

MINUTES

Lake Raponda Association (LRA)

Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, August 12th, 2023

Home of Chessia & Peter McBride 361 Lake Raponda Road

Trustees Present: Bob Bois, President; Ann Loughran, VP; Andrea Glenn, Clerk; Michaelanne (Mike) Widness, Treasurer; Will Melton, Past President; Chessia McBride, Chair, Social & Membership.

President Bob Bois called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Incoming and outgoing officers were introduced.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes (which are posted on Raponda.org) from the July 9, 2023 stated meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Michaelanne (Mike) Widness

Total bank balance: \$11,348.20. There were 2 large expenses this year. Lawyers had to file the By-Law changes and, insurance for the board & trustees is no longer shared with the LR Foundation, each group must have their own insurance.

Mike reported that gifts of \$100 each (\$400 total) were given to Pettee Memorial Library, Deerfield Valley Rescue, Trails Committee (Town of Wilmington) & Deerfield Valley Health Center. A discussion of additional amounts to be given was tabled.

Vail may have a matching gifts program. This needs to be looked into.

Treasurer's report was approved. The full Treasurer's report can be found at Raponda.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social & Membership: Chessia handed out gift certificates and thank-yous to Mike Widness for her 7 years as treasurer, Bob Bois, as out-going President; Alan Baker for all he has done to maintain the LRA website, the 2 paid boat launch greeters and Bob Brody for running the Greeter program.

2 new LRA members were welcomed: Heather & Nick Oldfield who bought the Fortner House at 220 LR Road and Pat & Susi Keane who bought land near the end of West Lake Road and will begin building in a year or so.

Ann & Peter Loughran volunteered their home for the July 2024 meeting. There was no volunteer for the August Annual Party & Meeting.

Peter & Chessia McBride were thanked for hosting today's meeting & party. Chessia urged for a volunteer to host the August 24 party.

Environment: Ben Schlatka reported that he has been playing phone tag with Marshall Dix, the new road manager. Ben was directed by Bob Bois to follow up about setting up one of the town's 2 road speed signs.

Watershed Committee - reported by Will Melton: All 10 committee members showed up for their zoom meeting. Their next meeting will be hybrid, live & Zoom.

Subcommittees: Lake Wise (Carol Bois); Property evaluations by the state. Lake Raponda has reached Gold Status. Only 4 lakes in the state have achieved this status. Members were urged to have their properties evaluated. The Town Beach has some erosion. A limited amount of sand can be added.

Friends of Trails is a group devoted to the hiking trails of Wilmington and environs. Carol Bois is on this committee. See Carol or Alan Baker to get on the list.

Greeters, Bob Brody. One greeter this summer turned someone away because his boat carried an invasive species.

NEW BUSINESS

This was the 1st year that members could vote electronically for new officers & trustees. Andrea Glenn, Clerk, reported that 12 people requested electronic ballots by the August 2nd deadline. Of the 12 ballots sent on August 7th, 8 were returned. The results were mostly unanimous in favor of the proposed slate.

A voice vote for each officer was held and the following officers & trustees were elected for a 2-year term:

President, Ann Loughran

Vice President, Paul Scrudato

Treasurer, Tammy Adams

Clerk, Andrea Glenn

Trustees: Chessia McBride, Chair, Social & Membership; Ben Schlatka, Chair, Boating and Road Safety; Ted Blackburn (Committee tbd)

Bob Bois listed some of the accomplishments of the LRA in the past 2 years: Amended By-Laws; Increase in transparency; a Membership Survey that documented member's priorities; new written lists of officer's responsibilities.

Jeremy Wayne suggested that there be a lake-wide push to clean up the areas surrounding the Lake (especially of cans). It was agreed that this was an excellent task for Spring, 2024.

George Bragg, longtime LRA member passed away on August 10, 2023. Doug Tucker, who also was a past member and lived in TX passed away this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm and the party started.