

CRIW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors' meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Jackpine Brewery, Hwy. 371 Frontage Rd., Baxter, MN

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Nick Bernier, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Sandy Holm, Phil Hunsicker, Kent Montgomery (ex-officio), 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 June 6, 2017 meeting. Ann Beaver distributed her treasurer's report noting the receipt of \$50 dues and the payment of MN COLA dues, expenditures covering LARA's portion of the Lake Friendly Awards costs and the second half of the cost of producing the AIS Summit video. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report. Ann also reported that LARA has 33 member associations at this time.

Completed AIS Summit video Phil reported the AIS video is now posted on the LARA web site. Ann said she would send an email to LARA member association contacts letting them know this and telling them they may add a link to it on their own web site. Phil said that Riley, the videographer, has all the raw footage (complete interviews) and that it is LARA's property. He will check with Riley to see how we can access it when needed or desired.

LARA's next Everest Board members discussed the ideas listed on the agenda and agreed LARA's next project should be something here in Crow Wing County that the member associations can benefit from. Two items board members volunteered to check into were: 1) funding next year's training for Crow Wing County people who want to become AIS Detectors and 2) supporting the proposed Loon Center in Crosslake.

We Are Water Phil announced and briefly explained the We Are Water event planned for August 8 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Land Services Building in Brainerd.

Starry Trek event Phil explained the event which will take place on August 5. Volunteers in Minnesota and Wisconsin will look for starry stonewort at public accesses. Eleanor Burkett said she would send board members an email on an AIS identification app available for smart phones and other electronic devices.

Other business

Ann asked if the board wanted the 2017 recipient of the CWEPA Fund grant to attend an upcoming board meeting to explain their use of the funds or just have them write an article on it for the fall newsletter. All agreed the newsletter article would be best.

Since there will be no physical annual membership meeting this year, Phil asked board members to think about what information has to be or should be sent to our members electronically. This will be firmed up at the August board meeting.

Next meeting The next board meeting will be either August 15 or 22. Board members should email Phil to let him know their preference. *(Secretary's note: Due to my delay in getting these minutes out, the meeting has already been set for August 22, place to be determined.)*

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Ann Beaver, secretary