CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 14, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
First Western Bank, Nisswa, MN

Board members present: Nick Bernier, Tony Coffey, Dave Peterson, Jodi Billy (Zoom), Sarah Fogderud (Zoom), Carrie Ruud (Zoom), Alan Albrecht (Zoom), and Mike Bosquez (Zoom)

Guests: Susan Koering, Pelican Lake Association, Jon Lubke, District 2 County Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Tony Coffey, President.

Motion to approve June 2, 2025, Board meeting minutes by Nick, second by Jodi. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Dave gave the financial report.

- Checking account funds available as of 6/30/2025 - $21,253.74. A $50.00 was made today.
- 6-month (3.25%) CD #1239702 total $4,483.04 matures 11/17/2025. Renewed in May for 6 months.
- 1 year (4.0%) CD #1239701 total $5,545.00 matures 1/17/2026.
- **Total Funds available: $31,331.78.**

LARA Membership Renewals –
Currently we have 28 members. New since last month is Upper Hay Lake Association who wasn't a member last year. Sarah and Alan are developing a list of possible new members.

2025 AIS Roundtable Update –
Total expenses came to $1150. We pledged $500. Jodi will reimburse WAPOA the $500. She will also reimburse Tony for the PO Box and Dave for Secretary supplies.

LARA Education and Awareness Initiatives

- Resort Owner Program –Tony talked to Mitch Brinks about the previous program 12-13 years ago. Alan sent out 12 letters to resorts and received 6 replies. Plans to contact the lake associations also. Possible use of CWEPA funds for training resort inspectors was discussed.

WAPOA Starry Stonewort 2025 Plan/CWC lake Association Update

- WAPOA completed it's first treatment.
- Middle Cullen – possibly giving them a CWEPA grant for treatment as they have limited funds.

LARA 2025 Happy Hour – Increasing Membership In Your Lake Association

- August 26, 2025, 4-6:00 PM
- Gather on 3
- Topics – Starry Stonewort efforts in CWC. Speaker – Camden Droppo

Other Business

- Dave is leaving the board after the August meeting.
- Wake boats and the availability of lake mapping from MN Lakes and Rivers.

- Alan – brought up communication with our members. Numerous ways were mentioned: meetings, zoom, emails, or newsletters. No decision was made and further discussion needed.
- CWC Starry TREK – August 9th

Next meeting: August 12, 2025, 3-4:15 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 P.M.

By Dave Peterson

Secretary