

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

Board of Directors' Meeting  
Tuesday, June 2, 2015, 4:00 p.m.  
SWCD Office, 322 Laurel Street, Suite 22, Brainerd, MN

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Nick Bernier Jodi Billy, Sharon Herwig, Mike O'Brien, Mike Simons  
Board members absent: Tom Beaver, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Sandy Holm, Phil Hunsicker, Harold Stewart

The meeting was called to order by Mike O'Brien, co-president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2015 board meeting. Ann Beaver distributed her treasurer's report, noting the receipt of dues and donations. There had been no expenses since the last report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

Mike O'Brien confirmed that Sara Ahlers and Sarah Fogderud, from A.W. Research Laboratories, would be the speakers at the August 10 annual meeting. They will explain A.W.'s services, including what has and hasn't changed since Alan Cibuzar's death. Sharon Herwig said the newsletter was ready to go and would be sent out electronically the next day. There was no word yet from Phil Hunsicker regarding a response from MnCOLA to his letter asking if they had addressed LARA's concerns.

Other business included discussion of the County's policy, if any, on wetland filling in the shoreland zone. Mike O'Brien cited the recent filling of a wetland near Lower South Long Lake to create a road to enable logging. Board members thought it would be a good idea to add a short paragraph to the newsletter about wetland fill/endangerment and ask lake associations to send any concerns/information they have to the secretary. Sharon said she could do that and the newsletter would be sent out as soon as the addition was made. This topic will be on the July board agenda. Jodi Billy suggested the Board invite Mitch Brinks, County Water Protection Specialist, to come to a future board meeting and explain the County's policy and process regarding the filling of wetlands.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 7, same time, same place.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Beaver, secretary