

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 4:00 p.m. Roundhouse Brewery, Brainerd, MN

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Nick Bernier, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Phil Hunsicker, Kent Montgomery (ex-officio)

Board members absent: Jodi Billy, Sandy Holm, 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 June 5, 2018 board meeting. Ann Beaver distributed her treasurer's report and noted dues income of \$200 and the donations to the National Loon Center and the MN AIS Research Center. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report. Ann also reported that LARA membership stood at 27 lake associations, fewer than at this time in past years. Six 2017 members had not yet renewed their membership and two former members had joined again.

Electronic annual meeting Discussion resulted in the following items to be included in the "meeting" sent to member lake association contacts in September: treasurer's report, LARA's 2018 accomplishments, current member list, recruitment of board members (Phil agreed to write something), and reelection of board members whose terms expire in 2018. Also, the secretary was directed to email member association contacts before September asking if there is anything (projects, accomplishments, concerns, etc.) they would like LARA to share with others via the electronic annual meeting.

Use of AIS videos LARA helped fund The link to these videos is currently on the LARA web site. The links should be sent to LARA members for their use. The secretary was directed to do this.

Website content Webmaster Sharon Herwig had asked if she should post information on "living green" on the LARA website's resources page. Board members felt she should. Eleanor Burkett offered to check with SWCD to see if it had shoreland restoration information/links that LARA could post on its website.

LARA representation at MNCOLA meetings Phil said when he attends he has to represent the DNR, so he asked if other board members were interested in/able to attending the meetings representing LARA. None of the board members present were available or interested in doing so. He will check with Jodi Billy and Mike O'Brien, who have attended these meetings in the past, to see if they could continue to do so on LARA's behalf.

Other business Eleanor said she had contacted Pam Perry about organizing a candidates' forum to be held in September, since Pam had been a key person in organizing past candidate forums. She said Pam had agreed to look into what all would be necessary. The lead organization and person for such an event is yet to be determined. Eleanor has set up a Doodle Poll and sent it to past participants in organizing the forum to learn who is interested in helping this year and to decide on a date to start the forum's planning. LARA has provided support for past forums in the form of manpower and refreshments at the forum and board members agreed to continue in that role and perhaps assist in additional ways.

Next meeting The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7 at 4:00 p.m., location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary