

**WAPOA Board Meeting**

**May 29, 2014**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Ideal Town Hall**

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

**Directors Emeriti Present:** John Forney, Marv Erdman, Alan Sherburne, Sandy Melberg

**Others Present:** Jim Schultz

**Directors Excused:** N/A

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

MSC: Brandt/Schrupp to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 Board Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Fischer/Topinka to approve check register with deposits and checks # 2267-2273

MSC: Vaughan/Strohmeier to approve the 2014 Year-to-Date Financial Report

**Executive Committee Report:**

**The appeal on TLC's EAW:** No date has been set for the court to hear arguments.

MSC: Fischer/Schrupp: Funds used for payment of bills for the Crow Wing County TLC appeal will be increased to \$8100. This includes \$7100 contributed from members plus \$1000 previously approved by the board.

**Land and Waters Preservation Trust:** MSC: Vaughan/Neihart to appoint Ed Egan to continue serving as Trustee on the Endowment Committee (Jan. 2014 until Jan. 2016). Other members of the committee are John Forney (Jan. 2015) and Dave Fischer (Jan 2016).

**Nominating Committee:** Sandy Melberg reported that they are still looking for candidates. Ann Schrupp has agreed to stay on for one more year. There are four board positions that need to be filled.

**Annual Meeting:** We reviewed the agenda for the annual meeting. Set up is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**Communication and Information:**

**PRWA:** No Report

**Lake Associations Reports:** A number of Lake Associations reported they had successful Annual Meetings.

**Land and Waters Preservation Trust:** Committee is meeting with the consultants to develop a future fundraising campaign.

**Sandpiper Pipeline:** The Friends of the Earth were told their treaty rights did not apply in this case. They are appealing. The comment time period ends tonight.

**2014 Legislation – AIS Funding:** The law on the AIS funds appropriated to the counties in MN has based allocations of funds on the number of public accesses and number of parking spots at those accesses. Paul Thiede wants the eight counties represented by the Mississippi River Headwaters Board to decide on a different plan to distribute the money.

**Program Reviews:**

**AIS:** Joe Brodil reported 54 people participated in the inspection. The Army Corps will not be able to get the additional volunteer inspections hours up and running this year.

**Business Relations:** The PAL Calendars are out. Sandy Melberg still has volunteer opportunities available at the Classic Wood Boat Show.

**Membership:** Dave Topinka reported that, to date, we have 56 business memberships and 938 regular memberships for 2014.

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp reported the spring newsletter was mailed out to all riparian properties around the Whitefish Chain. A water quality color map was included in the newsletter.

**Publicity:** Pam Vaughan reported that 5 different ads have been submitted this year; these have focused on AIS, Shoreland Restoration and the Annual Meeting. Two additional ads have been published in the Shopper. WAPOA brochures are available for distribution.

**Natural Resources:** Mike Winkels reported the DNR have released fry in the Whitefish Chain this year.

**Outreach:** Nothing new to report.

**Shoreland Restoration:** Jim Brandt reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> restoration work on Little Island is completed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> work day scheduled is on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Water Quality:** Fred Strohmeier reported that the first testing date went well. Samples from 38 lakes out of 46 were received. Calcium testing on Zebra mussel infected lakes will be done in June. We have two new volunteer testers this year.

**Run for the Walleye:** The race will be July 5<sup>th</sup> 2014. The Zap Events page will be up and running by tomorrow. Registrations forms are at Lakes Printing.

**Land Use:** Nothing new to report

Meeting adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

**Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 12 at 9:00 am**  
**Annual Meeting – Saturday, June 7 at 8 am**  
**Board Meeting – Thursday, June 26, at 2:30 pm Ideal Town Hall**