

**The Lake Raponda Association, Inc.
Minutes of Trustees' Meeting, July 13, 2021, by Zoom**

In attendance: Will Melton (President), Bob Bois (Vice President), Michaelanne Widness (Treasurer), Eliza Childs (Clerk), Ben Schlatka (Roads & Property), Andrea Glenn (Clerk-to-be)
Absent: John Meyer (Water & Boating), Beth Brody (Social & Welfare), Bob Brody

The meeting of Trustees began by Zoom at 12:05 p.m.

1. August elections. Carol Bois is the only inherited member of the Nominating Committee as we have lost Tom Grant, Craig Llewellyn, and Jim Shukie. Will has appointed Tammy Adams to serve on the committee. He will also serve.

2. Proposal for Grant Committee. We have two entities, the Lake Raponda Environmental Foundation (LREF), which is a 501(c)3, and the association, which is not. It was proposed that we leave the two entities intact and establish a Grants Committee, formed of the board members of LREF and co-chaired by the president (currently Tom Laughlin) and treasurer (John Meyer) of LREF, with both serving on the LRA board. The Grant Committee would be responsible for determining how/what to fund, passing its recommendations by LRA for endorsement. This plan will be presented at the August meeting of the Trustees. It can be evaluated a year from now.

3. Welcoming newcomers. Tammy Adams suggested to Will a welcome wagon-type greeting to new property owners, giving them information about the lake and lake practices. Tammy volunteered to do this. Will has forwarded the idea to Beth Brody. This sort of initiative falls under the umbrella of the Social Committee.

4. Water quality reclassification/A(1) initiative. A committee, headed by Ann Loughran and composed (so far) of Scott Kurtzman, Jack Widness, Bob Brody, and Chris Zizza has been formed to develop a communication plan about the A(1) initiative and prepare a motion for the August meeting. We are reaching beyond the LRA membership with this committee: Chris Zizza is a member of Mountain View, and we are looking for someone from the Landing to represent their views. Mike suggested contacting Marc Klahr. The committee is planning outreach and information sessions for members and will present the idea at the August Annual Meeting and bring it to a vote: is LRA for or against asking the state to reclassify Raponda as an A(1) lake.

Marie Caduto, Watershed Planner for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, DEC, will be a special guest at the August meeting.

5. Why I belong to LRA. Andrea, who is working on a mailing--Why I belong to LRA-- to send to prospective LRA members, asked what streets/addresses were eligible for membership under the bylaws. Bob Bois referred her to Article II, Section 1 of the 2011 amendment to the bylaws.

6. Wake boats. The question of wake boats arose at the Stated Meeting. The wake boat issue is being explored by an ad hoc group of Vermont lakeshore property owners who are developing a petition for submission to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to begin to manage wake boats on small, shallow Vermont lakes. It is likely to lead to a proposal to the legislature about wake boats. Jack Widness is a member of this group. A motion was made and passed that the board recommends taking no action on wake boats at this time, that we await the decision/action of this group

7. Liability insurance. Will, assisted by Bob Brody, has been exploring liability insurance for the LRA. The LRA has become more active. Whereas in the past it was primarily a social organization it has taken on an environmental awareness aspect and sponsors more activities. People have declined election to the board without liability insurance. Liability insurance would cover all activities of LRA, including those of the Grant Committee (LREF).

At the August meeting Will plans to propose an increase of 50 percent (to \$60 if paid by June 30, \$75 thereafter) of the current dues (now \$40/\$50). The increase would cover the cost of liability insurance. It was noted that LRA has been slow to raise dues. They were \$30 for many years, raised to \$40 only in 2018. The LRA had become a more active organization and offers more programs. For the past two years we have had grant money to help fund these, but in coming years we may have to fund such programs ourselves.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11.