

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

**Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 4:00 p.m.
Zoom virtual meeting**

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Nick Bernier, Jodi Billy, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Sarah Fogderud (ex-officio), Phil Hunsicker, Mike O'Brien

Board members absent: Tony Coffey, Sandy Holm, Kent Montgomery (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2020 virtual meeting. Ann Beaver noted in her treasurer's report the receipt of \$50 in dues from one lake association and the expense of \$106 for the web site. The only additional expected expense this year is the \$100 insurance bond which will come due this month. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

John Sumption, Northern Waters Land Trust, was expected to join the meeting but was unable to. He will be invited to the October meeting.

2020 Environmental Forum Eleanor Burkett reported that the Forum will take place on Wednesday, October 28. Larry Kellerman will again serve as the moderator. Invitations to the candidates will go out soon. Very few questions have been submitted so far, so the Board directed Ann Beaver, secretary, to send out reminders to LARA members on September 14. She was also asked to resend the link for submitting questions to the LARA Board members as soon as possible. Eleanor is checking on Zoom security. She said the Forum may have to be a Zoom Webinar to ensure greater security. If so, it would cost \$40 for a month. LARA could pay the entire amount or it could be shared by all three sponsoring organizations. A motion was made, seconded and carried for LARA to spend up to \$40 for a month of Zoom webinar.

LARA by-laws review Ann Beaver had noted some discrepancies between the organization's by-laws and how some things are currently being done. She had emailed the by-laws to Board members for their information. Mike O'Brien, Phil Hunsicker, and Jodi Billy agreed to work on amendments to the by-laws that would correct the discrepancies. Once agreed to by the Board, the amendments would need to be submitted to LARA's member association contacts for approval.

Other business:

Wake boat issue Jodi Billy reported that the University of Minnesota's St. Anthony Falls Laboratory Healthy Waters Initiative Project has raised the \$96,000 needed for Phase 1 of the study. Phase 2 will involve "citizen science". The funds needed are not yet known. Jodi will send the Board information on the study and if LARA wants to contribute towards Phase 2 a motion can be made at a future board meeting.

The next Zoom board meeting will be Tuesday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary