

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Director's Meeting Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 4:00 p.m. Big Axe Brewery, Nisswa, MN

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

Board members absent: Nick Bernier, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), 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 August 2, 2016 board meeting. Ann Beaver passed out her treasurer's report and briefly went through the expenses and expenditures of the past month and noted LARA's total assets. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

Annual meeting discussion Ann Beaver handed out a summary of the attendance and speakers of the annual meetings since 2002 and noted attendance didn't seem to depend on having a speaker. Board members agreed there are many unpredictable factors that can affect attendance at any given meeting. After discussing various options for fulfilling the LARA By-Laws' requirement of holding "a minimum of one meeting of the membership each calendar year", Phil Hunsicker volunteered to put together a memo of the various options and run it by all board members via email.

Election of officers A motion was made, seconded and carried to cast a unanimous ballot reelecting all current officers for another one year term.

Newsletter and website Board members discussed the need for inclusion in the newsletter of information that is more pertinent and of greater interest to LARA members. They agreed it is up to the Board to provide articles of this nature to the newsletter editor, Sharon Herwig.

CWEPA Fund grant applications Ann Beaver noted she has received only one application thus far, with the application period closing September 30. The CWEPA Fund Committee will need to look into ways to better promote the grant.

Video of AIS stories Phil Hunsicker explained his idea of LARA hiring a CLC student or recent graduate to videotape attendees' AIS stories at the AIS Summit in St. Cloud on October 5 and 6. The edited video could then be burned to discs and shared with State Legislators and other elected officials and organizations in an effort to ensure continued and perhaps increased public funding for combatting the spread of AIS in Minnesota lakes and rivers. He suggested LARA could pay the student for his/her work as well as pay for overnight lodging in St. Cloud on October 5th. Board members felt this project fit well with the purposes of LARA and a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the expense of up to \$750 for the video project.

Other business Kent Montgomery shared several programs at CLC, including the Horticulture and Landscape Department and a media program and environmental monitoring program that could be of future interest/use to LARA and its members.

Next meeting The next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 4, location to be announced. Board members should email Phil Hunsicker the dates during November through April they will be out of the area but would be available to participate in a board meeting via Skype. This will help ensure the presence of a quorum at all meetings held.

The meeting was adjourned a little after 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Beaver, secretary