

WAPOA Board Meeting
May 28, 2015
2:30 p.m.
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Tom Watson, Dave Fischer, Gary Olson, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier, Joe Brodil, Dave Topinka, Jim Brandt, Ann Schrupp, Pam Vaughan, Pat Hecker

Directors Emeriti Present: Ron Meyer, Judy Wallschlaeger, Marv Erdman, Alan Sherburne, MJ Schneider, Sandy Melberg

Others Present: Jim Schultz

Directors Excused: Mike Winkels, Jessie Eide

President Tom Watson called the business meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Brandt/Vaughan to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2015 Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

MSC: Fischer/Neihart to approve check register with deposits and checks # 2389-2399

MSC: Schrupp/Vaughan to approve the 2015 Year-to Date Financial Report

Communication and Information:

Clamshell Lake Association: Held their first meeting of the year last week. They voted to move their annual meeting to August.

Friends of Lower Hay: Held their first meeting of the year last week.

Kimble Lake Association: Held their Memorial Day annual meeting and members listened to a Firewise presentation.

Fifty Lakes Association: Their membership drive was very successful. No curly leaf pondweed was found when they surveyed Mitchell Lake.

PRWA: Ron Meyer reported the PRWA board is still working on the long term sustainability of the organization. They are working hard to get more members. The PRWA website should be online in June. The CW Forage Basin Seminar will be held June 23rd. They are starting to formulate specific project plans for Willow and Arvig Creek. The US Forest Services has identified the PR Watershed as the most important watershed in MN for protecting clean water.

Land and Waters Preservation Trust: The committee met and is writing up an operating plan that they will bring it to June WAPOA meeting for approval. John Forney was named chair of the committee. Starting in July they will be making individual donor contacts.

Executive Committee Report:

Annual Meeting: Plans and the agenda for the meeting were reviewed. Fish rulers and chip clips will be distributed at the Annual meeting. Space will be set aside for business members exhibits. Set up will be at 4pm Friday June 5, Ideal Townhall.

AIS legislation: The legislators are still in session.

Initiative Foundation Grant Application: Deadline to submit application is June 10. We are still working on the application. This is a five year commitment for WAPOA and there is concern we will not have the people to fulfill the commitment.

Lake Management Planning: Tom presented a paper titled Lake Management Planning that provided background on lake management matters, identified some of the many issues/projects concerning our lakes, and suggested actions to be undertaken. WAPOA will organize three educational seminars. The first session will be on June 18, location to be determined. Peter Jacobson, MNDNR will give a presentation on lake trout research conducted on Big Trout Lake.

MN COLA: WAPOA will host their July 16 meeting (10:00am to 3:00pm, location to be determined). We will ask Jeff Feltmann, Old Milwaukee Club, if he can supply box lunches at a reasonable price.

Nominating Committee: They have some names of candidates for board positions.

Amendment to the By-Laws: The following changes will be presented to the membership for approval at the Annual meeting. 1. Terms on directors can be extended. 2. Redefine board positions.

Program Reviews:

Publicity: Pam Vaughan reported that ads for the Annual Meeting and the Shoreline Restoration contest have been published. The new brochures are here and volunteers are needed to distribute them. An article on the Water Quality test results was published in the Love of the Lakes magazine. Pam will look into changing the WAPOA ad on channel 12.

Newsletter: It was decided that articles for the next newsletter be submitted by June 18 and will be sent to Lakes Printing by June 22. The first draft will be due back from the printer by July 8. The newsletter will be mailed to members by July 15.

Water Quality: Fred Strohmeier reported 46 samples were taken on the first testing date. Fred trained 3 new volunteers. Next month they will do calcium and PH testing.

AIS: Joe Brodil reported we should be close to our goal of 60 inspectors next week after the training of 7 more inspectors. The volunteer inspector training was completed. The online refresher course should be ready in early June. The online schedule and reporting is available for WAPOA volunteers. A decontamination unit south of Crosslake will be operational in

approximately two weeks. The ACOE is having trouble getting a volunteer for the new campsite WAPOA set up at the campground.

Business: The Classic Wood Boat Show will be held June 20, 2015. The Cabin Calendars are available. The Crosslake Community School will be holding their annual fundraiser June 4.

Natural Resources: no report

Outreach: Ken Neihart attended the Regional AIS workshop the DNR offered. The focus was on county programs. Two AIS planners have been hired by the DNR.

Shoreland Restoration: Jim Brandt has reserved the back room at Moonlite for the open house on Wednesday June 3 from 5-7:30 PM. The final judging will take place at Ideal Town Hall on Wednesday June 17 from 5-8:00 PM. Winners will be notified shortly after June 19.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported membership's numbers are about the same as last month. 2800 newsletters were mailed out. The second business membership mailing will go out this weekend. The second regular membership mailing went to about 1900 households.

Run for the Walleye: The event will be held on July 4 this year and will start a half hour earlier. There will be a 10K in addition to the 5K race. There will be team captains in place for volunteers this year. Prizes have been purchased. Bag stuffing will take place July 2 at Ideal Township Hall and the bags will be available for pick up on July 3.

Land Use: Tom Watson reported Friends of the Headwaters are still in the appeal process regarding the Sandpiper Line.

Other: Marv Erdman has been working on the contract for PLM. We reviewed the contract.

MSC: Fischer/Brandt to authorize Marv Erdman to sign the 2015 PLM contract. The cost of the work is \$3500.

Meeting adjourned: 4:45PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 4 at 9:00 am
Annual Meeting – Saturday, June 6 - 7:30AM doors open; 8:00AM breakfast; 8:45AM meeting
June Board Meeting – Thursday, June25, at 2:30 pm Ideal Town Hall