

Lake Raponda Association Stated Meeting, July 9, 2023

Bob Bois, President, called the meeting to order at 10:14 am at 23 Stearns Ave. (Bois residence)

Trustees Present: Bob Bois, President; Ann Loughran, VP; Andrea Glenn, Clerk; Michaelanne (Mike) Widness, Treasurer; Will Melton, Past President

A total of 37 people attended the July 2023 meeting, including one representative each from The Landing and Mountainview associations, as well as two other attendees from The Landing.

Old Business

Clerk's Report: Minutes from August 2022 (posted on the LRA website) were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Currently the bank account has \$10,968.88. Only 2/3 of the members have paid their dues but more are likely to send in their dues money by the next meeting. A full Treasurer's report will be given at the August meeting. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

Greeter Program Report, Bob Brody: We are partners with the Town and State. The number of volunteers has decreased 50% and the cost to have the two paid greeters (part-time) at the boat launch Thursdays to Mondays is \$17,000. Currently, there is a \$2,800 shortfall. The Rotary Club also provided the LRA with a \$500 grant for the Greeter Program. The state will sponsor one more Greeter training program; Bob asked for more volunteers if anyone is interested. Chris Zizza offered to personally provide up to \$1,500 of any shortfall. The above report was approved by unanimous vote.

It was also reported that there was a recent report of cyanobacteria blooms ("blue/green algae") at one property on the west side of the lake; also one near the boat launch. A significant "bloom" of the algae can be toxic to pets, and can cause rashes or other health problems to humans. This will be reported to the state on their website.

New Business

Procedures for elections – John Meyer, Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee: John Meyer, Chair; Beth Brody, Will Melton

The Nominating Committee has received names of people interested in the upcoming election for Officers and Trustees for the Association. Should anyone want to be a Trustee they need to write to or call the Nominating Committee. Names to go to John Meyer at raponda@gmail.com. Nominations will be allowed until August 2, 2023,

though it was strongly recommended all nominations be submitted by August 1 if possible. All information can be found on the LRA website.

The Nominating Committee has received the following names and/or proposed offices to date: Ann Loughran, President; Paul Scudato, Vice President; Andrea Glenn, Clerk; and Tammy Adams, Treasurer. For Trustees "at large": Meg Streeter, Ted Blackburn, Chessia McBride.

Remote Voting Procedures are posted on the LRA Website. A guidance document was also posted on the website regarding the nomination and voting procedures dates for this election.

COMMITTEES

To date there are 3 Ad Hoc committees: Watershed & Environment, Boating & Road Safety, and Social & Membership. Ben Schlatka's current Boating & Road Safety report can be found on the website. Chessia McBride is currently working on the Social Committee Report. The Watershed & Environment has 8 members on the committee but no chair.

Carol Bois spoke about the LakeWise program offered as a voluntary program by the state and encouraged all to consider having their properties evaluated.

OTHER

Will Melton spoke about the Raconda Foundation. He encouraged all to attend the Loon Program on July 29. John Meyer noted the Foundation does not attempt to influence legislation.

Eliza Childs showed the History of Lake Raconda books for sale \$15.

Fred Damiano asked about wakeboats on the Lake. He was told about the meeting regarding proposed regulations at Montpelier August 1st-3rd; anyone can attend but you must register if you want to provide comments (written comments may be provided to the ANR). The LRA is not taking a position on Wakeboats – it is the State who controls the lake.

The Annual Meeting/potluck social will be held Saturday, August 12th, 4:00 at the home of Peter and Chessia McBride, 361 Lake Raconda Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.