Jon Wittnebel) – one of the earliest we've had. Reported to MN Pollution Control Agency.

New Business

1. RCCCLA ballot for annual meeting – Rad, Jon & Jon will do
2. Location/2023 survey of Curly Pond Weed (Rad & Scott) – didn't appear to have grown since last year.
1. RCCCLA web page – Stagmans will look into options
2. Newsletter date (Ejie) – June 1st is deadline to get info in for next newsletter
3. Board Appreciation Dinner - Fri, June 28 at 4pm at Royer's house

Tabled Items

- 2) Replacing of buoys
- 3) Annual meeting date change for Emily Days (2025)

Closing

- 1) Next meeting will be annual meeting, the third Saturday of July
- 2) Adjourn at 11:14am