

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

Board of Directors' Meeting  
Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 4:00 p.m.  
SWCD Office, 322 Laurel Street, Suite 22, Brainerd, MN

**Board members present:** Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Nick Bernier, Sharon Herwig, Sandy Holm, Phil Hunsicker

**Board members absent:** Jodi Billy, Scott Brand, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Mike O'Brien, Mike Simons, Harold Stewart

**Others present:** Carol Eggert, Wildwoods Resort & RV Park (on Lake Edward); Roger Palmer, Lake Edward resident

The meeting was called to order by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. The two guests introduced themselves and Board members gave their names and lake affiliation. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2014 board meeting. (Due to lack of quorums in November and December, there were no official meetings in those months.) Since there was no financial activity since the October board meeting, treasurer Ann Beaver simply gave a quick summary of LARA's 2014 membership: 38 members of which there were 34 lake/river associations, two lakes without associations, and two personal memberships. As chair of the CWEPA Fund Committee, she also reported there was only one application for the 2014 grant – Crow Wing County SWCD. The committee would be meeting in late January to consider the application.

Sharon Herwig, newsletter editor, said she would be preparing a spring newsletter to go out in March. She would assign articles at the next board meeting. Board members discussed the January timing of a strategic planning session and since only a few people would be in town to attend, they decided it would be better to wait until May when most board members would be back in the lakes area. Phil Hunsicker reported the DNR is planning a meeting for lake associations and others on the management of AIS for February 9 at the Northland Arboretum. He will keep board members updated as the plans progress.

Carol Eggert and Roger Palmer elaborated on the problems Ditch 13 is causing for Lake Edward property owners as well as people "downstream" from the lake. They expressed their frustration with the County Board and its lack of action regarding maintenance of this ditch. LARA board members gave them advice on how to go about presenting their concerns to County officials.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, same time, same place.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Beaver, secretary