

WAPOA Board Meeting

January 28, 2010

2:30 P.M.

Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Jim Brandt, Patricia Tweed, Dave Fischer, Sandy Melberg, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka, Dick Dietz, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman.

Directors Absent: Darlene Carlson, Enga Wodziak, Ed Egan

Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, John Forney, Pat Hecker, Sam Salfisberg (Timeless Design Builders)

President, Judy Wallschlaeger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Jim Brandt/Tom Watson to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2007 Planning Meeting as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** MSC: Dave Fischer/Muffie Davidge to approve the year end 2009 financial report, the January 28, 2010 Balance Sheet, and the 2010 budget.

MSC: Dave Fischer/John Forney to approve check payments numbers 1860 through 1873.

MSC: Jim Brandt/Dave Fischer to name Lakes State Bank as Corporate Depository for checking account and savings account with the following signers: Judy Wallschlaeger, Patricia Tweed, and Sandra Melberg.

**Communications:** Tim Houle, CWC Administrator will participate in the April 22, 2010 Board Meeting. Brian Carlson, Attorney, will be the keynote speaker at our annual meeting in June and will speak on the topic of cabin succession. Jenny Max has agreed to take on the responsibility of our Run for the Walleye race. During the current year she will train with Enga Wodziak. The Harvest Dinner is scheduled for August 28, 2010.

**Announcements:** John Forney reported on the 2010 Clean Water Fund Listening Sessions sponsored by the University of Minnesota. He attended a session in the Twin Cities but there are other sessions scheduled throughout the state. The Clean Water Legacy Amendment was passed during the 2008 Minnesota General Election which created three-eighths of a percent sales tax. The funds raised are intended to protect drinking water sources, to protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve arts and cultural heritage; to support parks and trails, to protect, enhance and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater. As part of this issue, during the current legislative session, there are a few lawmakers trying to define the constitutional language as broadly as possible. Their actions have raised opposition from nearly every conservation and outdoors group in the state. The Listening Sessions are intended to create a framework to use the funds.

Dave Fischer reported on the meeting he and Judy Wallschlaeger had recently with Todd Holman. He is a director with the Minnesota Nature Conservancy and also is a current City of Baxter Council member. The discussion focused on Highway 371 corridor remediation and working in the future on

what was noted as the Brainerd Lakes aquatic area. There are highway transportation funds available which could be used to protect wetlands. He is interested in forging a working relationship with WAPOA.

### **Program Reviews:**

Publicity: Muffie Davidge reported on her initial planning meetings with various directors concerning their ad budgets. She has also met with representatives from the Northland Press and the Echo to determine potential costs. She has found some cost-free websites to post information concerning WAPOA and our Run for the Walleye event.

Newsletter: Dick Dietz provided the 2010 Newsletter schedule. The January 2010 electronic newsletter is soon to be posted and sent.

AIS: Marv Erdman has applied for a permit from the DNR to continue the curly leaf pondweed demonstration site in 2010. He has also met with Professional Lake Management to plan and budget for lake surveys. He has submitted the DNR AIS Signage and Watercraft Inspection grant requests.

Pine River Watershed: Jack Wallschlaeger announced that the MPCA has awarded a \$105,000 Clean Water Partnership grant to the PRWA. This grant will be used for testing waters of streams that feed into the Pine River and the Whitefish Chain. The project will be a two year program of weekly chemical and physical sampling. It will involve several cooperating organizations, both public and private, and many WAPOA volunteers.

In addition, Jack Wallschlaeger noted that Large Lake Assessment documents are available at: [www.co.crow-wing.mn.us/planning\\_\\_\\_zoning/water\\_plan\\_information/large\\_lake\\_assessments](http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us/planning___zoning/water_plan_information/large_lake_assessments) These assessment documents are for future water planning and to evaluate the water quality of the large lakes in Crow Wing County.

Natural Resources: Sandy Melberg reported for Ed Egan. He has submitted an article for the January newsletter. He has done a site visit to Daggett Brook and will go back in the spring to look for obstructions to walleye movement. A property owner has given approval to access the brook in the spring. He met with DNR representatives concerning Thompson Creek. Ed will check the Creek in the spring for walleye spawning activity.

Shoreline Restoration: Dave Fischer reported the Davidge and Winkel families will head up the WAPOA Contest. The Anderson Foundation has provided \$3500, and there are two additional grant requests are pending. He also noted Big Island will be receiving an \$18,000 grant from the Clean Water Amendment/Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Membership: Dave Topinka led a discussion on membership issues – current membership numbers, reduced membership (why don't more lake owners join), push for additional business memberships, possible membership categories based on level of giving. The database will be updated to include more recent county property owners. It was suggested and agreed that a "membership" committee be formed.

Community Outreach: Ken Neihart has 19 contacts for newsletter exchanges. Minnesota Waters will be launching a new website and seven associations are interested in links. Ken is considering holding a forum on the topic of “road salt” (its effect on water quality) or a forum on AIS.

Water Quality: Sandy Melberg reported for Darlene Carlson. The 2009 TSI map has been posted on the website. Letter-size copies will be made available for distribution. Middle Whitefish and Ruth showed improvement; Rush, Eagle and Clear were downgraded. Transparency charts are being prepared and will go on the website. Darlene hopes to add two more lakes for testing – Butterfield and Big Pine.

**Other:**

MSC: John Forney/Jim Brandt to purchase a directory of grant sources.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

**The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on April 22, 2010**

WAPOA Board Meeting  
April 22, 2010  
2:30 P.M.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Jim Brandt, Dave Fischer, Sandy Melberg, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka, Dick Dietz, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman, Ed Egan.

Directors Absent: Darlene Carlson, Enga Wodziak, Patricia Tweed,

Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, John Forney, Kathe Lemmerman, Alan Sherburne, Jim Schultz, Nancy Rudberg, Dave Rudberg, Jack Riordan, MJ Schneider, Gary Olson, Vic Kreuziger

President, Judy Wallschlaeger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Jim Brandt/Dave Fischer to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2010 Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** MSC: Melberg/Watson to approve check payments numbered 1874, 1875, and 1876. MSC: Melberg/Fischer to approve Treasurer's report as presented.

**Communications:** Judy Wallschlaeger has newsletters from other associations for our review. Judy also noted the following events: WAPOA Annual Meeting on June 5, Grandpa's Run for the Walleye on July 3, and the Harvest Dinner on August 28, 2010.

**Announcements:** Alan Sherburne reported on the website, noting we are linked to the Minnesota Waters site. Minnesota Waters is making some changes which will result in larger pages and a simpler format to use. MSC: Brandt/Topinka to authorize payment to AS YOU LIKE IT to continue carrying our domain name: wapoa.org. John Forney presented the newly designed WAPOA brochure – A Guide to the Whitefish Area Lakes. The brochures are printed and ready for distribution. MSC: Topinka/Erdman to authorize payment in the amount of \$35 to a distribution company to provide this service. Board members were also encouraged to deliver a supply to local chambers, city halls, and community centers, etc. MSC: Forney/Brandt to give a \$100 gift certificate to Maryann Loire for her time and expertise in the design process of this brochure. Kathe Lemmerman reported on the Crow Wing County Tower Ordinance. On a 3/2 vote a higher tower allowance (must be 2 miles away from a registered lake) was adopted by the Land Services/P&Z Department.

**Program Reviews:**

Publicity: Muffie Davidge presented the summer ad schedule, noting those which will have a membership emphasis. Our annual meeting speaker, Brian Carlson will be featured in an article to highlight our meeting, and Ed Egan will be featured in an article regarding fish habitat.

Lake Management Plan: Gary Olson reported on his meeting with Don Hickman, Initiative Foundation. They talked about the purpose of a plan – it could serve as a “quasi” political document to provide input to governmental agencies. The plan needs to be kept current; historical data can be

kept as appendices. Gary wants to “break down” our document, converting it to a pdf format and putting it on our website. In addition, he indicated there are websites which provide a no-cost method to give to non-profits such as WAPOA and to which the Initiative Foundation would match.

AIS: Marv Erdman reported that we have obtained the permit from the DNR to continue with our curly-leaf pondweed demonstration site in the Daggett Channel. Property owner permission was waived this year. Our signage grant from the DNR has been approved. “Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers” signs will be installed on Crosslake, Lower Hay and Upper Whitefish public accesses. WAPOA will need to work with the Corp of Engineers for installation on Big Trout, Clamshell and the Campground on Cross Lake.

PRWA: Jack Wallshlaeger reported the Association had a meeting on April 20, 2010 and heard a comprehensive presentation from Emily Mayor, George Pepek on the potential manganese mining project (supported by Crow Wing Power). An environmental assessment worksheet should be available shortly and there was a general attitude of wait and see.

Water Quality: Jack Wallshlaeger reported for Darlene Carlson. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for May 17 with Carrie Ackerman, MN Waters conducting the training. The first testing will be on May 24.

Natural Resources: Ed Egan reported he has been observing spawning activity in the Pine River, Hay Creek and Thompson Creek. He has been involved in discussions with the DNR regarding the proposed stocking of muskies in Roosevelt Lake. There is some concern in regard to muskies migrating into the Whitefish Chain, which may or may not be a negative issue. The DNR believes they tend to stay put and not migrate, but they are looking for public input with regard to stocking Roosevelt Lake.

Shoreline Restoration: Dave Fischer reported he is waiting to hear from the DNR on our grant request. More restoration will be done on Big Island and we need volunteers for work late May/early June.

Community Outreach: Ken Neihart noted that 18 associations/organizations have come together as a group to share information of interest and concern about the lakes area in which we live. A newsletter exchange has begun between many of them.

Nancy and Dave Rudberg from Big Pine Lake Association presented information concerning their effort to save the Big Pine dam, which needs maintenance and repair. The Association originally applied for a LID, but received a SSD (subordination service district). They worked with Crow Wing County to establish the SSD. The Association is in favor of the SSD. The issue of safety and ownership liability had a serious impact on the request for an LID. In the long term, the landowners would like to have a permanent dam built.

Safety and Security: Jim Brandt indicated he and Scott Goddard will conduct the youth water safety classes on June 16 and June 30. WAPOA will furnish life jackets to each participant at the conclusion of the programs.

Membership: Dave Topinka has organized a committee to review our current dues structure, the levels of giving and the list of complimentary memberships. His current focus is to gain more business memberships. Currently we have over 700 regular members and 28 business members.

Newsletter: Dick Dietz indicated the newsletter was in the proofing stage and should be distributed during the week of April 25.

Land Use: Tom Watson presented the proposed activities and objectives of this newly formed committee for 2010.

Crow Wing County: Tim Houle, CWC Administrator; and Paul Thiede, CWC Commissioner were in attendance to present information on the current well being/status of the county and to engage in discussion with the board regarding our issues. Tim indicated it was helpful to him to hear our issues. He noted the county is stressed but focused. Financial reductions have been made, as well as full-time employment has been cut. More reductions need to be made. It has been and will not be an across the board reduction, but instead determining what is most important. Transportation, security and environmental protection are major priorities, with a lot of debate over the means to get there. Measurements will focus on service excellence, program excellence, and operational excellence. Open discussion took place between the board members and Mr. Houle on various topics –Sentence to Serve (the county will try to fund and retain, but this program is not critical); the recent process of census taking (many lake communities, Ideal and Crosslake being some of them, did not receive mailed forms); and planning and zoning. P&Z received the most attention. Mr. Houle commented on the county's position regarding variances and indicated they may not have authority to deny (based on a Supreme Court ruling). The question of consistency will always be difficult. The county is trying to develop consistency standards.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

**The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on May 27, 2010**

WAPOA Board Meeting  
May 27, 2010  
2:30 P.M.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Jim Brandt, Dave Fischer, Sandy Melberg, Dave Topinka, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman, Ed Egan, Darlene Carlson, Pat Tweed, Enga Wodziak

Directors Absent: Tom Watson, Dick Dietz

Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, John Forney, Kathe Lemmerman, Alan Sherburne, Jim Schultz, John Larsen, John Forney, Jim Schultz, Denny Loechler, Bob Uppgaard, Ron Meyer

President, Judy Wallschlaeger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Ed Egan/Dave Fischer to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2010 Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** MSC: Brandt/Carlson to approve check payments numbered 1877-1887 and to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

**Communications:** Judy Wallschlaeger shared a recent communication received from a member of WAPOA who had presented some concerns in regard to our association carrying out its mission. Judy has responded to the writer.

**Guest Speaker:** Paul Radomski, DNR spoke in regard to the DNR activity on the Whitefish Chain. The DNR is completing their survey work on the large lakes in Cass County and will be working on the Whitefish Chain of lakes. The team of surveyors is working to identify sensitive lakeshore with regard to aquatic vegetation, fish habitat, bird habitat, etc. Paul shared some of the findings from the work in Cass County – rare fish identification, lots of loon data being captured. (Minnesota loons could be in trouble because of oil spill in the gulf). The work on Whitefish could take several years. These projects are being funded with Minnesota Lottery dollars.

**Program Reviews:**

**Publicity:** Advertising is running weekly and on-going. The new WAPOA brochures have been placed at various restaurants, resorts, bait stores and local city halls.

**AIS:** Marv Erdman reported that the treatment date for CLPW was May 4. We have received the DNR watercraft inspection program grant for 208 hours. The DNR will be installing three new large "Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers" signs at the DNR managed public accesses on Cross, Lower Hay and Upper Whitefish.

**PRWA:** Ron Meyer reported the Bungo Creek project has been funded and the work will start in June/July. The Clean Water Partnership stream testing is underway. A mailing request to join and support the Alliance was sent to 3500 recipients. Currently there are 90 members and this

number needs to be increased.

