

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors' meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Roundhouse Brewery, Northern Pacific Center, Brainerd, MN

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Jodi Billy, Phil Hunsicker, Kent Montgomery (ex-officio)

Board members absent: Nick Bernier, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Sandy Holm, Mike O'Brien

The meeting was called to order by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 board meeting. Ann Beaver distributed the 2016 year end treasurer's report she forgot to bring to the last meeting and briefly went through it. She then presented the current treasurer's report noting the receipt of dues and donations and the expenses of the membership mailing and the MLR dues. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's reports.

Newsletter Board members thought the newsletter was well done even though the editor had to make last minute changes due to certain articles being delayed. Those articles will be included in the June newsletter.

County AIS plan Phil Hunsicker said he had read the comments submitted to the County regarding the plan and even though many of the comments asked for lake association involvement in developing the plan, it appears the County has no intention of changing its process to include lake association involvement in the plan's development.

Aquatic Invaders Summit video Riley, the videographer, is following up on some leads for filler videos to use between taped interviews. If he doesn't find any he can use, he will use still photos, as earlier suggested.

New DNR AIS Specialist A "Meet and Greet" with Tim Plude, Dan Swanson's replacement as the DNR AIS Specialist, will take place Thursday, March 23, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the Brainerd DNR office. Mike Duval has sent Ann Beaver the flier on this and she will forward it to the LARA member contacts asking them to pass it on.

Other business Kent Montgomery told board members of the Clean Water Forum being offered March 23 at CLC from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. There will be three presentations: The State of Northern MN Waters, by Kent; The Economic Reality of Clean and Healthy Waters, by Bemidji State U. professor Pat Welle; and The Myths and Policies Around Protecting Northern MN Waters, by Paula Maccabee of WaterLegacy.

Next meeting The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, 2017, place to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Beaver, secretary