

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 4:00 p.m. Jack Pine Brewery, Baxter, MN

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

Board members absent: Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Kent Montgomery (ex-officio)

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 10, 2018 board meeting. Ann Beaver distributed her treasurer's report and noted dues income of \$100 and no expenses since the last meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

Electronic annual meeting Board members reviewed the list of items to be sent to the membership and decided these items should be emailed to all LARA member contacts in late August.

LARA representation at MNCOLA meetings Mike O'Brien, Jodi Billy, and Nick Bernier will continue to try to attend these meetings when possible.

Government Interaction Workshop Phil announced that MNCOLA is sponsoring this workshop for lake associations on September 25th at Douglas County Works in Alexandria from 9:30-3:00. Speakers include Paul Radomski, DNR, and Jeff Forester, MLR.

Candidates' Environmental Forum Eleanor Burkett is taking the lead, along with Lorena Maroney of the Brainerd Lakes Area Audubon Society, on the fall Candidates' Forum. It will be held Wednesday, October 24th, at the Arb at 7:00 pm. LARA is one of several sponsors. Sandy Holm said invitations have been sent to local and state candidates. Phil has been trying to contact Larry Kellerman, the moderator of past forums, to ask him to serve as moderator again, but so far he has not made contact. He will keep trying. More information on what LARA board members can help with will be available at the September board meeting.

Letter of support request John Sumption, Leech Lake Watershed Foundation, contacted Phil asking if LARA would be willing to write a letter of support to help the Foundation acquire accreditation as an organization to hold conservation easements. Ann Beaver suggested he contact former LARA board member Paula West for assistance in writing the letter, as she is a former head of the Leech Lake Watershed Foundation and would have useful information to include in a letter of support.

Harvest Dinner Phil announced that this year's Harvest Dinner will be at Sunup Ranch on August 25th. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00. Music will be provided by Hans Blix and the Weapons Inspectors, Phil's band.

Next board meeting The next board meeting will be Tuesday, September 4, 4:00 p.m., place to be determined.

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary