

SPECIAL RAMS BOARD MEETING*
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2015
6:00 p.m.
NE Service Co-op

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Tim Riordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the absence of President Craig Pulford who is very ill.

B. ROLL CALL

Tim Riordan took roll call.

Present: Tim Riordan, Carlene Perfetto, Pat Garrity, Steve Giorgi, Bob Larson, Ray Svatos, Charles Baribeau, Robert Olson, Herb Sellars, Ed Zabinski, Jim Fisher, Deron Stender, Mark Adams, Ray Marsnik

Absent: Craig Pulford, Bill Hendricks, Deb Wavernack, John Berklich, Warren Stolp, Dave Worshek, John Tuorila

Others present signed a register. Tim Riordan has the visitor register.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Fisher made a motion supported by Steve Giorgi to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2014 meeting. Motion prevailed.

D. BOARD MEMBERS REQUESTED AGENDA

1. Annual Meeting
2. Constitution and By-Laws
3. Clarification of Executive Director's Job Duties

1. Annual Meeting

Charles Baribeau asked and was reassured that everything is set for the annual meeting.

Charles Baribeau nominated himself for President with support from Dave Lislegard. Dave Lislegard nominated Mark Skelton, Mayor of Hoyt Lakes to a 2-year Board Director position with support from Charles Baribeau.

Carlene Perfetto removed herself from the ballot for President.

There was discussion regarding board membership. Current By-Laws give members until May 1st to pay their dues before they are dropped from membership in RAMS. Tim Riordan distributed a draft of the ballot that will be used at the Annual RAMS Meeting. In addition, individuals may be nominated from the floor. Each entity (city, town, school district) receives one vote in an election.

2. Constitution and By-Laws

Charles Baribeau distributed copies of the Constitution and By-Laws. This topic had been discussed at previous meetings as an issue that needs the Board's attention. Dave Lislegard and Charles Baribeau passed around a handout "Restructure of RAMS." Discussion followed regarding RAMS moving forward. There again was a call for the Board of Directors to become more engaged. Revisiting the use of committee structure was brought up as a means to address specific issues with reports back to the full Board for their approval.

There have been problems with files, e-mail and outdated office technology in the RAMS office. These issues should soon be resolved to eliminate any problems moving forward.

3. Clarification of Executive Director's Job Duties

The board members have all seen a copy of the Executive Director Agreement. It reads that the person in this position does not lobby. The Board of Directors would determine if the services of a lobbyist is needed and would hire this individual. The Executive Director is on a leave of absence and has never been on the payroll.

Carlene Perfetto made a motion supported by Ray Marsnik that the next board meeting be held on Thursday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the NE Service Co-op. Motion prevailed.

E. ADJOURN

Bob Olson made a motion to adjourn supported by Pat Garrity. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Backman
Office Secretary

*RAMS Board members requesting this meeting: Charles Baribeau, Ed Zabinski, Herb Sellars, Steve Giorgi, Ray Svatos, Dave Worshek