CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
First Western Bank, Nisswa, MN

Board members present: Nick Bernier, Tony Coffey, Carrie Ruud, Susan Koering, Michael McDaid, Bob Noll

Board members absent: Mike Bosquez, Sarah Fogderud, Alan Albrecht,

Guests: Jon Lubke

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:04P.M. by Tony Coffey, President.
2. Motion to approve October 7, 2025, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's report – Tony gave the financial report.
    - Checking account funds available as of today - $12,100 One check/debit at $32.29. One check for $100.00 for insurance bond.
    - 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.
    - CWEPA funds available - $12,000
    - **Total Funda available: $23,803.96.**
    - Motion was made to Approve the -CNA Surety Bond – Motion passed
    - Motion was made to Approve the Minnesota Lakes and River Dues of $150.00 – Motion passed
4. CWEPA Request – Clearwater Forest. Clearwater Forest asked to put the request on hold till after the first of the year.
5. LARA Membership Renewals – a discussion determined that last year the forms were sent in February, so we have time in December or January to discuss this
6. LARA Education and Awareness Initiatives – Resort owner program was tabled due to Alan's absence.
7. AIS Update –
    a. Rush Lake/Middle Cullen Lake /starry Stonewort 2025 plan – Update, they found almost nothing in the hand pull that was conducted. Still some biomass in the area. Used Komeen-Descend in the application (copper based).

b. CWC 2025 AIS Prevention Plan – Tony was looking for comments from LARA that he can provide to the AIS meeting. There was a discussion on the requirement to have approval from each property owner to treat the area proximal their property on a lake for AIS treatment. Lake Ossie described the issue they face with Milfoil and the issue from upstream lakes. They spent $2M over 10+ years to control it and now the risk it may come back to Lake Ossie.
c. Many want training on AIS, and we need to see where that can be completed.

8. CWC Land Use ordinance Proposed Updates. There is a document circulating that has language that has been adjusted and improved. This document centers on new permit requests with efforts to increase the environmental impact on the lakes. The document looks to create a 70/30 balance of natural shoreline buffer and a recreation area.
9. Newsletter Articles – Need to postpone to next meeting for Sarah
10. Other business /announcements – Mission Lakes LID – Mission lake is asking for a letter of recommendation for Mision lakes to initiate a LID. The motion was made to have the letter of recommendation and the motion passed. There is a meeting on Nov12th at Emily city hall at 6:00pm. North Star Manganese Inc. will be making a presentation to the Emily City Council about the proposed mining in that area.
11. Nest scheduled meeting – December 2, 3:00-4:15 at First Western Bank, Nisswa, MN
12. Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of guests
3. Approval of minutes of October 7, 2025 board meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
    a. Approve: CNA Surety Bond
    b. Approve: Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Dues
5. CWEPA Request – Clearwater Forest
6. LARA Membership Renewals
7. LARA Education and Awareness Initiatives
    a. Resort Owner Program – Discussion
        i. Association Letter
8. AIS Update
    a. Rush Lake/Middle Cullen Lake Starry Stonewort 2025 Plan Update
    b. CWC 2025 AIS Prevention Plan – LARA Comments
9. CWC Land Use Ordinance Proposed Updates – LARA Comments
    a. Bob Karls, Cedar Lake Association - Comments
10. Newsletter Articles – (See page 2)
11. Other business/announcements
12. Next Scheduled Meeting: TBD
13. Adjourn

Financial Statement