

## RLAA Board Meeting minutes from April 21 2024

Objective: Discuss several items, primarily how to handle a person who will be renting a dues-paying shoreline property for the duration of the outdoor boating season and bringing in their own boat to use on the lake.

Meeting held via a Zoom call (Scott - thanks for hosting!) from 3:00-4:15 pm.

### Attendees:

Hente Braam	Mike Thiede	Jeremy Coenen	George Schneider	Scott Roeglin
Curt Putland	Zach Frey	Nick Mannel	Rick Stulac	

Unable to attend: Mark Ellingson

### Topics

1. Zach Frey introduced himself to the board and explained his desire to be a director. Welcome Zach!
2. Renter bringing in their own watercraft to use on Rice Lake for the 2024 boating season.
3. Review and respond with any changes to the Annual Meeting presentation drafted by Hente, Mike and George.
4. New prospective board member (Gary Shubinsky) recommended by Nick Mannel.
5. Housekeeping items:
  - a. Who wants to take charge of ordering pizza for the annual meeting? Rick did it last year.
  - b. Probably will be putting out buoys either of the next 2 weekends; more to come on this soon.

*Note: The secretary was tardy by 20 minutes in joining the call due to technical issues, so comments and conversations prior to that time may not be included in these minutes.*

### Meeting Details

1. Discussion about what the private ramp owners experience and expect with boat ramp behavior/activities.
  - a. Key Issues: People who abuse ramp privileges; non-dues paying ramp users; those who profit from ramp usage.
2. How should RLAA handle the renter bringing in their own boat for the 2024 boating season?
  - a. Comments:
    - i. Whatever RLAA decides must be approved by the ramp owners.
    - ii. We currently do not have any guidelines about this type of usage.
    - iii. The rental property was previously used by numerous different parties during a boating season and was frowned upon by the ramp owners.
  - b. Suggested action: Board should come up with a policy for usage and communicate that to all members. This needs to be done before the renter puts in their watercraft.
    - i. Property owners should accompany the renter to the boat ramp when they launch their watercraft.
  - c. Ideas:
    - i. Code of Usage policy (Zach Frey suggestion)
    - ii. Boat Ramp reminder e-mail (Scott/George) sent in July 2023.
  - d. Action Items:
    - i. Draft a policy document which can be presented to the ramp owner. (*George with Scott*)
      - Review with board before presenting to ramp owner. (*George/Scott/Jeremy*)
    - ii. Communicate this policy document to all members.
3. Annual Meeting presentation deck
  - a. There were no requests to change the content; go with the current draft as the final version.
4. New Board member – Gary Shubinsky
  - a. Nick nominated and Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor (9-0). Gary will be board member #11.
5. Housekeeping items:
  - a. It was suggested Gary order pizza for the annual meeting. Gary can reach out to Rick for direction.
  - b. George will communicate to the board when to put out buoys.
6. Other Items

- a. Future ramp use once current owners sell the property. (Scott)
  - i. May be best to set up a committee to discuss this going forward. Other entities (City, MGPD, MGFD, TRPD, DNR, HCWP) all have a vested interest in on-going access to the lake.
  - ii. Need to come up with a back-up plan in case we lose this only access.
- 7. Use of RLAA funds for future projects
  - a. We will need to be ready to address this question if it comes up at the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.