CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
First Western Bank, Nisswa, MN

Board members present: Nick Bernier, Tony Coffey, Mike Bosquez, Susan Koering, Michael McDaid, Sarah Fogderud, Alan Albrecht

Board members absent: Carrie Ruud, Bob Noll

Board Update: Jodi Billy has resigned effective today.

Guests: Mark Casey

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05P.M. by Tony Coffey, President.
2. Nick introduced our guest – Mark Casy, Board member of Mission Lakes Association and the author of "Loving our Lakes to DEATH".
3. Motion to approve September 9, 2025, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's report – In Jodi's absence, Tony gave the financial report.
    - Checking account funds available as of today - $13,908 One check/debit at $1,665.00 for the Happy Hour. One service charge – debit – for $4.00
    - 6-month (3.25%) CD #1239702 total $4,483.04 matures 11/17/2025. Renewed in May for 6 months. Tony will initiate discussions with the bank and understand the rates for 6-9 month CD's.
    - 1 year (4.0%) CD #1239701 total $5,545.00 matures 1/17/2026.
    - **Total Funda available: $23,936.54.**

    - MN COLA Membership Renewal – Tony suggested that the membership to MN COLA was beneficial to LARA and the motion was made and passed that LARA re-up with our membership of $150/year.
5. CWEPA Request – Clearwater Forest. Sarah asked we table this to the next meeting.
6. LARA Membership Renewals – Bay Lake requested a membership form, but we have not seen if it came in yet.
7. Member lake associations would fund the training hours for the people assigned by resorts to attend training. Sarah will add links to newsletters and other relevant publications to the LARA website.
8. Middle Cullen lake had a successful Starry Stonewort treatment. Using bottom hoses they were able to reduce the biomass significantly.

9. Tony will publish the take aways from the Happy hour survey. One in particular – A talent survey could give us an appreciation of the people we have around us and the capability they can bring to LARA
10. Alert Kathy Jonsrud at MNCOLA or Susan Koering if you can help on Dec 3&4 with the booth at Grandview Lodge
11. Newsletter Articles:

- Early Detection Volunteer Program – Carrie/Shannon Watters
- Resort Owner Program – Alan
- Starry Stonewort Research Project Update – Tony to ask Mike Verhoeven
- CWEPA Grant to Cullen Lakes Association – Sarah?
- Seaweed (aquatic plants) as fertilizer – Alan and Nick
- Happy Hour Wrap Up – Tony
- Board Member Changes, Retiring and New – Tony
- Other
    - Highlight a member association and lake
- Lake Steward Program – Michael B.

12. No other business
13. Next Scheduled Meeting is November 4 at the First Western Bank, Nisswa
14. Motion to adjourn was passed at 4:15pm

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of guests
3. Approval of minutes of September 9, 2025 board meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
    a. MN COLA Membership Renewal
5. CWEPA Request – Clearwater Forest
6. LARA Membership Renewals
7. LARA Education and Awareness Initiatives
    a. Resort Owner Program – Discussion
        i. Program Initiatives
        ii. Association Letter
        iii. Timelines
8. AIS Update
    a. Rush Lake/Middle Cullen Lake Starry Stonewort 2025 Plan Update
    b. CWC AIS Prevention Plan – LARA Membership Survey
9. LARA 2025 Happy Hour Survey comments – action plan
10. MN COLA Booth help, Grandview Lodge, Dec 3 & 4
11. Newsletter Articles – (See page 2)
12. Other business/announcements
13. Next Scheduled Meeting: TBD
14. Adjourn