

RCCCLA Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2019
9:00 am at the Wood Tick in Cuyuna

Board Members present:

- Rad Royer, Jon Williams, Jon Wittnebel, Nancy Erickson, Ejie Hanson, Jay Hanson, Gordy Lusian, Scott Ruffing, Ed Laughton, Kim Sandstrom, Tom Hintz and Rick West
1. At 9:00 a.m., President Rad Royer called the Meeting to order.
 2. **Approval of last minutes.** Minutes from the last meeting were approved without modification.
 3. **Treasurer Report.**
 - a. The September 2018 Bank Account's opening balance was 13,093.13, expenses were \$1,218.50 and the closing balance was \$11,874.63. Expenses consisted of West Bend Liability Insurance of \$889, T-shirts and stamps. The possibility for less expensive insurance should be investigated. 2018 Membership was 123.
 - b. The Bank Account's March 2019 ending balance is \$15,486.21. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) makes up \$8,487.57 of the total account's balance. 2019 Membership is currently at 97 members.

Old Business

1. Committee chair reports/Updates/changes

a. AIS – Jon Wittnebel & Jay Hanson.

- i. No new information was available and reported.

b. Boat landing inspection – Rad Royer

- i. The Rabbit Lake Access has been allocated 300 hours of AIS Inspector hours in 2019. This is the same allocation as 2018 but is 100 hours lower than the allocation in 2017.
 1. All 300-hour landings will be staffed from 9:00am to 5:00pm (8 hour shifts), Saturday and Sunday, from Walleye opener through the 1st weekend in September.
- ii. Tom Hintz and Gordy took AIS inspector training in May of 2018.

c. Lake Level – Jay Hanson

- i. No information was reported.

d. Secchi dick – Jon Wittnebel

- i. Rabbit Lake Secchi disk readings in 2018 ranged from 11-17 feet. The average was 13-13.5 feet. The lower readings were in August. Lake clarity has stayed consistent.

e. Lake map with owners / board lists – New members - Rad Royer

- i. Rad broke up landowners map/list into 7 lists and teams. Team Captains were assigned with Board Members assigned to each captain. Each team is responsible to canvass their list for new members for 2019 and/or to sign-up past members who have yet not paid for 2019.
- ii. Rad will bring this owners/board list to the July 20th Annual Membership Meeting.

f. Buoys – Rick West

- i. Three new buoys were received from Crow Wing County. We were short two buoys and one was bad. The new buoys all contain new chains and weights. Oars and Mine will put all of the buoys in as they have done historically.

g. Loon nests / put away– W –Dick Johnson – E – Rick West

- i. Rick reported that the nests are ready for installation in the East Basin when the ice is out. Dick Johnson was not in attendance but he historically has taken care of installing the nests in the West Basin.

h. Annual Meeting – July 20, 2019 – Ejie Hanson

- i. Ejie is working on a menu change for this meeting (e.g. pulled pork sandwiches).

i. Newsletters/publication date/ – Ejie Hanson

- i. Reports/information is due to Ejie by Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

j. Loon count – given at Annual meeting - Pete & Jan Backlin

- i. The Backlins will again conduct the lake loon survey with the DNR in July.

k. Road side cleanup -May 4th -9 am – Rick West

- i. Rick will be unavailable. Kim Sandstrom volunteered to replace Rick for the cleanup coordination activities.

l. Winter social 2019 report – Ejie Hanson

- i. Ejie reported that 53 people attended.
- ii. A Crow Wing County Sheriff attended to answer questions about recent burglaries and steps homeowners can take to prevent future ones.

m. Fish/past survey – Stan Nagorski

- i. Stan was not present so no report was made. Members can access the DNR website and the Lake Surveys tab there for Rabbit Lake Survey information.

o. Beavers / Water Control – Tom Hintz

- a. Tom Hintz reported that at this point in time we don't need a permit to trap beavers. We are currently in the Open Season which is October 27-May 15. We will need a permit starting May 15 which Tom will get. Tom will instruct Jim Hiller to monitor/go into Clinker Lake and the Carlson Creek to trap beaver when, and as is, needed.
- b. The usual \$1,000 Budget was approved for Tom to use for Beaver Trapping Fees.
- c. It was recommended, and agreed, to invite Don Nyvold to the next meeting to talk about the Beaver Dam removal work that he has undertaken.

p. Tent worm/spraying – Jon Wittnebel

- a. The fee for spraying will be \$65 again for up to 1 acre of spraying. Jon will coordinate this again this year.
- b. It was discussed, and agreed, that payment before Monday, May 13th will be \$65. Payment May 13th and later will be \$75. This step is being implemented in an attempt to get payment earlier so it is easier to coordinate spraying with the pilot.

- q. **July 4th** (is on Thursday in 2019) **Lake Activities/ parade of boats what day?**
 - a. The Boat Parade will be on Saturday, July 6th, at 2:30 p.m.
- r. **RCCCLA Apparel-Ejje Hanson**
- s. **RCCCLA Facebook page Ejje Hanson**
 - a. Ejje reported that we have had a good amount of traffic on our Facebook page.

New Business

- t. **AIS Detector Training – any interested individual – Rad Royer**
 - a. If anyone is interested in being trained as an AIS Detector, let Rad know.
- u. **Water testing – Rad Royer**
 - a. Rad will check with A.W. Research Laboratories, Inc on getting the lake water tested.
- v. **Other**
 - a. **Law Enforcement Update (including break-ins).** Jon Wittnebel noted that the Crow Wing County Sheriff will be at the Wolford Town Board Meeting at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3rd to provide a Law Enforcement Update including recent break-ins in the area.
- w. **Adjourn**
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Next meetings -

May 18, 2019 Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m. (8:30 social time) at the Woodtick
July 20, 2019 Annual Meeting: 10:30 a.m. at the Rabbit Lake Township Hall