Natural Resources: Ed Egan noted that Tim Brastrup will retire on June 11 and as of yet no replacement has been announced. The DNR Fisheries has agreed to do a channel survey of Hay Creek. Walleye fry have been added to the Whitefish Chain in May 2010. Ed has a map showing the locations and quantities.

Shoreline Restoration: Dave Fischer reported the Shoreline Contest is in progress. A kickoff information seminar and social is planned for June 7 at Moonlite Bay. MSC: Fischer/Brandt to approve WAPOA as a signatory to an agreement with the SWCD for monies received from them to fund small restoration projects on Rush, Cross and Daggett lakes.

Safety and Security: Jim Brandt indicated he and Scott Goddard will conduct the youth water safety classes on June 16 and June 30 at the Crosslake Community Center. Jim also reported that the Whitefish Chain Yacht Club could be the future sponsor of these water safety classes, as this type of program falls within their mission.. MSC: Brandt/Tweed to discontinue our classes in the future and turn over this responsibility to the Yacht Club, contingent upon their acceptance.

Membership/Newsletter: Dave Topinka reported on his search for a company to process our e-mailings of our newsletter to membership. Our current method is cumbersome not very efficient. Dick Dietz has had to re-work the process a number of times. Dave has identified a company by the name of Vertical Response who has agreed to work with us at no charge at this time. The transfer of e-mail information and data should not be a problem. We will need to contact our e-mail recipients regarding our proposed move for their individual approval of using their address.

Events: Enga Wodziak noted the race will have a new route. Sign-up brochures have been printed. On-line registration is also available. We will have chip timing this year.

Water Quality: Darlene Carlson reported we have eight new volunteers and three new lakes for testing – Big Pine, Star, and Butterfield. First testing was done on Monday, May 24. O'Brien and Ox were the "winners" at 25 feet of clarity.

BLAISTF: Denny Loechler reported that the bill requiring lake professionals to attend AIS training sessions failed by the veto of Governor Pawlenty as it applies to weed cutters and fishing guides. However, BLAISTF and the DNR will continue to host the seminars. The back cover of the fishing regulations booklet is now devoted to AIS.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

**The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on June 24, 2010**

WAPOA Board Meeting

June 24, 2010

2:30 P.M.

Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Jim Brandt, Dave Fischer, Sandy Melberg, Dave Topinka, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman, Ed Egan, Darlene Carlson, Pat Tweed, Tom Watson

Directors Absent: Dick Dietz, Enga Wodziak

Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, John Forney, Kathe Lemmerman, Alan Sherburne, Jim Schultz, John Larsen, Denny Loechler, Bob Uppgaard, Ron Meyer, Kay Rezanka, Vic Kreuziger

President, Judy Wallschlaeger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Brandt/Carlson to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2010 Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** MSC: Carlson/Brandt to approve check payments numbered 1888-1899 and 1201-1204. MSC: Melberg/Erdman to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. MSC: Tweed/Topinka to accept the FY2009 Charitable Organization Registration and Annual Report to be filed with the State of Minnesota.

**Communications:** Jim Brandt and Sandra Melberg reported on phone calls they had received from a Crosslake resident who had concerns regarding the City of Crosslake developing a park on the south shore of Crosslake. WAPOA's position isn't necessarily in agreement with the resident and we will contact him to share our thoughts.

**Program Reviews:**

**Publicity:** Muffie Davidge reported that advertising is running as scheduled. The Board commended Muffie on her publicity efforts.

**AIS:** Marv Erdman reported the watercraft inspection training took place on June 8 with nine in attendance. The DNR will install the large "Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers" signs at the three DNR managed public accesses on Cross, Lower Hay and Upper Whitefish (South Delta Bay). WAPOA will be noted as a sponsor on the signs. PLM will be providing an evaluation report on our 3-year demonstration project to treat Curlyleaf pondweed in the Daggett channel.

**PRWA:** Ron Meyer noted the Alliance is a project focused group. Long term there is a need for fundraising. There is no "ownership" to a watershed, but membership needs to increase. Water testing on the streams and lakes continues to progress with the CWP. Forum III (with legislators) is under consideration, but it is an election year, so there is a question as to invitees – incumbents and/or candidates. The overall focus of the Forum (needs to remain environmental) is key to Northern Lights as a host and 501(c)(3) organization.

**Natural Resources:** Ed Egan noted that Tim Brastrup has retired and Dave Bohlender is filling in for now. The Fisheries Dept. plans to work on the Hay Creek morphology study around the end of July.

Shoreline Restoration: Dave Fischer reported the Big Island restoration is continuing. Moonlight Bay reception on June 7 to entice entrants to the WAPOA Shoreline Contest was well attended. However, only two parties came to the June 22 follow-up planning meeting. We have referred three applicants to Crow Wing County SWCD for the grant dollars per our agreement with them. In addition, we have \$13,500 in grant monies to use in the next two years.

