

# Meeting Minutes

LARA Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Roundhouse Brewery, Brainerd, MN

**Board Members Present:** Phil Hunsicker, Mike O'Brien, Jodi Billy, Nick Bernier, Sandy Holm, Kent Montgomery (ex-Officio)

**Board Members Absent:** Tom Beaver, Ann Beaver, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio)

Meeting was called to order by P. Hunsicker at 4:20 p.m.

**Minutes from 3/07/2017:** Motion to approve was made by J. Billy. Second by N. Bernier. Approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed the March 2, 2017 Financial Statement. Motion to approve by J. Billy. Second by S. Holm. Approved unanimously.

## **Article Ideas for Next Newsletter Scheduled for Early-June Release:**

- Articles must be submitted to Newsletter Editor, Sharon Herwig, by May 25.
- Article on new Pelican Lake decontamination station at corner of Highways 4 and 11 near entrance to Breezy Point Resort. This article will be written by J. Billy.
- Article on AIS Detectors program. Will ask E. Burkett to write something.
- Article on lake sampling program using CLC students. K. Montgomery will write the article.
- Possible article on the organic beef survey that LARA sent out to its members. P. Hunsicker will ask Molly Zins if she has anything to submit for publication.
- President's message will be written by P. Hunsicker. It may include information on the decision to not do an annual meeting this year, as well as legislation that may affect vital water quality and AIS work in MN.
- Question by the board: Have all board members been presented in the Newsletter using T. Beaver's drawing skills and their responses to a short questionnaire?

## **Status of Annual Meeting:**

- Due to poor attendance in past years, the board decided to forego an annual meeting this year. This will be a yearly decision.
- LARA will still get out pertinent information to its lake association members via electronic communication.

## **Status of Video Taken at the Aquatic Invaders Summit:**

- P. Hunsicker shared with the board a link provided by videographer Riley Nelson showing some raw footage of interviews. Board members commented on the content. All like the message of collaboration to be successful with AIS prevention.
- Comments included the following: 1) Can Riley make use of cell phone video or is the quality too poor? 2) Can Riley get open water shots using his own high-quality camera to inject into the interview footage? 3) Has Riley tried contacting Scott Knutson at Lakeland Public TV? Scott does the Common Ground segments and may have some B-roll for Riley to use.
- P. Hunsicker will pass along the board comments to Riley.

## **Announcements of Incoming Events:**

- P. Hunsicker announced that Crow Wing County will be doing an open house event for lake associations on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Land Services Building from 10:00 until 1:00. Representatives from the County, the DNR and the SWCD will be there with information and to answer questions about AIS, aquatic plant management, hydrology, land use, etc.
- P. Hunsicker announced that the 14<sup>th</sup> Lake-Friendly Development Awards will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at the Land Services Building. All are welcome to attend. 5 or 6 projects from Crow Wing and Cass Counties will be recognized. Featured speaker will be Carrol Henderson of the DNR's non-game program. He will talk about BP oil spill money coming to MN to benefit loons, which winter in the Gulf of Mexico.

Next LARA board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Philip Hunsicker on May 3, 2017