

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 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, Mike O'Brien

Board members absent: Jodi Billy, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Harold Stewart, Mike Simons

The meeting was called to order by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 board meeting. Ann Beaver handed out her treasurer's report, noting the receipt of dues from 17 lake associations so far this year and the few expenses incurred since her last report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

Sharon Herwig went through her list of articles needed for the spring newsletter. She asked for (and received) volunteers to write each one. The deadline for articles to be submitted to her is May 27. She said she will be updating the web site in the very near future.

Phil Hunsicker asked for board member opinions on whether or not LARA should rejoin MnCOLA this year. Consensus was that first the Board needed to know if LARA's concerns from last year had been addressed yet. Phil will contact the president of MnCOLA regarding this and report back at the next meeting.

Board members discussed ideas for a speaker at the August 10 annual membership meeting. Mike O'Brien suggested having the staff at A.W. Research Laboratories come and talk about their services and any changes they have made since they took over ownership after Alan Cibuzar's death. He volunteered to talk to them about it.

Phil asked for suggestions of candidates for the 2015 Water Warrior Award and received several good possibilities. He then asked for ideas regarding a LARA strategic planning session. Board members decided to seek input at the annual meeting on what LARA's future direction should be and then schedule a strategic planning session for sometime between late August and the end of September.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, 2015, same time, same place.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Beaver, secretary