

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 4:00 p.m. Jackpine Brewery, Baxter, MN

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Nick Bernier, Sandy Holm, Phil Hunsicker

Board members absent: Jodi Billy, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Kent Montgomery (ex-officio), Mike O'Brien

The meeting was called to order by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 board meeting (the last meeting at which there was a quorum). Ann Beaver gave an oral treasurer's report stating there had been no financial activity since the last meeting and citing the current checking account and CD balances. Total assets are just under \$10,000. She also said the 2019 membership letters would be mailed in early February.

LARA website and newsletter Since no one in the LARA membership volunteered to oversee either of these items, Mike O'Brien told Phil he could take over website duties, as he does it for his lake association. Ann Beaver said she could do the newsletter if no one objected to a much less professional look, since she does her lake association newsletter.

MN COLA's "Grassroots Action Agenda" Board members reviewed the six items and the many sub items on the MN COLA list of actions and agreed it was too bad the actions hadn't been prioritized. Exactly what was going to be done regarding the listed actions was unclear. Phil said he would try to get more information from MN COLA regarding the "Agenda".

CWEPA Fund Phil gave an update on the CWEPA Fund Committee's efforts to revise how the Fund's annual earnings can be used. It has become very hard to find applicants for the current grant system. Committee members are working with the Initiative Foundation and Don Hickman to find a more efficient way to utilize the funds that are available each year.

New County Commissioners Newly elected commissioners Bill Brekken and Steve Barrows present a possible opportunity for LARA to once again work with the County on various issues. Board members suggested setting up a meeting with them in the spring.

Next board meeting To be determined based on need and board members available.

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary