

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors' Meeting Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 4:00 p.m. Arrowwood Lodge, Baxter, MN

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Nick Bernier, Eleanor Burkett, Sandy Holm, Phil Hunsicker, Mike O'Brien

Board members absent: Jodi Billy

The meeting was called to order by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 board meeting. Ann Beaver gave an oral treasurer's report saying the only financial activity since the last meeting was the receipt of dues from several lake associations. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

LARA annual meeting The annual meeting is set for Wednesday, August 17 at the Lake Edward Town Hall. Board members should arrive by 6:15 p.m. to help set up and get things organized and the meeting will begin at 7:00. Arlene Jones, from The Farm at St. Mathias, is the speaker. She will talk about the farm uses sustainable practices and is a partner in protecting the lake and river watershed. Board members volunteered to bring various refreshments and materials. Mike O'Brien will check with the speaker on media needs and Eleanor Burkett said she can provide the equipment if needed. Phil Hunsicker reviewed the meeting agenda two items were added to it: 1) a brief presentation of LARA's past year's activities and highlights and 2) LARA's financial assistance in the water quality collaboration between Central Lakes College and Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Board members are asked to email each other any LARA highlights and activities they suggest for inclusion in that agenda item.

Newsletter ideas Newsletter editor Sharon Herwig asked that all articles for the fall newsletter be sent to her by August 26. Some ideas for articles that were discussed were a recap of the annual meeting, the October AIS Summit in St. Cloud, the Water Warrior recipient, the Lake Friendly Awards, and a final request for CWEPA Fund applications.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned shortly before 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Beaver, secretary