

WAPOA Board Meeting
January 27, 2011
2:30 P.M.
Ideal Town Hall

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

Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, John Forney, Jim Brandt, Kathe Lemmerman

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

Minutes: MSC: Tom Watson/Judy Wallschlaeger to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2010 Planning Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: MSC: Judy Wallschlaeger/Tom Watson to approve the Year End 2010 Financial Report, the January 23, 2011 Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget Performance, and the 2011 Budget.

MSC: Judy Wallschlaeger/Sandra Melberg to approve check payments numbers 1943 through 1954.

Executive Committee: President Fischer reviewed some recent actions taken by the Executive Committee – some Board meeting dates have been changed, a budget review was conducted, \$250 was expensed for a clean up project on the Pine River, candidate suggestions were identified for the Nominating Committee. Judy Wallschlaeger reminded everyone that these meetings are held once a month and are considered open meetings.

Communications: We have received an invite from the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance to their annual banquet. Ed Egan will attend. Dave Fischer shared the framed artwork WAPOA has received from the SWCD in recognition of our community conservation award. It will be hung at the Ideal Town Hall as a permanent display. The annual SWCD plant sale will be held on Friday, February 4, 2011. Tom Watson presented information concerning lobbying activities as they relate to 501(c)(3) organizations, which is our designated status. We must be cautious and sensitive to this issue.

Action Plans/Program Reviews:

AIS: Marv Erdman reviewed the various plans and activities for the upcoming year. Depending on DNR staffing and support we may have to adjust our budget requirements and involvement, but Marv is confident we can accomplish the objectives of the various projects he has identified.

Land Use: Tom Watson reported on the WAPOA input to the proposed CWC amendments to the

land use ordinance proposal. He also shared information concerning his and Jack Wallschlaeger's participation with the Coalition of Lakes Associations Collaborative regarding state legislation to amend state statutes on variances. Tom provided a copy of his commentary to the local newspapers regarding the CWC land use ordinance amendments. It is Tom's thinking that WAPOA should facilitate a conversation with CWC concerning a LID.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported we have 687 regular membership and 8 business membership renewals to date for 2011. He is working with our e-mail vendor to send the winter newsletter. He is organizing a team review of the membership process and documents.

Natural Resources: Ed Egan reported he has met with Kirk Schnitker (a WAPOA member interested in working on a significant project for our lakes area) to brainstorm how to access Lessard-Sams dollars. A project such as cleaning up the Hay Creek channel may be a possibility. Clean up of the Daggett channel is questionable, since Ed has learned that removing woody material is detrimental to the habitat.

Newsletter: Dick Dietz indicated that March 11 is the deadline for submitting information for the April newsletter. That newsletter will include a thank you to our volunteers.

Outreach: Ken Niehart reported the roadside sign contest (similar to the Burma Shave advertising signs of years past) sponsored by the Fifty Lakes Property Owners Assoc and KLKS Radio was so well received and successful a repeat contest may be promoted for 2011. In addition, a trail plan is being discussed with the City. The mining project in Emily is temporarily shut down to refine the borehole process.

Water Quality: Sandra Melberg reported for Darlene Carlson that transparency charts are ready for review. Darlene is working on an article for the April newsletter.

Other Activities: John Forney reported on the status of the Trout Channel Dig. Over \$20,000 was raised and the permit has been extended through November 2011. The dredging is planned for the spring. From the water level, six feet can be taken.

Dave Fischer noted that the judge has requested summary judgments from both sides involved in the Hubbard County lawsuit.

Dave Fischer also reported on a couple items discussed with Mitch Brinks, CWC Water Planner: (1) Mitch has applied for a LCCMR grant for \$270,000 that has as one of its objectives to coordinate Land Use ordinances with local government units in both the Gull River and Pine River watersheds; and (2) Mitch asked for a contribution to have a lake assessment report done on some of the Whitefish Chain lakes (we declined as the information is already contained in our Lake Management Plan).

Meeting Adjourned: 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on April 21, 2011

WAPOA Board Meeting
April 21, 2011
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Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Judy Wallschlaeger, Sandy Melberg, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka, Dick Dietz, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman, Ed Egan, Bill Harreld, Gary Olson

Directors Absent: Darlene Carlson, Jenny Max

Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, John Forney, Jim Brandt, Kathe Lemmerman, Ann Schrupp, Ken Degner, Alan Sherburne, Bill Hudson (WCCO)

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

Minutes: MSC: Tom Watson/Marv Erdman to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2011 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: MSC: Judy Wallschlaeger/Dick Dietz to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. MSC: Judy Wallschlaeger/Dick Dietz to approve check payments numbers 1955 through 1964.

