

RCCCLA Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2017 – 9:00am

Present: *Rad Royer, Nancy Erickson, Jim Marr, Tom Hintz, Bob Sandin, Tom Wierzbicki, Jon Wittnebel, Ejie Hanson, Jay Hanson, Gordy Lusian, Brad Smith, Rick West, Jon Williams*

1. Call to order
2. Approval of last minutes – 2017 Annual Meeting; Approved
3. Treasurer's Report by Nancy Erickson. Present Bank Account balance is \$10,565.79 not including proceeds from T-Shirt sales. Paid Membership is 124. *Further report will be submitted in the Fall Newsletter.*
4. Old Business
 - a. **AIS** – No word on Zebra mussel sampling done in June yet
 - b. **Boat Landing** – reported by Gordy & Rad that all is going well. 294.25 hours of our assigned 400 have been used as of July 9th
 - c. **2017 Lake levels** – Jay reported steady levels for the most part with normal up's and down's due to rainfall. *Data will be reported to ____the DNR . Rick will check further with DNR regarding a State Approved sign to be placed at the access, with appropriate Stewardship Information regarding high water and shoreline erosion.*
 - d. **SECCI Dish** – Jon reported that 6 readings were taken, and results continue to be within the range of 11.5' to 18.0'. MPC is also doing the same reading/study and will be publishing results in their web site. Other comments were:
 - e. **Lake Maps w Owners** – *still need to reach out to non-member property owners*
 - f. **Buoys** – Rick. Oar's n Mine will remove as appropriate
 - g. **Loon nests** – Dick Johnson (West) & Rick West (East) All reported to be OK and will be stored ASAP
 - h. **Annual Meeting Recap** –
 - 80 members in attendance
 - We liked the location (Rabbit Lake Township Hall) and want to continue holding Annual Meeting there
 - Discussion about buying a BBQ Grill, using once a year, BUT leaving/storing it at the Hall. Motion made, Seconded & Carried to continue to look for 'our grill', and obtain approval to store in the Hall.
 - Ejie volunteered to Chair the 2018 Annual Meeting Committee
 - Rad volunteered to find a Guest Speaker (10-minutes or so, no longer)
 - i. **News Letter/Publication Date** – Ejie has requested the following data for the Fall 2017 RCCCLA Newsletter to her NLT Sept 18th:
 - Minutes of this meeting
 - Letter from Rad
 - Jessie Article
 - Treasurer Report
 - Dock Article (Rick)
 - Article or piece on Wake Boats (?)

- Some discussion on including article on # of break-in crimes on Rabbit Lake as a point of caution
 - j. **Loon Count** – Was given at Annual Meeting by Pete & Jan Becklin; West Bowl – 20 adults & 2 juveniles; East Bowl – 17 adults & 6 juveniles
 - k. **Road Site Cleanup – Fall: Oct 7 at 10am meet at Clinker access Spring: May 5, 2018)**
 - l. **Winter Social** – Date and Location are set: **January 13, 2018 @ The Bridge**
 - m. **Fish Report** – *no report*
 - n. **Beavers / Water Control** – Tom Hintz *will look into the lake level problem due to a Beaver Dam, located south of the concrete dam on the river south of Clinker.*
 - o. **Tent Worm Spraying** – The spraying operation went over well. We will continue the application process in 2018 that was started this year. Two weeks before any spraying, mail Form to Owners to complete and return to Central Plains Aviation for those wishing to be sprayed. Form will have a ‘Check-Off’ box for those that DO NOT WISH TO BE SPRAYED. Continue to include information on the organic nature of the spray itself.
 - p. **July 4th** – Brief discussion regarding when to have Boat Parade. July 4th is a Wednesday in 2018. Request was also made for a Chair Person to head activity. No further action at this time.
 - q. **RCCCLA Apparel & Facebook page** – Ejie reported Rabbit Lake T-Shirt sales went very well. She would prefer to receive ‘orders’ before ordering additional shirts. A request was made to also think of selling Rabbit Lake Sweat Shirts. Facebook page will advertise both products and request pictures.
5. New Business
- a. **Board Member List** – Reviewed and approved
 - b. **Email Format** – Word or PDF. Word approved
 - c. **Other** – Jim Marr reported being advised by MN DNR that his newly purchased Aqua-Sweeper is judged to be illegal, and any such operation of these machines on Rabbit will result in Citation’s. Several have been issued already to others, at \$300 each. These DNR actions have been reported in the last few issues of MN Outdoor News
 - d. **Place Mats / Framed Picture for sale** – Ejie, using a 1913 Map of Rabbit Lake area, showed Place Mats and Framed Mats, which could be made and sold to raise money for RCCCLA. Very attractive
 - e. **Annual Membership Fee** – Motion was made and Seconded to:
 - Create a NEW FUND for AIS Issues, by transferring \$6,000 from existing RCCCLA Fund of \$10,565.79. Purpose of the new fund to be solely directed at AIS issues and control/education opportunities that arise; and
 - Increase Annual RCCCLA Dues by \$5 to \$30, with the increase all going to the AIS Fund. Motion carried.
 - Jon *Wittnebel and Jon Williams* will write an article for the Newsletter, giving further information on the importance of this issue and inviting additional contributions from members
 - f. **AIS Identification Guide** – A publication of the U of Minnesota Extension and the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, has been purchased and distributed to some Board members
 - g. *Omit*

6. Next Meetings
 - a. Board Meeting April 7, 2018
 - b. Annual Membership Meeting May 19, 2018 @ Rabbit Lake Township Hall
7. Meeting adjourned at 10:45a.m.