

# RLAA Board Meeting Minutes for December 27 2021

Location: via socially responsible Zoom cloud meeting (due to Covid-19 pandemic)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

## Regular RLAA Board Meeting

- **Call to Order at 7:05 pm**
  - Present: George, Scott, Rick, Hente, Curt, Nick, Luke, Mike
  - Absent: Jeremy, Mark
- **Treasurer Report/Budget Update (Mike)**
  - \$12k in checking; \$3k in savings.
  - In 2021, took in about \$7,800 in dues, which was similar to 2020 collection.
    - Members paying dues up slightly vs. 2020 with lakeshore members paying \$100 (instead of \$125).
- **Business**
  - **Drawdown costs (George)**
    - For 2022 & 2023 & 2024: AIS Plant Survey (@ \$1,000); Fish Survey (@ \$3,750)
      - 2022 Fish Survey bid is \$3,750 (reduced by 1 day compared to last one done in 2014)
        - Survey will conform to DNR standards for a survey
    - I have calls in to DNR to confirm survey types and quality
      - Do we need to conduct both surveys even though it is not documented anywhere? (City has been the advocate for conducting these surveys.) Since our DNR contact is new in this position he is checking with his peers for direction.
    - We typically have City reimburse us for 50% of the total costs
    - Action: Motion by Rick (2<sup>nd</sup> by Luke) to approve funding for up to 3 AIS Plant surveys of \$1,000 each year plus 1 Fish survey for up to \$4,000. Additional Fish surveys for years 2 & 3 post-drawdown will need to be reviewed for approval later by the board.
      - Board voted 8-0 supporting the motion.
  - **Channel Dredging (Scott/Nick/George/Hente)**
    - Was channel dredging completed to our satisfaction? Can we prove it?
    - Bid from original survey company to re-survey is \$950 - \$1,200.
    - Action: It is the consensus of the board that a re-survey of the channel is not necessary. There has only been one individual questioning the project completion. The objectives of the proposal were fulfilled (area of 12' x 150' for total of 133 cubic yards were removed); it was the fault of the board not to specifically state a quantitative depth improvement.
    - Other board comments:
      - The deepest part of the channel is slightly north of center. This will need to be communicated to members for future navigation.
      - May need to put in some channel markers similar to those used for street curb/driveway boundaries, if warranted.
  - **Winter Aeration update (George)**
    - Concern about alterations done since Rick/George trenching in October
      - Hente gave a review of what the area looked like when the city fixed the adjacent storm sewer. City did not acknowledge they caused any harm to our equipment.
      - The aerator has been tested and it does continue to run as before. We hope that the diffuser hoses are not damaged.
    - Decide when to start the system and mark with our new Thin Ice signs
      - Nick noted that people have been skating on the rink over the aeration area this week.
        - Question: Can we contact those who built the rink to let them know the aerator will be turned on soon and overtake their rink?
        - Answer: We do not have contact information for those who constructed the rink. They are not shoreline members in our database (do not own shoreline property).
      - Who has the ice auger we used last year?

- Mark used his auger last year. Nick & Jeremy also have augers.
    - George will send out some dates/times in the coming weeks when to begin aeration.
  - 12/23 – Neighbors recently cleared off hockey rink over the area. Hope they did not damage any of the decoys.
- **2021 Annual Meeting (George)**
  - Tentatively plan for Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Let's touch back by February 15, 2022 to decide if conduct in person or virtual
    - In the meantime, the 2022 Dues Notices will be sent out by January 15.
- **2022 Dues (George/Mike)**
  - Notices to be sent out by e-mail and US Mail by January 15<sup>th</sup> with dues deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> (for earliest possible ice out and allow ramp code distribution)
    - 2022 dues notice has already been approved by RLAA Board
    - Pay via Check or PayPal
  - Should dues amount change back to \$125 for lakeshore residents?
    - Consensus was that since we do not have any large projects in the que for 2022, it would be preferred to keep the dues at \$100 for the year.
    - Board voted 6-3 to keep 2022 dues at \$100.
  - Should Boat Stickers for 2022 be ordered/distributed?
    - Dick Drangeid (boat ramp owner) is appreciative that we have stickers on the boats being launched on his ramp, which was at his request in 2021.
    - It was agreed by the board to continue with boat stickers in 2022.
    - Luke will come up with 2022 version and bill RLAA for the cost (was \$200 last year)
- **D & O Insurance (Rick)**
  - This item was supposed to be on the agenda for discussion. Do we want to purchase coverage for 2022 board members at the same rate as last year (\$698)? If so, do we want to fund from RLAA funds or pay out of our own pocket?
    - It was noted that as we take on more projects, there may be more of a need to have this coverage.
    - Future potential board members may find this coverage beneficial and may be more likely to volunteer to serve.
    - George stated that at least 2 other Maple Grove lake associations carry this coverage and pay for it from their association funds. Also, some neighborhood associations do the same.
    - Action: Rick made a motion to renew policy for 2022 at same quoted rate and to have the premium paid for from RLAA funds. The motion was seconded by Luke. Motion passed 8-0.
- **Open Officer Positions (President/Vice President) (Rick)**
  - We have briefly discussed this before. It would be ideal if we have a President and Vice President positions filled to go along with Treasurer (Mike) and Secretary (George)
    - Rick and Scott indicated they would like to see some of the newer members take on these positions. Those who have served for many years may be closer to retirement from the board.
  - Do we have any nominations from the floor?
    - There were no nominations at this time. George will send out a reminder that we are looking to fill these positions.
- **Adjournment at 8:15 pm**