

Annual Meeting Minutes Lake Raponda Association August 9, 2025

Attending: Bob Bois, Past President; Ann Loughran, President; Tammy Adams, Treasurer; Ben Schlatka, Boating and Safety; Chessia Kelley, Social Committee

Absent: Paul Scrudato, Vice President, Secretary (open position)

Meeting opened at 4:15

Tribute to Beth Brody

Approval of Minutes from July Stated meeting

Treasurer's Report: Tammy Adams - Dues amounted to \$3930 plus a few new checks handed to Tammy at meeting. Tammy explained oversight of donations approved in 2023 but never paid to recipients requiring a doubling of donations in 2025 but no actual increase in donations paid on an annual basis. Membership voted to approve usual \$100 donations to Pettee Library, Deerfield Valley Rescue, Deerfield Valley Health Center and Wilmington Trails Committee. Board will discuss how to handle future Rotary Club support which has sometimes come in the form of an annual donation and other times for specific Rotary events.

Vote was called and approved to increase dues to \$75 with no late payment penalty in order to maintain a \$10k reserve balance for unforeseen events as well as be able to continue or possibly increase donations. The \$65 dues heretofore are no longer enough to offset increased Directors and Officers' insurance premium which amounted to \$1334 this year AND fulfill our standard donations without threatening our goal of maintaining a \$10k reserve. No bylaw amendment is required for this change.

Expenses: \$3100. Still a few checks to be paid and new dues checks received at meeting, Tammy expected a net balance of approximately \$10k.

Road and Water Safety Report: Ben Schlatka - Mysterious boat that appeared to be dredging earlier in summer returned at least once. Ben asked that all pay attention (and take photo) for squared off air boat with nets and oversized fan on back. If seen, he suggested that police be called and that he be notified. West Lake Road was scraped and new material applied. Lake Raponda Road was also graded and new material added. Road crew removed 8-12" of material before putting new material in. Concern about road crew raising LRR as well as widening road as they do ditching. Ben will pass on concerns to Marshall Dix.

Social Committee: Chessia Kelley - Host volunteers needed for 2026 meetings: Carol Bois volunteered her home for July 12 Stated Meeting. Aug 8th Annual meeting host TBD.

Greeter Program: Bob Bois - received funding of \$31K this year from State, Town and Raponda Foundation. Recognized volunteers who got trained and volunteered at Greeter shed. Thanks was given to paid Greeters in the form of gift certificates and spoken appreciation for continued return by these people. Thanks to Cindy Meyer for testing water.

Environmental Committee: Carol Bois - hope to do field trip next year to Nasami Nursery, another Marjery Winter talk, continued support for Vermont Natural History Museum's upcoming events, schedule more invasive plant walks/talks. Hoping for more Lake Wise participation - can speak with Carol or Sheryl Beil. Reminder - Pump septic systems every 3 years.

Foundation Talk: Will Melton - 33 people donated over \$18,000 contributing to educational programs related to lake and watershed, funding Greeter Program and an emergency fund for rapid response to an environmental threat.

Question about Dam: no update from Town since learning that \$60,000 was appropriated at the 2025 Town Meeting with similar additional amounts expected to be set aside over next few years aggregating to approximately \$300k+ to meet expected costs of repairs necessary.

Election: The following slate of Officers and Trustees was unanimously voted to assume responsibility for the LRA over the next two years: Paul Scrudato, President; Chessia Kelley, Vice President; Tammy Adams, Treasurer; Ben Schlatka, Trustee/ Road and Water Safety Liaison. Openings remain for Secretary and Social Committee/Trustee positions. Anyone interested should contact a Board member.

Meeting Adjourned for Pot Luck Dinner and socializing at 5:20 pm.

Submitted by Ann Loughran (filling in for vacant Secretary position).