Community Outreach: Ken Neihart reported on the following: He is looking for a contact from Bass Lake; Big Pine will have a public hearing on July 13 regarding their SSD application for dam repair; the EPA is going ahead with public comment regarding the mine in Emily; and the Emily P&Z committee wants to network with lake associations.

MSC: Topinka/Watson to send WAPOA letter to Big Pine Association in support of their application for SSD.

Safety and Security: Jim Brandt reported that the Water Safety class on July 16 was attended by 23 young adults. He expects the June 30 class to be full.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported we have 907 members. Business membership is up, but not as it use to be. He will be doing one more membership mailing.

Water Quality: Darlene Carlson reported our TSI map is on the website along with individual lake reports. Recent testing is indicating lower transparencies. She referenced an article in the St. Paul Pioneer Press concerning the Lake Winona cleanup and noted there is not 100 % agreement among the experts as to how to do it.

Land Use: Tom Watson presented the 2010 goals and objectives of the committee, along with a summary document of variance requests presented to the Crow Wing County Board of Adjustment and Crow Wing County Planning Commission. MSC: Watson/Fischer to accept the stated objectives for 2010 of the Land Use Committee.

Other Business: John Forney reported on meeting with Bill Harreld concerning future plans for financial growth of WAPOA along with the PRWA. Ideas are in the initial stage and as plans become formulated, an open discussion with the WAPOA Board will take place.

Sandy Melberg reviewed plans and assignments for directors to staff the WAPOA booth at the July 24 Antique/Classic Boat Show at Moonlite Bay.

Judy Wallschlaeger reported that plans for the up-coming boat tour of the Whitefish Chain are going well. She is receiving many positive responses from the invitees. The tour is planned to view docks and shoreline (good and not so good) conditions.

Jack Wallschlaeger reminded everyone to view the lake assessment maps and data found on the Crow Wing County website.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

**The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on July 22, 2010**

WAPOA Board Meeting  
July 22, 2010  
2:30 P.M.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Jim Brandt, Dave Fischer, Sandy Melberg, Dave Topinka, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman, Ed Egan, Darlene Carlson, Pat Tweed, Dick Dietz

Directors Absent: Tom Watson, Enga Wodziak

Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, John Forney, Kathe Lemmerman, Alan Sherburne, Jim Schultz, John Larsen, Shari Loechler, Bob Uppgaard, Ron Meyer, Vic Kreuziger, Bill Harreld

President, Judy Wallschlaeger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Topinka/Brandt to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2010 Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** MSC: Fischer/Carlson to approve check payments numbered 1901-1914.  
MSC: Melberg/Erdman to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

**Communications:** Judy Wallschlaeger noted the article in the July 21, 2010 Brainerd Dispatch regarding the boating rules which prohibits towing a tube and/or a skier in a no-wake zone or channel.

Judy Wallschlaeger noted the correspondence from Melissa Barrick inviting WAPOA to participate at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Conference.

Judy Wallschlaeger and Muffie Davidge shared correspondence between them and Conservation Officer, Nikki Shoutz concerning lake issues.

**Program Reviews:**

Publicity: No report.

AIS: Marv Erdman reported the volunteers are working the accesses. Most boaters are aware of AIS laws, but not necessarily the new laws requiring draining of all water. The large wooden WAPOA/Shores and More/DNR Milfoil and Loosestrife AIS sign on Hwy 3 south of Crosslake has been repaired and re-installed. Bruce Larson/Shores and More will cover half the expense to repair.

PRWA: Ron Meyer reported there are 98 current members with a goal to reach 200. Four board members will need to be replaced. Bungo Creek project will apply for more dollars. The MPCA project is moving along well, with budget for the work a concern. Forum III will be held on September 23/24 providing enough legislators commit to participate.

Natural Resources: The replacement position for Tim Brastrup has been posted and

candidates have applied. August would be the earliest for hiring.

Shoreline Restoration: Dave Fischer reported that Kay Rezanka is the winner of our shoreland restoration contest. She will be doing a rain garden and a storm water mitigation project.

Community Outreach: Ken Neihart indicated he has received a thank you from Big Pine Association for WAPOA support. They received their SSD (Subordinated Service District) designation on a 4 to 1 vote to repair their dam.

Safety and Security: Jim Brandt reported the boat safety programs went well. The participants asked good questions.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported we have over 900 members.

Water Quality: Darlene Carlson reported that based on June testing – Star and Ruth were the winners with the lowest phosphorous ratings. Upper Whitefish and Mitchell showed significantly higher phosphorous data. July testing indicated inconsistent transparency levels – Lower Whitefish not good, Clear Lake very good.

Land Use: Written report was distributed along with historical documentation concerning the formation of Lake Improvement Districts in Minnesota, especially in Crow Wing County.

Other Business: John Forney reported on the dissolution of CWEPA whose assets will now be moved to the Initiative Foundation.

We realized net proceeds over \$3,000 from our Run for the Walleye event.

Jim Brandt reported our boat tour of the Whitefish Chain was not actually held on the water due to weather conditions. However, a group of approximately 35 participated at the indoor event. Our plan would be to bring them back and tour the lakes.

Dave Fisher led a discussion regarding future funding of our AIS efforts. MSC: Fischer/Brandt to transfer 75% of our net income at the end of the year to an AIS restricted fund and the balance of income to retained earnings.

Bill Harreld extended thanks to all who were able to participate in the brainstorming session to plan for future fund raising for WAPOA.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

**The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on August 26, 2010**

WAPOA Board Meeting  
August 26, 2010  
2:30 P.M.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Jim Brandt, Dave Fischer, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman, Ed Egan, Darlene Carlson, Pat Tweed, Dick Dietz, Tom Watson, Dennis Loechler

Directors Absent: Sandy Melberg, Enga Wodziak, Dave Topinka, Ron Meyer

Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, John Forney, Alan Sherburne, Jim Schultz, MJ Schneider, Bill Harreld, Gary Olson, Kathe Lemmerman

President, Judy Wallschlaeger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Fischer/Brandt to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2010 Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** MSC: Tweed/Erdman to approve check payments numbered 1915-1924.  
MSC: Egan/Brandt to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

**Communications:** Judy Wallschlaeger reviewed a communication from a member regarding a plan to develop a park on Cross Lake. She and others on the board met with the member and talked to city officials regarding the status of the plan.

Judy Wallschlaeger and Dave Fischer met with a WAPOA member who had requested information about what WAPOA was doing to further its "Mission Statement." Dave prepared a spreadsheet which outlined the grants totaling over \$200,000 that WAPOA had received in the last few years which have been utilized to forward WAPOA's programs. There was discussion concerning the Legacy Amendment through the state of Minnesota and the possibility of WAPOA applying for funds for a project.

Judy Wallschlaeger shared an invitation from the Yacht Club for their annual dinner. She also encouraged members to borrow the lake association newsletters WAPOA receives.

John Forney discussed some planning and zoning issues regarding the concept of "practical difficulty" as a basis for granting variances.

**Program Reviews:**

Publicity: Muffie Davidge noted today's Echo article on Shoreline Restoration. A Thank You ad for 2010 volunteers will be in area papers. If you have any ideas for publicity ads for next year, pass them on to Muffie.

AIS: Marv Erdman expects the year end PLM report soon. The second treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed has been completed. The new AIS educational sign is up on the highway south of

Crosslake. Motion/carried Brandt/Egan to donate \$200.00 for Minnesota Waters Invasive Plant Forum. There will be a conference November 8-10<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul for Wisconsin and Minnesota representatives regarding AIS issues. Marv will plan to attend. Clamshell and Bertha Lakes are pursuing a 501©3 designation for their associations.

PRWA: Judy W reported there are 102 current members with a goal to reach 200. Four board members will need to be replaced. Bungo Creek project will begin in September.

Natural Resources: Deepwater sampling on the chain has taken place. He attended a tour of the Big Island with a Federal Services representative from Chicago. Brandt reported that the representative was very impressed with the organization and the spirit of cooperation among those community groups caring for the Big Island project.

Shoreline Restoration: Dave Fischer reported that Kay Rezanka is the winner of our shoreland restoration contest. Two people for the University of Minnesota Extension Division spent a day touring Whitefish Lake shoreline restoration sites.

Community Outreach: Ken Neihardt reported that Crow Wing Power is moving ahead with the manganese mining project. Ox Lake may form a lake association. A new LID for Upper South Long Lake has been approved by Crow Wing County Commissioners.

Water Quality: Darlene Carlson reported that based on July testing phosphorous levels were up a little. Clear Lake at 27.5 feet is the cleanest lake tested. Mary at 2.5 feet is the worst. Arrowhead showed the highest level of chlorophyll.

Safety and Security: Jim Brandt discussed the towing of floatables through no-wake zones with Cass County and Crow Wing County officers. It was suggested that the wording of the statute currently in effect needs to be re-worded for clarification. Motion/Carried Watson/Carlson to encourage Jim Brandt to continue conversations with the Crow Wing Sheriff's Department and our board regarding the towing of floatables on the Whitefish Chain.

Membership: Judy reported that we have 980 regular members and 35 business members.

Newsletter: Dick Dietz reported that the newsletter is ready to go. There will be an electronic version only in December or January.

Land Use: Tom Watson shared a spreadsheet outlining Shoreline Rules. He also distributed and discussed a written report listing several variance requests and the results for Crow Wing County.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Patricia Tweed, Acting Secretary

**The next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on September 23, 2010**

**Followed by the annual dinner at Camp Knutson at 6:00 pm**

WAPOA Board Meeting  
September 23, 2010  
1:00 P.M.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Jim Brandt, Dave Fischer, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Ed Egan, Darlene Carlson, Pat Tweed, Sandra Melberg, Dave Topinka,  
Directors Absent: Marv Erdman, Tom Watson, Enga Wodziak, Dick Dietz  
Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, Alan Sherburne, Jim Schultz, MJ Schneider, Kathe Lemmerman, John Larsen, Dennis Loechler, Jenny Max

President, Judy Wallschlaeger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Carlson/Tweed to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2010 Board Meeting with the following correction: remove the reference to the University of Minnesota funding the Bungo Creek project as noted in the PRWA program report.

**Treasurer's Report:** MSC: Melberg/Davidge to approve check payments numbered 1925-1928. MSC: Tweed/Fischer to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

**Communications:** Muffie Davidge noted she is aware that not all lake owners are in favor of clearing/digging the Trout Lake channel.

**Hubbard County:** David Fischer presented background on the Hubbard County COLA lawsuit against Hubbard County, Dan and Donna Rehkamp and DNR. The lawsuit focuses on problems such as: failure to follow existing rules and law, improper procedural action, inconsistent administration and poor and inept enforcement of the existing law. The lawsuit was brought about due to a variance granted by the Board of Adjustment on a conditional use permit. The appeal should have gone to the district court. Three boat slips are allowed according to the ordinance, the owners have requested 11.

MSC: Fischer/Tweed under David Fischer's signature WAPOA will send a letter of support for the Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations' litigation against Hubbard County. In addition, WAPOA will contribute \$500 through LARA with the understanding LARA will match this amount and contribute to the Hubbard County COLA Legal Fund.

**Program Reviews:**

Publicity: Muffie Davidge reminded all program chairs to submit the names of volunteers of their various programs to be included in our annual "Thank You" advertisement to be published in November.

AIS: Sandra Melberg reported for Marv indicating he has received a full report from PLM on

the Curlyleaf pondweed demonstration sites. The report includes results and recommendations. Volunteers are continuing to monitor public accesses. PLM has also provided a full report on August results on the vegetation assessments at the noted access sites.

PRWA: Ron Meyer reported there will be one more test conducted on the lakes and streams project. Data will be compiled and presented in November. The third annual Healthy lakes Legislative Forum will be held on September 24 at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker. The presentation topics will include shoreline management, AIS, managing septic systems and land conservation. At this year's Forum, legislators will be asked to report on the status of the action items requested in previous Forums.

Natural Resources: Marc Bacipalupi has been hired as the new DNR Fisheries Supervisor. The DNR Fisheries has conducted a public input hearing regarding the stocking of muskies in certain lakes. There is a strong sentiment against this proposal by local property owners. The best reason Ed noted was the probable increase of boaters/anglers and hence an increased chance of invasive plants and critters.

Shoreline Restoration: Dave Fischer reported that Kay Rezanka, the winner of our shoreland restoration contest has received a project cost quote from Woodspirit Gardens. The restoration will be done in early spring.

Community Outreach: Ken Neihart indicated several of his various lake association contacts want to get involved in the effort to design and implement a fundraising model.

Water Quality: Darlene Carlson noted the phosphorous readings for Clamshell registered at 62 and Emily at 134. Normal readings would be 14-27. Trout readings were the best. The Hay Creek channel is much clearer at this time. O'Brien Lake showed the best transparency data.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported we have 978 members as of this date. He also reported on the "hits" to our new e-mail newsletter program.

Election of Officers: MSC: Davidge/Carlson to elect the following officers to begin serving in September, 2010: David Fischer, President; Judy Wallschlaeger, Past President; Gary Olsen, Treasurer; Sandra Melberg, Secretary.

Special Gift: Jack and Judy Wallschlaeger presented a gavel to our incoming President, Dave Fischer.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

**The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on October 28, 2010**

WAPOA Board Meeting  
October 28, 2010  
2:30 P.M.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Dave Fischer, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Ed Egan, Sandra Melberg, Gary Olson, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka, Dick Dietz, Marv Erdman

Directors Absent: Darlene Carlson, Jenny Max, Bill Harreld

Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, Alan Sherburne, Jim Schultz, Ron Meyer

President, Dave Fischer called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Egan/Topinka to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2010 Board Meeting.  
MSC: Wallschlaeger/Topinka to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2010 Special Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** MSC: Wallschlaeger/Watson to approve check payments numbered 1929-1939. MSC: Erdman/Watson to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

**Communications:** Dave Fischer noted we have received the Community Conservationist Award from the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**Program Reviews:**

Publicity: Muffie Davidge has been working on the "Thank You" ad to be printed in November. The Northland Press published an article on Aquatic Invasive Species.

AIS: Marv Erdman presented watercraft inspection statistics as a printed handout. He also reported the Corps of Engineers was very helpful in installing the "Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers" signs on the Whitefish Chain. In addition, he noted the need to determine how to go forward with the curly-leaf pondweed demonstration project. Marv will be attending the Minnesota-Wisconsin Invasive Species Conference 2010 in St. Paul during November.

Land Use: Tom Watson reported on the various meetings he has attended of the CWC Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission and the resulting decisions of variance requests. In addition he reported on the CWC Land Use (Zoning) Ordinance Amendments which are currently in the review/rewrite stage with the public comment period ending on Friday, November 19, followed by a public hearing on December 13.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported we have 986 members. He also asked for revisions to the value statement which will be included in the first membership mailing.

Natural Resources: Ed Egan has met with the new Brainerd DNR Fisheries Supervisor.

During their meeting they reviewed the 10 year walleye management plan, gill netting results, catch and release large northern pike signage, and the Hay Creek morphology study. Ed posted a Whitefish Chain map indicating the sites and poundage of walleye fingerling drops.

Newsletter: Dick Dietz has started to work on the Winter newsletter, which will be a website issue, although sending a hard-copy issue is also being considered.

Outreach: Ken Niehart reported on the slogan contest which is targeting invasive species. The contest was sponsored by the Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association and KLKS Radio. The contest idea appeared in a grant request to the MN DNR. The grant was awarded to the Property Owners Association and a radio contest was developed. The slogans had to conform to the style of the Burma Shave ads familiar to most Americans over 60. Three winning slogans were selected and will start appearing on road signs along Highway 1 in Fifty Lakes.

PRWA: Ron Meyer reported the water testing as part of the CWP Grant from the MPCA has been completed. The results will be presented at the PRWA Board meeting on Nov. 16. Ron noted the current membership is 113. A newsletter is being developed which will accompany the membership renewal forms to be sent in December. The concept of a fund raising coalition continues to be discussed. This will be a long-term process.

Shoreland Restoration: Judy Wallschlaeger and Dave Fischer reviewed the grants awarded for various projects – the DNR grants to fund the 2010 and 2011 WAPOA restoration contests, the DNR grant for the Big Island restoration, and a private grant toward the WAPOA contests.

Water Quality: Sandra Melberg presented the 2010 water quality summary report as a handout, which was produced by Darlene Carlson.

**Other:**

Dave Fischer reported that LARA has agreed to match WAPOA's donation of \$500 in support of the Hubbard County COLA lawsuit against Hubbard County, Dan and Donna Rehkamp and the DNR.

Ron Meyer presented his observations and comments concerning the Legislative Forum recently held in Walker, noting that he thought this year's meeting was better than last year. He indicated the real challenge is gaining an understanding from the Twin City legislators concerning our issues.

Dave Fischer reminded everyone our next meeting is our annual planning session starting at 9:00 a.m. at Camp Knutson.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary



WAPOA Board Meeting  
November 18, 2010  
9:00 a.m.  
Camp Knutson

Directors Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Dave Fischer, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Ed Egan, Sandra Melberg, Gary Olson, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka, Dick Dietz, Marv Erdman, Darlene Carlson, Bill Harreld

Directors Absent: Jenny Max

Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, Ron Meyer, Kathe Lemmerman, Jim Brandt

President, Dave Fischer called the business meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Carlson/Wallschlaeger to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2010 Board Meeting. MSC: Wallschlaeger/Davidge to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2010 Special Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** MSC: Topinka/Watson to approve check payments numbered 1940-1942. MSC: Melberg/Harreld to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

**Communications:** Dave Fischer reported that LARA matched WAPOA's donation in support of the Hubbard County COLA lawsuit against Hubbard County, Dan and Donna Rehkamp and the DNR. The lawsuit is in the discovery stage. The judge has been asked to force the County to provide more documentation.

Dave has asked for volunteers to participate in the Land Use Seminars.

LARA will be presenting a workshop concerning LID's and Jim Brandt will be attending.

**Program Reviews:** None Presented

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

**The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on January 27, 2011**