



# Board Meeting Minutes

## September 25, 2025

**Present:** Roger Amborn, Susan Halvorson, Cindy Hnatek, Mary Jackson, Lydia Jordahl, Eric Kaiser, Rick Liljegren, Al Makynen, Cindy Richey, Skip Van Kessel

**Absent:** None

1. August 2025 minutes were approved; motion by Rick, second by Susan, and approval from all members.
2. Treasurer report (Al)
  - a. “Cash” balances include \$8,257 in the checking account and two \$10,000 CDs.
  - b. YTD expenses are \$14,889 vs revenues of \$19,346. Remaining expenses for the season will include year-end maintenance and the volunteer thank you celebration.
  - c. Treasurer report was approved; motion by Lydia, second by Eric, and approval from all members.
3. Sponsorship/fund raising
  - a. Roger resent letters in early August to seven organizations that have taken rides but have not yet provided support this season – to date, one has contributed to SLRE.
  - b. A draft letter to facilities to thank them for bringing residents on rides this summer and to ask them to consider including a contribution to SLRE in their 2026 budgets was discussed; Mary to provide a revised letter for Roger to email in October.
  - c. Since traditional sponsorships from facilities have been declining, new sponsorship ideas were discussed. They include approaching local businesses for being included in their “adding up” campaigns at check out.
4. Boat (Roger)
  - a. Costs for replacement of the water pump and a compression test of \$350 were approved. This maintenance work is tentatively planned for approximately May 1, 2026 by RJ Sport & Cycle.
  - b. Volunteers are to be recruited to empty and pull the boat from the water before October 13. Volunteers will also be sought to help in dock removal, beginning October 13.
  - c. The boat will go into storage in Proctor on October 24.
5. 2025 season
  - a. Susan reported that 99 trips were scheduled during the 2025 season, with 26 cancelled due to weather/smoke, or by the facility due to their issues.
  - b. Twenty facilities responded to a brief survey on trip times and dates; more than half indicated that no changes were needed to the schedule. Increased communications between captains and facilities will be encouraged to determine trip length for each trip.
6. Volunteers
  - a. Final details for the volunteer appreciation dinner on Thursday, October 2 at the American Legion located at 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue West were discussed. To date, 47 volunteers and plus ones had RSVPed. Rick will finalize the menu with Valentini’s for 55 people. Roger will make general comments and Susan will

discuss the DECC volunteer opportunities.

7. Misc.

- a. Board position descriptions will be developed in response to our two identified areas of need. Current volunteers are being approached as to their availability and interest in board positions.
- b. A thank you note from Chum for the Bob Vavrosky donation is attached.

*Submit any agenda items for the next meeting to Roger the week of October 6.*

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 16 – 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time** – Theater Room (second floor), Duluth Heights Lodge, 724 Maple Grove Road 55811

**2025 meetings**

November 20, 2025 (tentative)

December 18, 2025 (tentative)

Submitted by Mary Jackson, Secretary