

## **CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)**

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Extension Office conference room, 322 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Jodi Billy (via conference call), Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Sandy Holm, Phil Hunsicker, Mike O'Brien (via Google Hangout)

Board members absent: Nick Bernier

Others present: Sharon Herwig, newsletter editor and web master

The meeting was called to order by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2016 board meeting. Ann Beaver explained she did not prepare a written treasurer's report because the only financial activity since the last meeting was the receipt of \$50 in dues.

Sharon Herwig asked the Board to approve the upcoming 3-year renewal of the LARA web hosting at a cost of approximately \$100. A motion was made, seconded and carried to authorize payment of the web hosting when the invoice arrives. Herwig next went through articles needed for the March LARA newsletter and set a deadline of February 24 to get them to her.

Phil Hunsicker reviewed the ideas for LARA priorities determined by board members at earlier meetings. He asked everyone to make their desired tweaks and suggestions and get them to him by February 24.

Mike O'Brien reported on a recent MNCOLA meeting in which he participated via conference call. He said MNCOLA has prepared talking points about which members should contact their State legislators. He will send the list to board members. Jodi Billy told the Board about a survey being developed by MNCOLA on private money spent on the control of AIS. She will keep the Board informed.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to pay the \$100 dues for 2016 membership in Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR). A motion was also made, seconded and carried to vote by proxy as per the recommendations of the MLR directors at the upcoming MLR annual meeting.

Board members decided to put off choosing a long-term meeting location. The next board meeting was set for Tuesday, March 8 (note: not the usual first Tuesday) at 4:00 in the Extension Office conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Beaver  
LARA secretary