Executive Committee: President Fischer indicated that WAPOA will not be contributing dollars and participating with CWC in their up-coming lake assessment studies. (We already have the information in our Lake Management Plan).

Communications: The CWC Land and Water Forage Basin tour is scheduled for July 11, 2011. Farm tours are scheduled in the morning, followed by a tour on Lake Margaret in the afternoon.

Program Reviews:

AIS: Marv Erdman reviewed the various plans and activities for the upcoming year—the joint Public Awareness grant (LARA/WAPOA) has been approved. Volunteers will be assembling and distributing handout bags of educational materials at public access points; Professional Lake Management will be providing lake vegetation assessments twice during the summer at 28 accesses in the Whitefish area lakes, watercraft inspection projects could become extensive this year based on grants received from CWC and the DNR.

The following action took place concerning our signs posted on State School Trust Land: MSC: Sandra Melberg/Judy Wallschlaeger to approve the signing of Lease 144-012-0686, effective April 1, 2011 for leasing two "Stop Invasive Species" sign locations for a period of ten years with payment of \$250 immediately and \$250 in March 2016.

Land Use: Tom Watson reported on WAPOA's involvement with the Coalition of Lake Associations Collaborative in the variance legislation moving through the State Legislature. Reported that he had

a lengthy conversation with a local builder (Wes Hanson Builders) concerning the new CWC land use ordinance and there could be an opportunity to meet with all area builders to discuss the value in adopting the CWC and use ordinance amendments.

In an effort to maintain an effective state-wide entity to represent individual lake associations during legislative sessions, the following action was approved: MSC: Dave Topinka/Ed Egan (amended: John Forney) Consistent with our mission statement, to approve \$500 donation to Hubbard County Cola for coordinating State Legislature lobbying regarding variance standards and authorizing the Treasurer to file IRS Form 5768 indicating WAPOA will follow the Section 501(h) lobbying expenditure test.

Membership: Dave Topinka is reviewing the membership database as it relates to CWC records. A membership renewal letter will be sent to all property owners in May. At the present time we have 30 business members and 653 regular members.

Natural Resources: Ed Egan reported on the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Association banquet he attended in February. The spring Pine River walleye stripping has started. Gill net survey is scheduled for this year. Goal is 7.5 walleyes per net. This is not exclusive to the Whitefish Chain.

Newsletter: Dick Dietz indicated the Spring newsletter has been completed through the proofing stage.

Outreach: Ken Niehart reported approximately 20 lake associations have been invited to gather on Saturday, May 7 for discussions on how to cooperate in fund raising and other topics of interest which they have in common.

PRWA: Ron Meyer indicated they started with 120 members and have 70 renewed to date. The CWC program for stream testing begins on April 26, followed by lake testing on May 9. The first annual meeting is scheduled for July 19. Central Lakes College is designing a website for PRWA. The Bungo Creek Project will include both surface and ground water testing. Sites to be determined. Soil testing will require approval of landowner.

Publicity: Muffie Davidge reported she is using the slogan: WAPOA: Making Clear Choices for the Future of the Lakes in our advertising. She is also using "cute kid" photos from WAPOA members in the ads. Publicity has started for the shoreland restoration social night and our sponsored contest. WAPOA brochures will be at 15 Discover Rack locations this summer and, in addition, at the local resorts.

Shoreland Restoration: June 8 will kickoff the Contest with a social hour and information for potential participants. Emphasis will be on the total package – recipient will receive more than just dollars – professional help, plant products, etc.

Water Quality: Training will be held on May 16, 2011 at the Corps of Engineers.

Fund Raising: Bill Harreld would like suggestions for specific projects for which to raise funds and also questioned the status of hiring a grant writer.

Nominating: Jack Wallschlaeger introduced three candidates for up-coming open positions on the Board: Ann Schrupp, Newsletter; Les Degner, Water Quality; Jim Brandt, Shoreland Restoration.

Other Activities: Tom Watson shared information regarding scheduled fishing tournaments on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes. More than the usual appear to have been granted a permit. The scheduled dates to fish on the Chain follow tournaments being held in invested waters, which in turn, could create a serious hazard for Whitefish. Tom proposed that we get seriously involved with the DNR and other sponsors to express our concern and that steps need to be taken to allow only “clean” boat equipment coming into Whitefish. Pre-tournament fishing is particularly troublesome.

Dave Fischer reminded all of the Minnesota Waters Lakes and Rivers Conference to be held April 27-29 in St. Cloud, MN. Several WAPOA Board members will be in attendance. President Fischer also noted the judge ruled against Hubbard County in the recent variance issue and the County has decided to appeal.

John Forney reported the money has been raised for the Trout Lake channel dig which is scheduled for the spring. There was some discussion whether or not dredging creates an accelerated need for dredging in the future. John also reported on a meeting with CWC Commissioner Paul Thiede and other staff personnel regarding the creation of a LID for the Whitefish Chain. No encouragement from CWC was noted. The next step would be to engage the three townships and three cities on the Chain to propose a joint effort to create a LID.

Jim Brandt attended a CWC Environmental Services seminar with many in attendance. The topic was a follow-up to the new ordinance amendments and how to work around shorelines. Information will be on the CWC website.

WCCO/Channel 4 (Bill Hudson and photographer) were videotaping a portion of our meeting in conjunction with a special report to be aired on Sunday prior to State fishing opener. The program will feature the walleye egg striping project at Pine River.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on May 26, 2011

WAPOA Board Meeting
May 26, 2011
2:30 P.M.
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Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Judy Wallschlaeger, Sandy Melberg, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman, Ed Egan, Bill Harreld, Gary Olson, Darlene Carlson
Directors Absent: Jenny Max, Dick Dietz, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka
Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, John Forney, Jim Brandt, Alan Sherburne, Jim Schultz, Ron Meyer

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

Minutes: MSC: Darlene Carlson/Marv Erdman to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2011 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: MSC: Judy Wallschlaeger/Muffie Davidge to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. MSC: Judy Wallschlaeger/Ed Egan to approve check payments numbers 1965 through 1975. MSC: Gary Olson/Darlene Carlson to accept the FY2010 Charitable Organization Registration and Annual Report to be filed with the State of Minnesota.

Executive Committee: President Fischer noted that we are exploring a search for a new and improved database. We have made contact with a vendor we met at the recent Minnesota Waters Conference. We have also set up a link on our website for members to pay dues through a ZapEvent site.

Communications: We have received an invite to attend the Whitefish Yacht Club annual dinner.

Program Reviews:

AIS: Marv reported the first volunteer training session for watercraft inspection was held on May 11. A second session is scheduled for June 7. Site schedules are being finalized for the volunteers.

Our public awareness project (assembling materials for distribution at the accesses) has been delayed. Marv is hoping to have this underway by mid-June.

Fox lake will be included in our PLM surveys this year at no charge.

Fishing tournaments are on our radar screen this year – especially those competing on infested waters prior to entering the Whitefish chain.

Natural Resources: Ed Egan reported the 2011 spring fry stocking was completed. 5.3 million Fry were placed in seven locations. Over 20,000 lake trout were stocked in Big Trout. The 2011 gill net/

trap survey will begin in June and finish in August. The goal is 7.5 walleye per gill net. All types of fish will be counted. Ed is also involved in recent communications with the DNR concerning fishing tournaments.

Newsletter: Summer newsletter articles are due no later than June 10.

Outreach: Ken Niehart reported the Emily Mine is up and running again. Twelve associations attended the May 7 outreach meeting. Fundraising was a key discussion point. Ken reported on an up-coming project of the Crow Wing County Forestry Dept. A contract for a timber cut has been let and the cut is scheduled to begin in June. Part of the cut is on Cty Rd 1 near the Whitetail Trail. The harvest appears not to take into consideration the “visual sensitivity and community value” that is outlined in the guidelines. The city and many citizens are upset with this and are asking the county to reconsider or alter parts of the contract.

PRWA: Ron Meyer indicated they have over 99 membership renewals to date. The relationship with the Minnesota Foundation will be ending and they are looking for a new fiscal agent/depository.

Publicity: Upcoming ads will focus on Run for the Walleye.

Shoreland Restoration: Judy Wallschlaeger reminded everyone of the upcoming kickoff at Moonlite Bay on June 8. Woodspirit Gardens and Sunshine Gardens will be in attendance to lend suggestions and ideas to potential contestants. We are all encouraged to invite shoreland owners to attend. The work being done on Big Island is looking very good.

Water Quality: Darlene Carlson reported the training was held on Monday, May 16 with 18 in attendance. The first testing was completed on Monday, May 23. Transparency results were not good because of all the recent rain. Ox and Butterfield lakes tested the best at 22 feet.

Fund Raising: Bill Harreld indicated the following organizations will work together on fund raising efforts: LARA, WAPOA and PRWA. Monies raised will be donor designated.

Other Activities: John Forney reported the Trout channel dig may happen in June, depending on permission from a landowner to dump sand on the property.

Dave Fischer noted that Ray Nelson of the Crosslake Dam, Corps of Engineers has retired and a replacement will be arriving shortly. She is from Wisconsin. Dave presented a draft agenda for the Annual Meeting and reminded the board that help was needed to set up on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on June 23, 2011

WAPOA Board Meeting
June 23, 2011
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Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Judy Wallschlaeger, Sandy Melberg, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman, Ed Egan, Gary Olson, Darlene Carlson, Jenny Max, Dick Dietz, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka

Directors Absent: Muffie Davidge

Others Present: John Forney, Jim Brandt, Alan Sherburne, Jim Schultz, Ron Meyer, Les Degner, Jack Wallschlaeger, Denny Loechler

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

Minutes: MSC: Darlene Carlson/Judy Wallschlaeger to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2011 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: MSC: Judy Wallschlaeger/Marv Erdman to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. MSC: Dick Dietz/Ed Egan to approve check payments numbers 1976 through 1990.

Communications: President Fischer shared a press release from Minnesota Waters, announcing that Jack and Judy Wallschlaeger have been awarded the Volunteer of the Year distinction.

President Fischer announced the resignation of Bill Harreld as Fund Raising Director. The future status of this position will be determined by the Executive Committee.

Program Reviews:

AIS: Marv Erdman reviewed the status of the public awareness bag drop project. This project continues to be delayed, but he is hopeful it will be in place by the end of July. He also reported on the activities/schedules of the volunteers at the access points. A lengthy discussion regarding the looming State Shutdown took place and its impact on these programs. MSC: John Forney/Judy Wallschlaeger to fund two county employees/volunteers for one month if the State shuts down.

Run for the Walleye: Jenny Max reviewed the final details and assignments for race day, July 2. Volunteers will be needed to organize race materials (T-Shirts and Bags) on Thursday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ideal Town Hall.

Newsletter: Dick Dietz indicated our summer newsletter should be distributed by June 29.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported membership numbers as follows: 844 regular members and 30 business members. A membership mailing was sent to 2700 owners on the Whitefish Chain.

Outreach: Ken Neihart reported on the planned timber cut along CWC Road #1 in Fifty Lakes.

After meetings, letters and other correspondence directed to CWC Commissioner Paul Thiede, the county has agreed to leave the maple trees in the buffer zone. The cut is scheduled for July.

PRWA: Ron Meyer reported the Board has met with Senator Carlson and they will move forward on organizing the 4th Legislative Forum. The focus will be on volunteer efforts of various groups in our area.

Ron, Professor Moncrief, Ann Lewandowski and Walter Weiss have spent about seven hours interviewing local Bungo farmers about their farming practices.

The website is under construction. The PRWA annual meeting is July 19 at the Emily City Hall.

Publicity: Written report distributed.

Shoreland Restoration: Judy Wallschlaeger reported we have 10 participants for our contest. Judging took place on June 22. Winners will be determined next week.

Water Quality: Darlene Carlson indicated the wet weather has had an impact on lake conditions. O'Brien had the best readings at 22 ft. Butterfield is down to 13 ft. Trout and Ossawinnamakee have the lowest phosphorous readings and it appears Hay Creek is providing good filtration.

Fund Raising: Ron Meyer and Dave Fischer have met with the Initiative Foundation to begin the process of developing a marketing piece. Endowment process is a challenge.

Natural Resources: Ed Egan reported he and Owen Baird from the DNR met on June 9 at the Hay Creek site for the walleye spawning habitat improvement project and did a detailed survey of the cross section. Another 900,000 walleye fry were released into Cross Lake on June 20. The gill net survey by the DNR has begun. Preliminary data is in for Lakes Arrowhead, Bertha, Clamshell, and Lower Hay. Data so far seems to indicate that food fish (prey) doesn't seem to be the limiting factor – there are many small minnows and prey items. The DNR also sees clouds of small fish when electrofishing in the fall. Bass seem to be running in the 25% to 50% quartile for these classes of lakes. Northern Pike are very abundant based on the data so far with all four lakes showing counts greater than the 75% quartile. Walleye for these four lakes seem to be hovering around the 25% quartile with Lake Bertha being the exception with walleye at just above the 50% quartile.

Land Use: Tom Watson reviewed the status of various projects with which he has been involved: AIS issues as they relate to fishing tournaments (successful change of dates for 2-day Camp Confidence tournament with Whitefish on Day 1, not Day 2 after Gull Lake), antique/wood boat launches from invested waters into Whitefish; meetings and communications with City of Crosslake concerning their plan to integrate/adopt CWC Zoning Ordinance; participation in the Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA) Collaborative on the variance legislation at the state level (improved standards for practical difficulties); participated with COLA Collaborative on the passage of the AIS bill.

Other Activities: John Forney reported the Trout channel dig has not been started due to a change in county rules as they relate to the cubic yardage of sand to be stored and moved. The dig will create 1200 yards, which is over the allowed capacity.

Sandy Melberg reviewed plans for our exhibit at the Classic Antique Wood Boat Show to be held at Moonlite Bay on July 23. Our emphasis will be on AIS. Board members were encouraged to sign up for staffing shifts between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Dave Fisher noted he has met the new Crosslake Dam, Corps of Engineers head master, Corinne Hodapp. She has not started full-time as yet, since she is still in transition from her position in Wisconsin.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on July 28, 2011

WAPOA Board Meeting
July 28, 2011
2:30 P.M.
Ideal Town Hall

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

Directors Absent: Gary Olson, Jenny Max

Others Present: John Forney, Jim Brandt, Alan Sherburne, Ron Meyer, Les Degner, Jack Wallschlaeger, Kathe Lemmerman

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

Minutes: MSC: Judy Wallschlaeger/Tom Watson to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2011 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: MSC: Ed Egan/Dick Dietz to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, however, directing the Executive Board to include additional line item specifics for restricted funds in the reported income. MSC: Darlene Carlson/Muffie Davidge to approve check payments numbers 1991 through 2005.

Communications: Judy Wallschlaeger led a round of applause in a thank you to Kathe Lemmerman and Marie Fischer, (and helper Dave Fischer) for their creation of the WAPOA quilt. It is a masterpiece and will be on display at our various events.

Program Reviews:

AIS: Marv Erdman indicated our state grant projects can start up on July 23 (after the State Shutdown). The Sea Grant bag project continues to be delayed although some have been distributed. He will explore the possibility of carrying over to 2012. Alan Sherburne indicated that certain accesses were monitored during the shutdown. Not all DNR inspectors have yet returned. The county interns are working and have inspected 800 boats. The DNR is monitoring the lakes for Eurasian milfoil and Ed Egan observed inspections on Pig Lake.

Run for the Walleye: Judy Wallschlaeger reported that we had 452 runners/walkers with 140 sign-ups the day of the race.

Newsletter: Dick Dietz noted he is looking for more articles for fall newsletter.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported membership numbers as follows: 929 regular members and 30 business members.

Outreach: Ken Neihart – nothing to report.

PRWA: Ron Meyer reported the planning for Forum 4 continues. It will be held on September 23. The first annual meeting of PRWA was held. The presentation by Ann Lewandowski was excellent.

Publicity: Muffie Davidge reported that our ad schedule continues.

Shoreland Restoration: Judy Wallschlaeger reported we had five winners. Projects range from significant work and restoration to more simple plantings.

Water Quality: Darlene Carlson indicated comments received noted cleaner waters than earlier this spring. The best depth was 25ft.

Fund Raising: Ron Meyer reported the marketing piece is being put together. Funds received will be donor designated. This will not be a coordinated effort between the various organizations. A fiscal agent needs to be determined.

Natural Resources: Ed Egan reported the DNR Fisheries Dept is back from the state shutdown. Gill and trap netting has resumed on the Whitefish Chain. Due to the loss of time, they will not survey Daggett and Little Pine but will jump to Big Trout, Cross, Whitefish. Drawings for the Hay Creek Walleye spawning habitat improvement project have been approved by the CWC Highway Dept. engineer with some specific conditions. The conditions appear reasonable. Project could be completed in September.

Land Use: Tom Watson continues to have conversations regarding land use/ordinance issues with various local governmental agencies – i.e., CWC, City of Crosslake. In addition he has been involved with fishing tournament issues, for example, tournaments scheduled one after the other from an infested lake then a non-infested lake. It was noted that WAPOA volunteers and other Classic Antique Boat Show volunteers were on hand to inspect the boats (at C&C) before entering the water, but that no DNR personnel were on hand.

Other Activities: John Forney reported the Big Trout channel is moving forward. It will not be as large a dig as originally proposed and they have found a place to put the sand.

Sandy Melberg reported our exhibit at the Classic Antique Boat Show was well received -- a good deal of interest in our lake map and the prototype display of zebra mussels are always eye-catching. We collected a few new memberships.

Ron Meyer noted the Minnesota Community Foundation has transferred all PRWA funds out of their depository. MSC: Darlene Carlson/Tom Watson to accept the transfer of

these funds into WAPOA's financial depository for temporary safe keeping. These items are identified as a line item/restricted funds in WAPOA's financial statements.

Donation: MSC: Dave Topinka/Judy Wallschlaeger to accept a donation of a wireless microphone from John Larsen.

Information about the Mississippi River Northwoods Habitat Complex was distributed. A 2,000 acre project is being considered for protection of its highly valued natural resources. It is located several miles northeast of Brainerd, with 2.7 miles of direct frontage on the southern bank of the Mississippi River and would link other adjacent public properties to create a 9 mile stretch of protected natural river shoreline. It would also provide connectivity with an area containing 6,200 contiguous acres of protected lands. In order to protect this property, \$14.5 million is needed. WAPOA does not plan to contribute financially at this time.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on August 25, 2011

WAPOA Board Meeting
August 25, 2011
2:30 P.M.
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Judy Wallschlaeger, Sandy Melberg, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman, Ed Egan, Darlene Carlson, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka, Gary Olson
Directors Absent: Jenny Max, Dick Dietz, Muffie Davidge
Others Present: John Forney, Jim Brandt, Ron Meyer, Les Degner, Jack Wallschlaeger, Kathe Lemmerman, Ann Schrupp, Jim Schultz, Alan Sherburne

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

Minutes: MSC: Judy Wallschlaeger/Darlene Carlson to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2011 Board Meeting as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: MSC: Sandy Melberg/Tom Watson to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. MSC: Dave Topinka/Judy Wallschlaeger to approve check payments numbers 2006 through 2012. The Board commended Gary Olson for the new, more detailed, reporting of the Profit and Loss Budget Performance and Balance Sheet which now include line items for all restricted funds.

Communications: Dave Fischer reminded the board of the up-coming Minnesota Waters annual awards event to be held on September 14 at the Bayview Event Center on Lake Minnetonka, with a cruise on the lake following the program. Judy and Jack Wallschlaeger will be recognized that evening. Tickets are \$50.

President Fischer asked for a volunteer to cover as Secretary during the month of September, as Sandy Melberg will be away. Judy Wallschlaeger volunteered.

Program Reviews:

AIS: Marv Erdman reported that the watercraft inspections have resumed. County workers will be available through September. Only 16 DNR inspectors returned after the state shutdown; only one is working on Whitefish Chain. The Sea Grant bag project continues to be delayed. Marv will propose to the DNR that this project be carried over to 2012 and immediately after ice-out next spring the bags will be distributed.

Newsletter: Ann Schrupp noted the Newsletter is ready to go. It will be printed next week and distributed.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported membership numbers as follows: 965 regular members and 32 business members. There will be a membership mailing scheduled for

November.

Outreach: Ken Neihart reported that the Ruth Lake Association is looking into starting a LID. Jim Schultz reported on the Kimble Lake slogan project of which there were two winners. On September 3, there will be a celebratory gathering and installation of the slogan signs. Everyone is invited.

PRWA: Ron Meyer reported the planning for Forum 4 continues. It will be held on September 23. Clean Water Partnership lake and stream testing continues. A meeting was held on August 22 with the MPCA on the major Pine River Watershed Project. This is a broad assessment of the environmental condition of this watershed. PRWA has 113 members.

Publicity: No Report.

Shoreland Restoration: Judy Wallschlaeger is recruiting help for some of the planting projects.

Water Quality: Darlene Carlson indicated six different stream areas are being monitored. All samples show excellent transparency with varying total phosphorous results. Lake monitoring results indicated Ox as being the best and Mary the worst. The Board expressed their thanks, with a round of applause, for Darlene's past service. She has completed her terms of office and is retiring from the WAPOA Board.

Natural Resources: Ed Egan reported planning to improve the walleye spawning habitat at the Hay Creek culvert continues. He is meeting with the County Highway department to agree on how to place rock on the banks at the culvert. A work day is most likely going to occur near the end of September and Ed needs a volunteer to work with him to manage traffic on County Road 145.

The preliminary 2011 gill netting results for Whitefish were reviewed with the DNR. Walleye came in at 3.9 per gill net set. This is the same as it has been since about 1990. Since the walleye count has been around +4/-4 for about twenty years, it is not clear how/ why it would approach the ten year plan of 7.5 per gill net set.

Land Use: Tom Watson reported on various activities occurring in our lakes area regarding land use projects and meetings he has attended with the City of Crosslake, and the City of Fifty Lakes. He has identified an unlawful land use enterprise on private agriculture zoned property in Timothy Township and has communicated his concerns in this regard to several Crow Wing County staff, including Commissioner Paul Thiede. He has been appointed along with Jack Wallschlaeger to organize a Government Relations Committee for LARA. It was noted that WAPOA needs to utilize their Lake Management Plan as a tool in land use issues and meetings with cities and townships.

Also the question of needing legal representation on the WAPOA Board was posed for future consideration.

Other Activities: John Forney reported the Big Trout channel project is in the process of securing a conditional use permit to use the designated sand sites.

Dave Fischer indicated he has sent a letter to indicate our support for the Mississippi River Northwoods Habitat Complex. To save and protect this 2,000 acre property along the Mississippi river northeast of Brainerd will cost \$14.5 million. The project is Number 8 on the list of the Outdoor Heritage Fund requests.

Crow Wing County SWC has funds available to work on environmental projects involving water quality. Big Trout Lake has been selected as a project site. The East end boat access is a possible site for improvement and Trout Lake Camp and Camp Knutson are also possibilities for run-off projects.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

**The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on September 22, 2011
Recognition Dinner follows at Camp Knutson**

WAPOA Board Meeting
September 22, 2011
2:30 PM
Ideal town Hall

Directors present: Dave Fischer, Gary Olson, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka, Ed Egan, Ken Neihart, Les Degner, Ann Schrupp, Martha Davidge, Dick Dietz, and Judy Wallschlaeger,

Directors excused: Darlene Carlson, Jenny Max, Sandra Melberg, and Marv Erdmann

Others present: Jack Wallschlaeger, Ron Meyer, Jim Brandt; MJ Schneider; Alan Sherburne

Guests: Jim Schultz, Alex Geiger, Vic Kreuziger, Dave Peterson, Paul McCullough

Meeting called to order by President, Fischer at 2:30 pm

Guests were introduced and comments were made by Vic Kreuziger and Dave Peterson re: the Pine Peaks Event Center/Comedy Club.

Minutes: MSC: J B Wallschlaeger/Watson to approve minutes of the August 25 Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: MSC Olson/Dietz to approve checks numbered 2016 through 2022.

MSC: J B Wallschlaeger/Watson to approve financial report dated 8/25/11.

President Fischer reported on the visit of Dan Molloy, PhD., the inventor of a biological pesticide that is showing promise in killing zebra mussels. Dr. Molloy's seven dives on the Whitefish Chain showed no signs of zebra mussels, yet.

President Fischer also reported on Executive actions re: signing of the contract with the persons responsible for the "Trout Lake Dig" and attendant certificate of insurance. Further he reported on action taken to hire legal counsel regarding the CUP application by Dave Peterson, owner of the Comedy Club. These two actions were followed by a request for email vote on September 19. Item # 1 (dig) 11 in favor, 0 opposed; Item # 2 (hiring of legal counsel) 9 in favor, 2 abstentions, 0 opposed. MSC: Watson/Dietz to approve actions taken by the Executive Committee between the last two Board meetings.

Program Reviews:

AIS-PLM reported all access sites, at the second survey in August, were negative with the exception of curlyleaf at accesses on Clear Lake and Big Trout.

Water quality-Monday, September 19 was the last day for testing for the 2011 season. Most Secchi disc readings were better than the August readings.

Natural Resources-The walleye habitat spawning project on Hay Creek and Co. Rd. 145 will be completed on Friday, September 23. MSC: Egan/Wallschlaeger to approve an additional \$1,400 for this project to be taken from the "Run for the Walleye" restricted funds.

Pine River Watershed will be the focus of a ten year MPCA study; first four years- assessments, next six-action/correction. The Fourth Healthy Lake Legislative Forum will be sponsored by PRWA and MN Waters, hosted by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and held on September 23 at the Northern Light Casino.

Judy Wallschlaeger reported for John Forney on the Big Trout Lake "Dig." Dredging is underway with completion expected by the end of September.

Ken Neihart reported on the Emily manganese mining operation. The extraction phase of the demonstration project was completed in August. Still to be determined: 1. Is extraction technology feasible 2. Is deposit significant enough for a commercial operation and 3. Is the process environmentally safe?

Meeting adjourned 4:18 pm.

New Board-call to order by President Fischer at 4:20 pm.

MSC: Watson/Brandt resolution to name Lakes State Bank as the depository of all corporate funds.

MSC: Watson/Topinka to name the following as Directors Emeriti for the following year- Ron Meyer, John Forney, MJ Schneider, Jack Wallschlaeger and Judy Wallschlaeger.

Meeting adjourned 4:22 pm

Respectfully submitted: Judy Wallschlaeger, acting Secretary first meeting, Dave Fischer, acting Secretary second meeting.

WAPOA Board Meeting
October 27, 2011
2:30 P.M.
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Sandy Melberg, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman, Ed Egan, Jim Brandt, Ann Schrupp, Muffie Davidge, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka, Gary Olson
Directors Absent: Jenny Max, Les Degner
Others Present: John Forney, Jack Wallschlaeger, Judy Wallschlaeger, Jim Schultz, Alan Sherburne

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

Minutes: MSC: Tom Watson/Marv Erdman to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2011 Board Meeting as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: MSC: Sandy Melberg/Ann Schrupp to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. MSC: Sandy Melberg/Tom Watson to approve check payments numbers 2023 through 2042.

Communications: President Fischer reviewed the results of the electronic vote taken on October 3 approving the engagement of Brian Carlson as Legal Counsel for WAPOA on an as needed basis. The recorded vote was eleven in favor; zero against. At this time the Board re-affirmed approval of that action proposed and voted upon on October 3, 2011.

Program Reviews:

AIS: Marv Erdman presented program wrap-up statistics and data for the watercraft inspections and the DNR public awareness grant activities, as well as AIS activities in general. Final numbers are not calculated as yet for the grant activities. State Shutdown impacted significantly on our programs.

Newsletter: Ann Schrupp noted the first newsletter for the upcoming year will be distributed in February.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported there will be a membership mailing scheduled for November. It will be sent to 2010 and 2011 members for renewal.

Outreach: Ken Neihart requested on behalf of the Fifty Lakes Homeowners Association that WAPOA become their fiscal agent. MSC: Tom Watson/Dave Topinka to approve this request.

Publicity: Muffie requested that all program chairs send her the names of volunteers to

include for the Thank You advertisement that will be published in November in our local newspapers.

Shoreland Restoration: Judy Wallschlaeger is following up with one winning contestant who has not submitted a plan and/or expenses for this year's award. If nothing is done prior to year-end, no monies will be awarded at this time.

Water Quality: No report. Testing has concluded for this plan year.

Natural Resources: Ed Egan reported the DNR has completed the Whitefish electro-fishing activity. Results are down from 2009 and 2010, but higher than 2008.

The Hay Creek walleye spawning habitat improvement project has been completed. 37,000 lbs of rock were put in place. The local beavers have noticed and are adding their "touch." They apparently think it is a great place for a dam. The property owner adjacent to the site is clearing the debris and has indicated he will remove the critters as well.

Land Use: Tom Watson reported on various activities occurring in our lakes area regarding land use projects and meetings he has attended concerning lake association organizing, fishing tournaments, land use variance applications/compliance with the new state variance law. With respect to some possible projects, the Initiative Foundation could have grant money available. Tom distributed the latest DNR additions and modifications of designated infested waters.

PRWA: Judy and Jack Wallschlaeger reported the MPC has indicated a 10-year water quality project will be undertaken. Citizen involvement will be needed on this extensive project. Judy Wallschlaeger noted that Muffie and Geoff Davidge have received the Brainerd Lakes Area Lake Friendly Development Award for 2011.

Other Activities: John Forney reported the Big Trout channel project is completed and financially is under budget. Some donated monies are remaining.

President Fischer reminded everyone about the preparations for the Planning Meeting scheduled for November 10, 2011 at Camp Knutson. Program chairs will need to submit action plans for 2012. The proposed agenda includes a review of our current By-Laws.

President Fischer and Secretary Melberg presented a proposed change to the current WAPOA policies. MSC: Tom Watson/Marv Erdman to approve revision to WAPOA Membership List policy.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

**The next meeting will be at 12:45 p.m., November 10, 2011
at Camp Knutson**

WAPOA Board Meeting
November 10, 2011
12:45 p.m.
Camp Knutson

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Muffie Davidge, Ken Neihart, Ed Egan, Sandra Melberg, Gary Olson, Tom Watson, Dave Topinka, Marv Erdman, Jim Brandt
Directors Absent: Jenny Max, Ann Schrupp, Les Degner
Others Present: Jack Wallschlaeger, Judy Wallschlaeger, John Forney

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

Minutes: MSC: Watson/Brandt to approve the minutes of the October 27 2011 Board Meeting as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: MSC: Topinka/Melberg to approve check payments numbered 2043-2045. MSC: Watson/Neihart to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Communications: Marv Erdman, AIS Director has tendered his resignation effective December 31, 2011. MSC: Davidge/Topinka to accept his resignation with regret. The Board responded with a round of applause in recognition of his service to the organization. MSC: Brandt/Erdman to elect MJ Schneider as AIS Director to serve through 2013. Marv Erdman and Alan Sherburne will offer "deputy" services to this program.

A request for a contribution has been made to WAPOA from the Crosslake businesses who are trying to fund the fireworks program for 2012. After discussion it was agreed no contribution would be made to this project, as it is not consistent with the mission of our organization.

Old/New Business: A copy of the WAPOA By-Laws has been sent to Dave Peterson per his request for same.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Melberg, Secretary

The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on January 26, 2012