

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

Roundhouse Brewery, Northern Pacific Center, Brainerd, MN

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

Board members absent: Kent Montgomery (ex-officio)

Others present: Susan Koering, Pelican Lakes Association

The meeting was called to order by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 board meeting, the last meeting to have a quorum present. Ann Beaver distributed her treasurer's report noting the receipt of \$850 in dues and \$50 in donations so far this year. Expenses thus far include the P.O. box rental, postage for the membership mailing, MLR dues, and the payment of Susan Koering's registration for the Aquatic Invaders Summit. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report. Ann also reported that as of May 5, 16 lake associations have paid their 2018 LARA dues and two included a donation with their dues.

Report from Susan Koering Susan Koering, a trained AIS Detector, shared a number of her impressions and thoughts from the Aquatic Invaders Summit she attended with financial help from LARA. She felt it was a very good experience networking with others and she learned a lot. She will try to write up something regarding the Summit for the June LARA newsletter.

AIS videos Phil presented detailed information on an AIS 2018 video series proposal by LB Video Productions. They are looking for financial support from sponsors to enable the production of a series of short, humorous videos to grab public attention around AIS. At the end of each video sponsor logos will appear. The number of videos produced will depend on how much money is raised for the project. After discussing this new educational approach to preventing the spread of AIS, a motion was made, seconded and carried to contribute \$1,000 to the project.

MN COLA dues A motion was made, seconded and carried to pay \$150 in dues for 2018 membership in MN COLA.

Other possible donations by LARA? Phil mentioned the Loon Center in Crosslake as a possible project to provide some financial support to. After some discussion, board members decided to wait until the project is further along to better know how LARA could best provide support. Meanwhile, Phil will write a letter of support for the project and run it by the Board via email.

LARA support for protected shoreline Phil said he had sent the LARA letter of support, circulated to and approved by the Board prior to this meeting, for 24 acres of permanently protected shoreline on Pelican Lake.

LARA June newsletter Articles for the newsletter need to be submitted to Sharon by May 25.

Other business/announcements

Eleanor Burkett said she has retired from Minnesota Extension and wondered if she should remain on the LARA Board as an ex-officio member. All agreed she should, as her store of knowledge didn't disappear just because she retired.

Phil announced the Lake Friendly Awards will be June 1 at 3:00 p.m. at the Arboretum.

Next meeting The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 5 at 4:00 p.m., location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned.

submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary