

## **CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)**

**Board of Directors meeting  
Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 4:00 p.m.  
Roundhouse Brewery, Nisswa, MN**

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Nick Bernier, Jodi Billy, Tony Coffey, Phil Hunsicker

Board members absent: Sarah Fogderud (ex-officio), Kent Montgomery (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 by Phil Hunsicker, acting president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting. Ann Beaver distributed and briefly went through her treasurer's report. Current 2022 membership stands at 17. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

**CWEPA Fund grants** The current amount of grant funds available to award is \$7,800. Board members discussed possible ways to advertise this grant opportunity and other ways of finding worthy projects. Phil Hunsicker volunteered to write up something for use in Don Hickman's next environmental newsletter and for inclusion in area newspapers. After reviewing the requirements for grant projects, Tony Coffey said he would check with a contact he has at the Pequot Lakes Middle School regarding educational opportunities. He also said WAPOA has an educational project in mind that would likely qualify for a grant. He would check with the person in charge of it.

**Future of LARA** Ann reminded board members that Sandy Holm resigned from the Board on May 1, she and Tom will be stepping down from the Board in July, and Phil stepped back from major Board responsibilities last fall. Nick said he wasn't sure how much longer he would be able to serve on the Board. Phil said there are three people he had contacted last fall who might consider joining the Board, but they wanted to meet with one or two board members to discuss the responsibilities and time commitment involved in being a board member. He will try to set up a meeting with them yet this spring. Ann asked if, with things as they stand at present, LARA had a future. Tony said he felt LARA was really needed in the county and he would be willing to take on the leadership role to ensure that LARA would continue to exist and function. Ann said in that case she would be willing to continue for a few extra months as secretary/treasurer to help out and Tom would remain on the Board for the same amount of time. Board members thanked Tony for his willingness to add this responsibility to the many he already has as president of WAPOA.

**Next meeting** The Board decided to meet again on Tuesday, June 7, at 4:00 p.m., place to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary