

WAPOA Board Meeting  
January 24, 2013  
2:30 p.m.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Gary Olson, Jim Brandt, Mike Winkels, Dave Topinka, Tom Watson, Jess Eide, Ann Schrupp, Pat Hecker,

Directors Absent/Excused: Alan Sherburne, Jenny Max, Ken Neihart, Les Degner

Others Present: Marv Erdman, Jim Schultz, Sandy Melberg, Pamela Vaughan, Judy Wallschlaeger

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

**Guest:** Sandy Melberg introduced Pam Vaughan. Pam is interested in learning more about WAPOA and the Publicity Directors position. Pam told us about her background.

**Minutes:** MSC: Brandt/Topinka to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was discussion on the decision the board made three years ago to transfer 75% of our net income at the end of the year and put it in the Non-native Invasive Control fund to build a "War Chest" in case of AIS problems.

MSC: Brandt/Watson to establish a plan for the money in the Non-native Invasive Control fund and to note the success of Kimble Lake with their fund.

MSC: Schrupp/Watson to approve check register with deposits and check payments numbers 2132 through 2137.

MSC: Watson/Winkels to approve the Year End 2012 Financial Report

MSC: Topinka/Brandt to approve the 2013 Budget Proposal

MSC: Winkels/Shrupp to approve the 2013 Profit and Loss Balance Statement

**Executive Committee:** Dave Fischer reported that the Army Corp held a higher water level on the chain later than normal due to drought conditions downstream. They started releasing water on November 15, 2012. The current lake level on the chain is within guide lines.

MSC: Watson/Brandt to appoint Pat Tweed and Judy Wallschlaeger as the Audit Committee.

MSC: Brandt/Watson to approve the purchase of Insurance bonding of the Executive Board.

**Land & Waters Endowment:** Dave Fischer reported that as of December 31 we received donor donations of \$13,083 and with the \$5000 match we have a total of \$18,083.

MSC: Watson/Topinka to appoint the Ed Egan (1 year), John Forney (2 years), Dave Fischer (3 years) to the Endowment Committee.

**Communications:** no report

## **Program Reviews:**

**AIS:** Marv Erdman reported no Eurasian water milfoil or zebra mussels were reported during the fall removal of water-associated lakeshore equipment on the Whitefish Chain. WAPOA is applying for 3 grants to help with the cost of paid inspectors next summer. Our volunteer Watercraft Access Inspection program continues and we have arranged with Keri Hull of the DNR to again have 2 training sessions.

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp reported that the newsletter would include Calendar and Events, Lake Memories for the Land & Water Endowment and AIS inspector information in the next publication. She met with Kevin from Lakes Printing and the Spring Newsletter will start to incorporate the following new changes. There will be a cover, 4 more pages, increase in font size, more photos, more filler, bullet items and discontinue of the use of lower case in headlines. It was decided that the Spring Newsletter would be sent to the full chain. Members will get the newsletter. Non Members will get the newsletter with membership application form. Ann needs 2 short articles from each director on news worthy articles. Please include pictures.

**Membership:** Dave Topinka reported our regular membership is 513 and Business Membership at 19 as of yesterday. On November 23, 2012 Dave sent out the regular membership letters. He received an updated property owners list from Crow Wing County. He is working on incorporating updates into the WAPOA membership database. The fall newsletter was sent out and issues were addressed and resolved when possible.

**Outreach:** No Report.

**Publicity:** No Report.

**Shoreland Restoration:** Jim Brandt reported they are looking at the contest for next year. He is talking to vendors and some might be willing to provide materials.

**Water Quality:** Les has emailed proposed lake testing dates to the Army Corp. which will be the third Monday of the month, except July.

**Natural Resources:** No Report

**Land Use:** Tom Watson reported he sent a letter to Crosslake Mayor Schneider regarding the issue of Planning and Zoning – city vs. county ordinances. Tom attended MNCOLA Board meeting on January 23. He attended meetings and work sessions of the MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates group on the proposed 2013 Legislative session. He attended a 2-day 2013 DNR Roundtable. Tom was not appointed to the DNR AIS Stakeholders Advisory Committee. At this time WAPOA is not represented on the advisory committee to the DNR. The Lake associations are also poorly represented.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

**Note: No Board Meetings in February and March. The next WAPOA Board Meeting is 2:30pm. April 25, 2013.**

WAPOA Board Meeting

April 26, 2013

2:30 p.m.

Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Gary Olson, Jim Brandt, Dave Topinka, Alan Sherburne, Ken Neihart, Tom Watson, Ann Schrupp, Pat Hecker,

Directors Absent/Excused: Jenny Max, Pam Vaughan, Jess Eide & Mike Winkles

Others Present: Marv Erdman, John Forney, Dick Maas, Jim Schultz, MJ Schneider, Sandy Melberg, Tom Hecker

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

**Jack Wallschlaeger:** Judy Wallschlaeger expressed her thanks thru Dave Fischer for the flowers send from WAPOA. Memorial gifts may be made to the Land & Waters Preservation Trust in honor of Jack. A tribute to Jack will be in the Spring Newsletter.

**Minutes:** MSC: Brandt/Olson to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2013 Board Meeting.

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Les Degner, Water Quality Director, with regret.  
MSC: Topinka/Brandt

A motion was made to accept the appointment of Pam Vaughan to fill unexpired term as Publicity Director. MSC: Topinka/Brandt

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Watson/Schrupp to approve check register with deposits and check payments numbers 2138 through 2146.

MSC: Neihart/Topinka to approve the January - April 2013 Financial Report

After much discussion a motion was made to approve the Federal Tax Return. MSC: Schrupp/Brandt

After further discussion it was decided to review the State Tax Annual Reports and bring them back to the board for approval at the next board meeting.

**Executive Committee:** Dave Fischer, Tom Watson and John Forney have been meeting to discuss the feasibility and merit of a Lake Improvement District. They are researching legal issues.

**Communications:** no report

**Program Reviews:**

**AIS:** Our volunteer Watercraft Access Inspection program continues and we have arranged with Keri Hull of the DNR to again have 2 training sessions at Ideal Hall on May 8 & June 12 from 9am-12 noon. The DNR was able to only hire 14 of the 20 intern inspectors they needed this past year. The number of hours completed only amounted to 535.5 out of the 916 hours desired. They spread the workload evenly as best as they could to cover all of the lakes at least some of the time.

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp reported that the spring newsletter will be in the new format. She will be sending the final copy to printer on Monday. It was decided that the next newsletter will come out the middle of July. Articles need to be sent to Ann the first week of June and she will compile it by the middle of June. Ann needs 2 short articles from each director on news worthy articles. Please include pictures.

**Membership:** Dave Topinka reported our regular membership is 750 and Business Membership at 37. Dave incorporated the Crow Wing County property owners update in the database. It was decided all Spring Newsletters will be mailed (this one time) so readers can see the new format. Newsletters only will be sent to 2013 members and businesses. Newsletters with membership form and return envelopes will go to every household on the Whitefish chain, 2012 Businesses, and Wilderness Park.

**Outreach:** Discussed issues with the Big Pine Lake Dam. Emily Mining Operation has drilled down 700 feet looking for manganese and iron ore.

**Publicity:** We are continuing with the theme of “cute kids” and ads will begin running weekly in the Echo and Northland Press. 800 Brochures were provided to the Discover Racks in April at 13 locations (same locations as last year). Please submit drafts or finished articles regarding events and/or educational information to Pam for publication in the Echo and Northland Press.

**Shoreland Restoration:** Jim Brandt reported the kick-off event for the Annual Shoreline Restoration Contest will be June 5, 2013 at Moonlite Bay from 5-7:30 pm. There will be free appetizers and visit with experts who are there to help with shoreline challenges and plans. The judging session will be on June 19 at Ideal Hall from 5-7:30 pm. A total of \$6,000 (in varying amounts) will be awarded to the projects which will most help maintain good water quality.

Trout Lake Access work will begin the week of June 3 and be completed the week of June 10. The access will be closed while work is being done. WAPOA will need help with planting at the access.

**Water Quality:** A refresher course for volunteers doing monthly lake water sampling will be held at the Army Corps on Monday, May 6 at 9am. The first set of samples will be taken on May 19 & 20.

**Natural Resources:** Due to late ice out there has been a delay with the walleye stripping.

**Land Use:** Tom Watson met in February with Cosslake Mayor Schneider and Council member John Moengen regarding the issue of Planning and Zoning – city vs. county ordinances. The

mayor expressed interest in “working more closely with WAPOA, but there has been no response to follow-up. Clamshell Beach Resort variances were approved, despite the objections of the CBLA and a recommendation for denial by Ideal Township.

**Business Liaison:** Tom Watson proposed, along with Jess Eide, a work session with the local Chamber of Commerce regarding land and water matters about the Whitefish area.

**Grandpa’s Run for the Walleye 2013:** Jenny Max sent a list of things completed for the run and things that need to be done. Dave said we need help with this event.

**Annual Meeting/Guest Speaker:** Discussion took place regarding the schedule of the Annual Meeting. The guest speaker is Paul Radomski, DNR Research Scientist.

**Land & Waters Endowment:** Dave Fischer reported that we received donor donations of \$14,883 and the \$5000 match from WAPOA, plus Initiative Foundations Step One match of \$10,000 we have a total of \$29,883.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30pm

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

**The next WAPOA Board Meeting is 2:30pm. May 23, 2013.**

WAPOA Board Meeting  
May 23, 2013  
2:30 p.m.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Gary Olson, Jim Brandt, Pat Hecker, Dave Topinka, Alan Sherburne, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier, Pam Vaughan, Mike Winkels, Ann Schrupp, Jess Eide,

Directors Absent/Excused: Tom Watson

Directors Emerti Present: Judy Wallschlager, MJ Schneider and Sandy Melberg

Others Present: Marv Erdman, Joe Brodil, Jim Schultz, Ruth Strohmeier, Tom Hecker

President Dave Fischer called the business meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Brandt/Schrupp to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2013 Board Meeting.

MSC: Brandt/Vaughan to accept the resignation of Jenny Max with thanks and gratitude.

MSC: Niehart/Topinka to accept the appointment of Fred Strohmeier to fill unexpired term as Water Quality Director.

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Winkels/Schrupp to approve check register with deposits and check payments numbers 2147 through 2150.

MSC: Topinka/Eide to approve the 2013 Year-to-Date Financial Report

MSC: Brandt/Winkels a resolution to approve the MN Annual Report Form.

**Executive Committee:** Directors are looking into how to handle Jenny Max's position.

**Land & Waters Endowment:** Dave Fischer reported that we received donor donations of \$27,378, plus Initiative Foundations Step One match of \$15,000 and after June 1<sup>st</sup>, Step two match of \$10,000, giving us a total of \$52,378.00. (Note: Total awaiting 5/31/2013 quarterly report from the Initiative Foundation for final confirmation).

After meetings with consultant and Initiative Foundation, and written proposal from consultant, Land & Waters Preservation Trust Committee requests authority to spend up to \$2,000 additional (\$1,000 per Association), if required, to obtain additional fund raising support from consultant.

Motion requested: Land & Waters Preservation Trust Committee requests authority to spend an additional \$1,000 for Endowment consultant services (\$1,500 previously approved in October, 2012). MSC: Topinka/Strohmeier

**Nominating Committee:** Sandy Melberg, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the following nominations for directors: Gary Olson and Joe Brodil.

The 2014 Nominating Committee will be Sandra Melberg, MJ Schneider, Jim Schultz, Mary Kate Williams and Dave Fischer. Since next year there will be a big turnover on the board an appeal will be made at the Annual Meeting for members to consider serving on the board.

**Support Groups:** Judy Wallschlager made a motion to support the Forage Basin Summer Seminar and the Harvest Dinner, each with a \$100 donation. MSC: Brandt/ Neihart

**Communications:** Mary Badger contacted Dave Fischer in regards to making a “sign board” describing WAPOA and its contributions to the community to put on display at the new Ideal Fire Museum building.

### **Program Reviews:**

**AIS:** Paid watercraft inspection at accesses has started for the year. Background checks now are required every year for volunteer inspectors per DNR. The Corp of Engineers requires yearly updating of their volunteer forms to work at the access. On May 8<sup>th</sup> 25 volunteers attended the watercraft training sessions. Next training date is June 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign up sheet for this training at the Annual Meeting.

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp reported the summer newsletter schedule.

**Membership:** Dave Topinka reported we received approximately 78 more regular memberships since last meeting.

**Outreach:** Ken reported the county repaired the dam on Big Pine Lake. The county would like to use the assessments from the “Subordinate Service District (SSD)” to pay for the repair.

**Publicity:** Weekly ads are running in the Echo and Northland Press as well as Shoreland Restoration Contest ads. Articles for the Annual Meeting and for the Shoreland Restoration Contest have been submitted to both papers.

**Shoreland Restoration:** Jim Brandt reported we already have two people interested in the Annual Shoreline Restoration. Trout Lake Access work will begin the week of June 3 and be completed the week of June 10. The access will be closed while work is being done. WAPOA will need help with planting at the access on June 11 & 12.

MSC: Brandt/Topinka authorizing WAPOA to spend \$200 for a “Septic System Class” given by Eleanor Burkett. The class will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm – 8 pm at Ideal Town Hall.

**Water Quality:** The first testing took place May 20, but a lot of volunteers didn’t have their boats, lifts and dock in the water due to ice conditions. Hopefully, some will get their boats in this weekend and will take and freeze samples to bring in at next months testing day. Fred is working on updating the volunteer list.

**Natural Resources:** Walleye stripping was late, but once it started it was successful. Walleye fry stocking will begin next week. DNR is looking into land acquisition along the trapping site and was wondering if WAPOA would be interested in helping with a monetary support. It was decided we are interested but more information on the overall plan is need.

**Land Use:** no report

**Grandpa's Run for the Walleye 2013:** Jess Eide will contact Jenny Max and find out how we can access the events website to update the membership information.

**Annual Meeting/Guest Speaker:** Plans and preparations are on track for the Annual Meeting. The guest speaker is Paul Radomski, DNR Research Scientist. Help is needed for set up on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Ideal Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

**The Annual Meeting is June 8, doors open at 7:30 am.  
The next WAPOA Board Meeting is 2:30pm. June 27, 2013.**



WAPOA Board Meeting  
June 27, 2013  
2:30 p.m.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Gary Olson, Tom Watson, Jim Brandt, Pat Hecker, Dave Topinka, Alan Sherburne, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier, Pam Vaughan, Mike Winkels, Ann Schrupp, Jess Eide,

Directors Emerti Present: John Forney, MJ Schneider and Sandy Melberg

Others Present: Marv Erdman, Tom Hecker, Judy Topinka

President Dave Fischer called the business meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

**Minutes:** MSC: Brandt/ Vaughan to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2013 Board Meeting with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Watson/Neihart to approve check register with deposits and check payment numbers 2151 through 2170.

MSC: Winkels/Watson to approve the 2013 Year-to-Date Financial Report

**Executive Committee:** The Executive Directors met June 6<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans for the Annual Meeting.

**Annual Meeting:** Dave Fischer reported that we had a successful Annual Meeting and have received good feedback on the event. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the event a success.

**Land & Waters Endowment:** The green light was given for the printing of a brochure explaining the benefits of donating to the Endowment fund. After meetings with the consultant and the Initiative Foundation, the Land & Waters Preservation Trust Committee requests authority for an additional \$1,000 to obtain additional fund raising support.

Motion requested: Land & Waters Preservation Trust Committee requests authority to spend an additional \$1,000 for endowment consultant services (\$1,500 previously approved Oct. 2012 and \$1,000 previously approved in May, 2013). MSC: Brandt/Shrupp

**Antique & Wood Boat Show:** The Sponsorship fee has been sent in for the Antique & Wood Boat Show. We need to get people to work the WAPOA table for this event.

**Program Reviews:**

**AIS:** There were a total of 55 students trained as volunteer watercraft inspectors at the two training sessions WAPOA held. Clarification needs to be made regarding the video used during the training (appears to be geared toward DNR inspectors). WAPOA nets 26 volunteers this year. Thanks to Len Valley who continues to coordinate volunteer activity on the Clamshell access.

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp reported the newsletter goes to the printer tomorrow. The next newsletter will cover: Trout Lake Access, Septic Class, Grandpa's Run for the Walleye, etc.

**Membership:** Judy Topinka reported for Dave that he plans to send out reminders in the next few weeks to Business members from 2012 that have not renewed for 2013.

**Outreach:** Ken reported that Muffy and Geoff Davidage have completed a conservation easement on their property on Lower Whitefish Lake, protecting over 1600 feet of prime shoreline.

DNR researchers have identified 68 lakes as "primary refuge lakes" for tullibeets. The favorable habitat includes the lake and the watershed.

**Publicity:** An extra general Topic WAPOA ad was published in the Northland Press Summer Fun Guide. Ads for the Annual Meeting and the Shoreland Restoration Contest ran in both the Echo and Northland Press.

Articles regarding the Annual Meeting, Shoreland Restoration Contest, Experts night, Septic System Care Seminar, Run for the Walleye and Trout Lake Access Improvements were/will be published in both papers.

**Shoreland Restoration:** Both the open house and contest night for the Annual Shoreline Restoration Contest were very well attended. Nine contestants were awarded various amounts for their restoration project. .

Trout Lake Access work was completed as planned and held up under heavy rains. Volunteers planted over 3000 plants. The access is getting lots of use.

Heavy rains caused the Willow Creek to flow out of its banks and flood the 20+ acre field used as a cattle feed lot. This creek as well as others have brought lots of debris into Upper Whitefish. We need to work with the landowners to help alleviate this problem.

**Water Quality:** Fred Strohmeier reported that 45 samples were sent to the lab for testing in June. Ox Lake and Ruth have not had samples taken in either May or June. Fred has gotten a new volunteer to take samples from Ox Lake and is working to find someone to take samples on Ruth. He also has found a new volunteer to help at the Army Corps with collections of samples. The database of volunteers for Water Quality testing has been updated.

**Natural Resources:** Mike Winkels supplied us with a map of the 2013 Walleye Fry Stocking locations on the Whitefish Chain of lakes. There was an 87% success rate on the hatch this year. Mike reported that in 2003 for various reasons the DNR stopped Walleye Fry Stocking in Kego lake, but are looking into resuming the stocking of this lake.

**Business Liaison:** Jess Eide and Tom Watson are looking into a work session with the local Chamber of Commerce on land and water matters around the Whitefish area.

**Land Use:** Tom Watson reported Clamshell Beach Resort variances were approved by Crow Wing County, despite the objections and recommendations for denial of the CBLA, WAPOA, and Ideal Township. Bertha Boatworks rezoning request was approved by Crow Wing County, including the recommendations provided by WAPOA. WAPOA provided a letter of support for the rezoning, which complimented those of Ideal Township, which included a recommendation for additional screening between Bertha Boatworks and the neighbors on the west side and the implementation of a stormwater management solution between the subject lots being rezoned and the Boatworks' harbor. We spoke with Bertha Boatworks (attorney Joe Christensen and owner Art Balesis) to obtain their agreement, which they provided. WAPOA also provided written comments and recommendations for the Crow County report on the City of Crosslake planning and zoning function (see motion below).

**Other Activities:**

**Grandpa's Run for the Walleye 2013:** As of today we have 225 runners registered for the race. A schedule of volunteers was sent to all volunteers. Please show up on Wednesday, July 3 at 2:00pm, Ideal Town Hall to help stuff "goody bags" for the event.

**City of Crosslake Zoning Matters:** Dave Fischer and Tom Watson prepared a letter to the City of Crosslake responding and offering suggestions regarding the Crow Wing County Report. The letter was shared with the board. A motion was made to endorse the letter. MSC: Brandt/Winkel

**Crosslake Recreation Area Annual Fishing Derby:** Dave Fischer shared an email from Renee Hanson, Park Ranger requesting help from WAPOA with the Fishing Derby held August 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. WAPOA has agreed to be part of the event.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

**Grandpa's Run for the Walleye, Saturday, July 6**  
**Septic System Care Seminar, Tuesday, July 9 @ 6:30 PM, Ideal Town Hall**  
**Next Board Meeting is Thursday, July 25 @ 2:30 PM**  
**Antique & Wood Boat Show, Moonlite Bay, Saturday, July 27, 2013.**

WAPOA Board Meeting  
July 25, 2013  
2:30 p.m.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Gary Olson, Tom Watson, Jim Brandt, Pat Hecker, Dave Topinka, Alan Sherburne, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier, Pam Vaughan, Mike Winkels, Ann Schrupp

Directors Emerti Present: John Forney, MJ Schneider, Sandy Melberg, Judy Wallschlaeger

Others Present: Marv Erdman, Jim Schultz, Joe Brodil, Tom Hecker

Directors Excused: Jess Eide

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

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the June 8, 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes for approval at the 2014 Annual Meeting MSC: Brandt/Vaughan. MSC: Vaughan/Schrupp to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2013 Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Topinka/Watson to approve check register with deposits and check payment numbers 2171 through 2183.

MSC: Brandt/Watson to approve the 2013 Year-to-Date Financial Report

**Harvest Dinner:** Judy Wallschlaeger reported on details for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakes and Farms Harvest Dinner. She gave members present 4 tickets each to sell/buy.

**Executive Committee:** Shared actions taken in regards to the Zebra Mussels found on the chain. Information was shared about the recap on the website; Media and Member Communication; Interviews with Lakeland News and the Star Tribune, Communication with Dr. Dan Molloy and actions by the DNR.

We are ready with volunteers and booth material for the Antique & Wood Boat Show on Saturday July 27.

Tom Watson and Dave Fischer presented WAPOA's Plan for Non-Native AIS Management. MSC: Watson/Brandt to approve plan with an additional \$5000 for Lake AIS surveys and a reference to Our Lake Management Plan.

**Land & Waters Endowment:** Current donation amount is \$29,500 for a total of \$54,000. The consultants are working on a brochure.

**LID Investigation Status:** WAPOA board members Dave Fischer and John Forney met with Chris Pence, and Paul Thiede to discuss requirements to establish a LID for the Chain. Following the meeting a letter was then sent to Chris Pence to have the issues presented to the Crow Wing County Board at the earliest opportunity. The issue will be placed on the Crow Wing County Board agenda for August 13, 2013.

**Communication:** Dave Fischer reported for Ron Meyer that studies by the MPCA and PRWA have been performed on the watershed for the past few years. The PRWA has the opportunity to send a few members to “Fostering Citizen Leadership in our Watersheds – Workshop Series” scheduled for October 2013, April 2014 and June 2014. If interested in attending these sessions please call Ron Meyer this week.

### **Program Reviews:**

**AIS:** Sadly it was reported that a few adult zebra mussels have been found on Cross Lake and one adult mussel near the public access in Lower Hay Lake. We are in the process of gathering information from PLM, the DNR and our own experience to determine the extent of next year’s activities and long-term planning for handling additional invasive invasions. We are continuing boat inspections at the accesses and at C&C for the boat show. Watercraft Inspections projected through July 28 are 1567.5 hours. Alan had a handout he and R. Carlson prepared on procedures that classic boat owners can take to prevent the spread of AIS.

Dave Fischer reported we received a request from the DNR to assist them in getting AIS signs up on private accesses on the chain. He will pick up the signs on Friday and will take the necessary steps to place them.

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp reported she will be looking for articles by August 16<sup>th</sup> for the next newsletter. The newsletter will go to the printer before Labor Day.

**Membership:** Membership is down this year. Dave will be sending out the standard membership information and a flyer with a Zebra Mussel alert, to non members and old members in the next few weeks. He is also going to send Board members a list of Business members that have not renewed for 2013 so we can assist him in getting their support for WAPOA.

**Outreach:** Nothing to report

**Publicity:** Four Ads have been published in the Northland Press and Lake County Echo since the last board meeting. An early August Ad in the papers will focus on the finding

of zebra mussels on the chain. Pam has space at the Crosslake Community Center in early August for a display that will include information about the confirmation of Zebra Mussels on the chain as well as Water Quality and AIS information.

**Shoreland Restoration:** Jim Brandt reported the Septic Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> was well attended (35 people) and a success.

The restorations projects are moving along nicely. He may need some volunteer help with one of the projects.

**Water Quality:** Fred Strohmeier reported a successful sample collection day this Monday. He found someone to take samples for the remainder of the testing year for Ox and Ruth Lake. He is still looking for someone to take samples on Goodrich.

**Natural Resources:** Mike Winkels reported that studies are underway at this time on the effects of Zebra Mussels on the walleye population. If there is something major we could do for the Whitefish Chain to protect or restore walleye habitat, it has already been done. We need to consider opening up the monies reserved for the walleye to restore the lakes as much as possible to its natural state. Anything we can do to help the lakes will help the walleye.

**Business Liaison:** Dave Fischer reported for Jess Eide about the upcoming Michelob Golden Lite Contest opportunity for WAPOA. You need to vote via facebook for your favorite lake starting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The lake with the most votes will receive money to be used to support lake improvement. If Cross Lake wins, WAPOA will receive the money.

Tom Watson and Jess Eide will meet with the Crosslake Chamber of Commerce in August.

**Land Use:** Tom Watson reported Crow Wing County P & Z is proposing land use ordinance amendments for shoreland zoning, guest cottages and quarters, road setbacks, dirt moving and storm water management. Written comments on these amendments is due by August 9 and a hearing is scheduled September 19, 2013.

#### **Other Activities:**

**Crosslake Recreation Area Annual Fishing Derby:** Alan Sherburne and MJ Schneider will do AIS presentations.

**Grandpa's Run for the Walleye 2013:** We had 500 runners cross the finish line and about 130 kids participate in the Sunfish Dash. Dave Fischer is writing up recommendations and updating position descriptions, from the post-race meeting that was

held on July 23.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

**Antique & Wood Boat Show, Moonlite Bay, Saturday, July 27, 2013.**

**Next Executive Board Meeting, August 15 @ 9:30am**

**Harvest Dinner, Nisswa Community Center, Saturday, August 17**

**Next Board Meeting is Thursday, August 22 @ 2:30 PM**

WAPOA Board Meeting

August 22, 2013

2:30 p.m.

Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Tom Watson, Jim Brandt, Pat Hecker, Dave Topinka, Alan Sherburne, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier, Pam Vaughan, Mike Winkels, Ann Schrupp

Directors Emerti Present: John Forney, MJ Schneider, Sandy Melberg, Judy Wallschlaeger

Others Present: Marv Erdman, Jim Schultz, Joe Brodil

Directors Excused: Gary Olson, Jess Eide

President Dave Fischer called the business meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

**Guest, Paula West, Leech Lake Watershed Foundation:** Paula talked to the board about Conservation Easements. The Leech Lake Watershed Foundation covers the areas of Cass, Crow Wing and Aitkin Counties and if anyone is interested in a position on their board please give Paula a call at 218-675-5773.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the July 25th Minutes with changes. MSC: Watson/Vaughan

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Brandt/Strohmeier to approve check register with deposits and check payment numbers 2184 through 2197.

MSC: Topinka/Watson to approve the 2013 Year-to-Date Financial Report

**Executive Committee Report:** Action taken in regards to Zebra Mussels

- An email blast was sent two weeks ago
- Information was posted on the WAPOA website.
- An insert was included in the Summer Newsletter
- Dave Topinka sent out a Vertical Response to members
- An article by Katie Perkins was published in the Echo.
- Thanks to Alan Sherburne, Jim Brandt, Dave Topinka , Ann Schrupp, and Dave Fischer for helping to post signs at the public accesses.
- Dan Swanson reports they are still testing the plankton samples taken from the chain. He will call with the final results.
- Mike Duval will hold a seminar regarding AIS and our lakes which open to the public.

A motion was made to accept the donation from John Larson of speaker stands and cords for the WAPOA sound system. MSC Schrupp/Brandt Dave Fischer will write a thank you note to John for his donation.



**Land & Waters Endowment:** A logo has been developed and the brochure is almost complete.

**LID Investigation Status:** John Forney reported that Dave Fischer gave an excellent presentation to the Crow Wing County Board asking them to consider making a change in its requirements to form a lake improvement district. The County Board was not interested in making any changes.

We have a responsibility to our membership to let them know that the County Board will not support us in our efforts to be good Stewards.

**The following resolution was presented:**

Whereas the Crow Wing County Board reviewed and approved a new County Water Plan in July, 2013 which specifically states that the County Board will take a leadership role in combating aquatic invasive species and will work to empower local citizens in the prevention of aquatic invasive species,

Whereas the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association requested the County Board to consider amending their policy with regard to the creation of Lake Improvement Districts that currently requires a petition by 60+% of the riparian property owners in order to be considered by the County Board,

And, whereas a motion was made at the County Board meeting to consider WAPOA's request for policy modification so that the largest lakes in the county could seek a LID through a resolution of the County Board as provided by Minnesota statutes but was unable to get a second to the motion.

WAPOA finds the County Board did not even meet the leadership role or the empowerment of the local citizens in preventing AIS.

This lack of action by the Crow Wing County Board is contrary to the County Water Plan and of no benefit to the citizens and riparian property owners on the Whitefish Chain.

A motion to accept the resolution was made adding that The WAPOA Executive Committee can determine how to disseminate the information to the county, the community and WAPOA members. MSC: Brandt/Topinka

**LARA:** Dave Fischer and Tom Watson attended their meeting. LARA has a new website. They are looking for people to serve on their board.

**Program Reviews:**

**AIS:** Alan shared handouts on the 2012 Report of Watercraft Inspection at Lower Hay and the Whitefish Chain of Lakes by Keri Hull. The watercraft inspections are working very well this year.

The Boat Show had invasive species specimens available for viewing by the public. MJ Schneider and Alan Sherburne presented information about water quality and invasive species to 33 children at the ACOE fishing derby at the request of the ACOE.

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp reported she is still waiting for articles for the newsletter. The newsletter will go to the printer before Labor Day. Discussion took place regarding photo's for the cover.

**Membership:** Dave Topinka will be sending out another membership mailing in the next few days. He is also going to send Board members a list of their neighbors that have not renewed for 2013.

**Outreach:** Nothing to report

**Publicity:** Four Ads have been published in the Northland Press and Lake County Echo since the last board meeting. The last ad in August will THANK our individual members, business members and businesses that made donations to support our projects this year. A WAPOA display was set up at the Crosslake Community Center.

**Shoreland Restoration:** Jim Brandt reported the restorations projects are moving along nicely.

**Water Quality:** Fred Strohmeier reported a successful sample collection day this past Monday with 100% of the lakes turning in samples. He handed out a Secchi Transparency and Total Phosphorous summary for 2012/13.

**Natural Resources:** Nothing to report

**Business Liaison:** No report

**Land Use:** Tom Watson reported Crow Wing County Planning Commission reluctantly denied a variance for additional dockage at Clearwater Estates on Clearwater Lake near Bay Lake. This is the same variance request which was the subject of the DNR lawsuit against Crow Wing County that overturned a previously approved dockage variance.

Tom provided an update on the WAPOA invitation to the DNR AIS Advisory Committee, which is meeting today in St. Cloud. Tom is waiting to hear if they will accept our invitation and hold a meeting in Crow Wing County.

**Appreciation Dinner:** Dave Fischer asked for suggestions of who should be invited to the WAPOA Appreciation dinner on September 19.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

**Next Executive Board Meeting, September 12 @ 9:30 AM**  
**Next Board Meeting is Thursday, September 19 @ 2:30 PM**  
**Recognition Dinner, Camp Knutson, September 19 @ 6 PM. All present and future Board members and their guest are invited. We will also be inviting others that have been instrumental in our programs during the past year.**

WAPOA Board Meeting  
September 19, 2013  
2:30 p.m.  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Tom Watson, Gary Olson, Pat Hecker, Dave Topinka, Jim Brandt, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier, Pam Vaughan, Mike Winkels, Ann Schrupp Jess Eide

Directors Emerti Present: Ron Meyer, MJ Schneider, Sandy Melberg, Judy Wallschlaeger

Others Present: Marv Erdman, Jim Schultz, Ruth Strohmeier, Jack Riordan, Joan Riordan, Tom Hecker

Directors Excused: Alan Sherburne, Joe Brodil

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

**Guests, Jack and Joan Riordan:** Jack thanked WAPOA for the Shoreland Restoration Contest funds. They completed their project and shared the before and after pictures of their project.

**Minutes:** MSC: Brandt/Strohmeier to accept the August 23, 2013 Board Minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Watson/ Vaughan to approve check register with deposits and check payment numbers 2198 through 2211.

MSC: Watson/Schrupp to approve the 2013 Year-to-Date Financial Report

MSC: Brandt/Neihart acknowledging and accepting Publicity, Newsletter, and AIS over budget.

**Executive Committee Report:** We received a letter from Darlene Carlson authorizing the \$1,655 WAPOA is holding for the possible formation of a Daggett/Little Pine Association to be transferred to the Endowment Fund. MSC: Topinka/Schrupp to transfer \$1,655 to the Endowment fund.

Dr. Dan Molloy, a research scientist at the State University of New York is one of three finalists for a Research Assistant position at the University of Minnesota. He made a presentation at the University of Minnesota AIS Research Center this month, which Dave Fischer attended.

There will be an AIS Seminar in Brainerd October 12, from 8:30am to 2:00pm. Dave will email everyone with more information.

**Land & Waters Endowment:** Brochure is at the printers. We look to be on track to meet our goal of \$50,000.

**Presentation to House Legacy Committee:** Water quality and AIS were the topics discussed when the state House Legacy Fund Committee visited the area Wednesday, Sept. 11. Dave Fischer and Tom Watson reported that the presentation was well received. They received good feedback from the meeting. The Brainerd Dispatch and the ECHO both published articles on the presentation.

### **Program Reviews:**

**AIS:** Dave Fischer reported that Mike Duval, Brainerd DNR, confirmed that several plankton net samples taken on Upper Hay in August have shown a small number of zebra mussel veligers. Mike will hold a seminar regarding AIS on September 25 at Ideal Town Hall which is open to the public.

We have been billed for 1,349.5 water inspector hours (Budgeted for 1,500 Hours). Our volunteers worked 295 hours. So far the county has been able to schedule us for 90% of the hours that we requested. Mitch Brinks says the County will again offer the program in 2014.

It was decided that WAPOA would send a postcard asking for ALL property owners to help check for zebra mussel when removing boats, docks, lifts, pumps, water toys, etc. The postcard will include information as to where property owners and inspectors can report any findings online. A “Blast” will also be sent to WAPOA members.

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp reported the newsletter should be out the end of next week. It was decided that she will put the information that is on the postcard in the newsletter (see paragraph above).

**Membership:** Dave Topinka reported that we are down four business memberships this year. We also decided that 2014 Business memberships forms will be sent out earlier (October), since businesses are more likely to have money for ads at this time.

**Outreach:** Is seeking permission to continue the “Burma Shave” signs on CSAH 136.

**Publicity:** The Crosslake Community Library display is available for events. We will set it up at the AIS Seminar on September 25.

**Shoreland Restoration:** Jim Brandt reported 4 of the restorations projects are complete. Two more projects are complete except for final paper work. The work on another project will be worked on by a group on October 1. The Crosslake project is not done.

**Water Quality:** Fred Strohmeier reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> and final testing date was completed this past Monday. He will have information to hand out at the next board meeting.

**Natural Resources:** There was more discussion on the restricted funds since there are no projects at this time related to Walleyes. The electro fishing will take place sometime in October.

**Business Liaison:** There will be a meeting at Moonlite Bay Restaurant October 7, 9:00am with then Crosslake Chamber of Commerce.

**Land Use:** Tom Watson reported he attended the Lesard-Sams Council meeting on September 4. Attached is the letter he wrote to Lesard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council in support of a grant request proposal for Statewide AIS Facilities and Equipment which would provide one-time capital grants for local governments and the DNR.

Trout Lake Camp has applied for an amendment to a 2005 CUP and shoreline setback variance for five cabins along the west Shore of Big Trout Lake. Tom and Dave met with Trout Lake Camp to share WAPOA's position in favor of Trout Lake Camp completing an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) on the newly purchased property by Trout Lake Camp on the west side of Hwy. 134.

MSC: Watson/Topinka in favor of writing a letter from WAPOA to Crow Wing County in favor of an EAW.

**Pine River Watershed Alliance:** The Crow Wing Forage Basin Council is planning a winter seminar in February and is requesting Sponsorship from WAPOA in the amount of \$100. This will include two tickets to the event. Details are being finalized.

MSC: Brandt/Watson to approve sponsorship.

PRWA has created a Q&A section on their website where a person can direct a question to the DNR, MPCA, BOWSR, SWCD and PRWA. This feature is not being used. We are updating the website but requesting WAPOA put a note about this feature in their future membership communication.

**Election of the President:** MSC: Wnkels/Brandt to elect Tom Watson as President

Meeting Adjourned: 4:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

**AIS Seminar – Wednesday, September 25 @ 2:30 PM, Ideal Town Hall**  
**October Exec. Board meeting – Thursday, October 10 @ 9:30 AM (date may change)**  
**October Board Meeting – Thursday, October 24 @ 2:30 PM**

WAPOA (New/Incoming) Board Meeting  
September 19, 2013  
Ideal Town Hall

Directors Present: Dave Fischer, Tom Watson, Gary Olson, Pat Hecker, Dave Topinka, Jim Brandt, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier, Pam Vaughan, Mike Winkels, Ann Schrupp, Jess Eide

Directors Emerti Present: Ron Meyer, MJ Schneider, Sandy Melberg, Judy Wallschlaeger

Others Present: Marv Erdman, Jim Schultz, Ruth Strohmeier, Jack Riordan, Joan Riordan, Tom Hecker

Directors Excused: Alan Sherburne, Joe Brodil

President Tom Watson called the business meeting to order at 4:21pm

Tom Watson thanked Dave Fischer for all the work he did and the things he accomplished during his term as president.

MSC: Winkels/Brandt to approve the following as the Executive Board: Tom Watson as President, Dave Fischer as Past President, Gary Olson as Treasurer and Pat Hecker as Secretary.

MSC: Topinka/Schrupp to appoint Joe Brodil, Director AIS

MSC: Brandt/Fischer to approve the following as Director Emeriti: Judy Wallschlaeger, M.J. Schneider, Ron Meyer, John Forney, Sandy Melberg, Alan Sherburne, and Marv Erdman.

MSC: Eide/Strohmeier to approve the following Resolutions:

RESOLVED, That Lakes State Bank is to be designated as the depository for Whitefish Area Property Owners Association Savings Account, Checking Account, and Certificates of Deposit; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any of the following officers are to be named as signatories on the above designated accounts: Gary Olson, Treasurer; Tom Watson, President; Patricia Hecker, Secretary. If such funds to be released are greater than \$2,000, one of the two above signatories shall be that of the President.

Meeting Adjourned 4:30pm

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

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**WAPOA Board Meeting**  
**October 24, 2013**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**Ideal Town Hall**

**Directors Present:** Tom Watson, Dave Fischer, Gary Olson, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier, Pam Vaughan, Mike Winkels, Joe Brodil, Ann Schrupp, Jessie Eide

**Directors Emeriti Present:** Ron Meyer, Judy Wallschlaeger, MJ Schneider, Marv Erdman, John Forney

**Others Present:** None

**Directors Excused:** Dave Topinka, Jim Brandt, Pat Hecker

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

**Additions to Agenda:** MSC: Fischer/Strohmeier to approve adding a Business Relations report.

**Approval of Minutes:**

MSC: Vaughan/Schrupp to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 Board Meeting

MSC: Olson/Fischer to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 (New/Incoming) Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Winkels/Eide to approve check register with deposits and checks # 2212-2228

MSC: Vaughan/Fischer to approve the 2013 Year-to Date Financial Report

Treasurer Olson reported WAPOA has its own safe deposit box at Lakes State Bank at a cost of \$30.00 per year.

**Executive Committee Report:**

- A. MSC: Schrupp/Fischer to affirm electronic vote taken by the WAPOA Board on October 18<sup>th</sup> to pursue the Environmental Assessment Worksheet appeal on Trout Lake Camp development on Arrowhead Lake. (The electronic vote taken by the Board on October 18<sup>th</sup> was as follows; 11 Ayes, 0 Nay, 2 didn't vote.)
  
- B. MSC: Vaughan/Brodil to affirm the modification of the Business and Organization Membership dues structure with dues mailing to go out in November 2013. (Discussion to continue at the November 2013 planning meeting regarding definition and benefits with each membership category).

- C. 2014 Individual and Family Membership dues structure change – an addition of three new levels for this group. Discussion about differentiating the member categories will be further discussed at the November planning meeting.
- D. Without a formal motion, the Board agreed with the mailing of 2014 Business and Association membership around November 1.
- E. MSC: Eide/Olson to affirm WAPOA membership in the Brainerd Lakes Chamber for one year at \$165.00
- F. WAPOA Committee Organization and Structure proposed change for 2013-2014 presented by President Watson for consideration and discussion. He noted that the organization has grown, director responsibilities increased, volunteer and director recruiting is challenging, and we might want to consider some structure changes. This will become a topic at the planning meeting in November.
- G. Nominating Committee – need to tap into more of our membership for support help for each individual chairperson. This will be a topic at our planning meeting in November.

#### **Communications and Information**

- A. Lake Friendly Award from BAELN presented to Past President Dave Fischer by President Tom Watson. The award is in recognition of Dave, as President of WAPOA, his leadership in Big Trout Lake access renovation, along with the Army Corps of Engineers, Crow Wing County Soil & Water Conservation District, and the MN Department of Natural Resources.
- B. Lake Improvement District (LID) – President Watson reported WAPOA is basically at the point where we started. Our small group needs to continue meeting – at this time the 6 units of government, as a group, still do not support our LID proposal.

**Planning meeting preparation:** President Watson presented a draft agenda for the upcoming planning meeting in November. He will review with Executive Committee on November 7, 2013 then send out to the WAPOA Board as they prepare plans for 2014.

#### **Program Reviews:**

**AIS:** Joe Brodil reported attendance at the AIS Seminar hosted by WAPOA at Ideal Town Hall on September 25, 2013 was excellent. The complete seminar video is hosted on the WAPOA website.

A Post card with a Special Alert AIS message was sent to all WAPOA members to be vigilant in fall dock, lift, boat removal.

Zebra Mussel workshop was held on October 12, 2013. It was hosted by AW Research and focused on potential control techniques. The presence of calcium was presented as key Zebra Mussel habitat. Fred Strohmeier will check cost for a calcium test for the monthly water samples.

DNR website grant information for 2014 should be available by the end of November 2013. The good news for WAPOA is we will see more DNR inspections because of the ZM which we won't buy with grant monies.

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp reported the Fall WAPOA newsletter was completed. WAPOA received compliments from Dan Malloy on the article about him and the newsletter in general.

**Natural Resources:** Mike Winkels reported that the electro fishing on Whitefish and Lower Hay is completed. The following results were noted.

Whitefish – electro fished for 2 hours and 41 minutes with a catch rate of the young of-the-year walleye 22 per hour and an average length of 6.1”

Lower Hay – electro fished for 48 minutes with a catch rate of 48.8 per hour and an average length of 5.9”

**Membership:** A written report by Dave Topinka – the recent membership mailing provided for more business and individual memberships. It was noted WAPOA's membership year is January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Outreach:** Ken Neihart reported a meeting with Upper Hay Lake on October 2, 2013. Discussion at the meeting included shoreline restoration, Ditch 9 and continued ways to work together. Approval was not granted by the 50 Lakes Planning Commission for the Burma Shave signs along CSAH 136.

**Publicity:** Pam Vaughan will work with Fred Strohmeier to publicize the latest water quality testing results.

**Shoreland Restoration:** A written report by Jim Brandt that all projects have been completed and the people have been reimbursed except for one. Jim is working on the final report for the grant and then WAPOA will get the last 30% or an additional \$3375 to put towards our next years contest.

**Water Quality:** Fred Strohmeier reported that the water testing for 2013 has been completed. He handed out a data sheet to show the final results. Fred will thank water testers for their help.

**Business Relations:** Jessie Eide and Tom Watson reported a work session with local Chamber of Commerce rep. Cindy Myogeto, Jeremy Pollock from the CL Advisory Board, Dave Fisher

and Dave Topinka regarding land and water matters about the Whitefish area, WAPOA membership, and cooperative initiatives.

**Land Use:** Tom Watson reported that an appeal on TLC’s EAW was filed with the MN Court of Appeals on Tuesday, October 22. Appellants are Joseph Christensen (on behalf of 300 petitioners); WAPOA and Mike Cornelius (Arrowhead Lake).

John Sumption was hired by the City of Crosslake to “review and revise the Shoreland ordinances” starting November 1, 2013.

50 Lakes Property Owners Assn considering an appeal to the 50 Lakes City Council of the Planning Commission denial of the IUP (Interim Use Permit) for the AIS Burma Shave type signs on requested by private property owners on behalf of the Assn.

**Pine River Watershed Alliance:** Ron Meyer reported the PRWA mailing will go out in November. The DNR has approved removal of beaver dams on Hay Creek and Ditch 9. This will not have an impact on Upper Hay unless there is a spring rain situation. Walleye Run monies – discussion from Mike and Ron to move some monies from this fund to Shoreland Restoration for future use. John Forney asked to consider using 10% of the Walleye Run funds for operating funds for PRWA. Dave Fischer will write a letter to the Buthman family explaining our reasons for using monies from the Walleye Run to Shoreland Restoration and other habitat related projects.

**Land and Waters Preservation Trust:** Dave Fischer reported that tri-fold glossy brochures are printed and a letterhead is being developed. The brochure mailing will go to the entire WAPOA membership with the appeal to focus on funds of \$16,500 to be raised by December 31<sup>st</sup> toward the \$50,000 Initiative Foundation match.

**Other Business:** Tom Watson reported WAPOA is expected to be invited to be a member of MNCOLA

Meeting adjourned: 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Acting Secretary MJ Schneider

**November Executive Committee Meeting –Thursday, November 7 @ 9:00 am**

**WAPOA Planning Retreat – Thursday, November 14 @ 8:30 am,  
Camp Knutson, Angela Dining Hall**

**November Board Meeting – Thursday, November 14 @ 1:45 pm,  
Camp Knutson, Angela Dining Hall-88**

**WAPOA Board Meeting**  
**November 14, 2013**  
**1:45 p.m.**  
**Camp Knutson, Angela Dining Hall**

**Directors Present:** Tom Watson, Dave Fischer, Gary Olson, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier, Pam Vaughan, Mike Winkels, Joe Brodil, Ann Schrupp, Jessie Eide, Dave Topinka, Pat Hecker

**Directors Emeriti Present:** Judy Wallschlaeger, MJ Schneider, Marv Erdman, John Forney, Sandy Melberg

**Others Present:** None

**Directors Excused:** Jim Brandt

President Tom Watson called the business meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

**Additions to Agenda:** MSC: Strohmeier/Vaughan to approve adding Approval of Membership Dues and PAL Cabin Calendar.

**Approval of Minutes:**

MSC: Schrupp/Olson to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2013 Board Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Vaughan/Fischer to approve check register with deposits and checks # 2229-2239

MSC: Brodil/Schrupp to approve the 2013 Year-to Date Financial Report

**Communications and Information**

- A. WAPOA received a Thank You from John Henke for Monster Dash donation.
  
- B. We have received a quote from Pickle Events for next years Run for the Walleye and are checking out another company to compare prices.

**Land and Waters Preservation Trust:** Dave Fischer reported the brochure mailing and 1147 letters have been sent out.

**MSC:** Fischer/Olson to approve up to \$5000 directed to Land and Waters Endowment from Unrestricted Funds at the discretion of the Executive Board.

**Program Reviews:**

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp reported the Winter WAPOA newsletter will be sent out the end of January by email. Attached Action Plan

**Natural Resources:** Mike Winkels reported the DNR will redo the 10 year plan. Attached Action Plan

**Outreach:** Ken Neihart reported approval was granted by the 50 Lakes Planning Commission for the Burma Shave signs along CSAH 136. Attached Action Plan

**Land Use:** Tom Watson reported that an appeal on TLC's EAW is moving forward.

**Pine River Watershed Alliance:** Work on Ditch 9 is complete.

**New Business:**

MSC: Fischer/Vaughan to change membership dues as follows:

2014 Household/Family Membership - \$30.00

2014 Friends Level @ \$100.00 - \$249.99

2014 Sponsors Level @ \$250.00 - \$499.99

2014 Stewards Level @ 500.00 – up

MSC: Schrupp/Fischer to become an advertiser in the PAL Cabin Calendar (May 2014 – April 2015) a cost of \$300.

**Other Business:** WAPOA received a Lake Friendly Business Award.

Tom Watson thanked Marie Fischer, Lynn Olson, MJ Schneider and Jane Watson for a wonderful lunch.

Meeting adjourned: 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

**Executive Committee Meeting –Wednesday, December 11 @ 9:00 am**

**Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 9 @ 9:00 am**

**January 2014 Board Meeting – Thursday, January 23, @ 2:30 pm  
Ideal Town Hall**