

WAPOA Board Meeting
January 23, 2014
2:30 p.m.
Ideal Town Hall

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

Directors Emeriti Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Marv Erdman, Alan Sherburne

Others Present: Mike Cornelius, Jim Schultz

Directors Excused: Jim Brandt, Pam Vaughan, Joe Brodil

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

Guest/Guest Comments: Mike and Alane Cornelius are appellants in the Appeal process regarding the Trout Lake Camp's (TLC) need to do an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). Mike expressed his thanks to WAPOA for support in this matter.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Schrupp/Fischer to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013 Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

MSC: Strohmeier/Eide to approve check register with deposits and checks # 2240-2254

MSC: Fischer/ Winkels to approve the 2013 Year End Financial Reports

MSC: Topinka/Schrupp to accept a \$1,000 grant from the John Larsen Foundation, and to make a donation of this amount to the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA).

Executive Committee Report:

The appeal on TLC's EAW is moving forward. The CUP for TLC was approved by the Crow Wing County Planning Commission on January 16th. Mike Cornelius and Tom Watson reported that, after discussing this with John Erickson (the attorney pursuing the appeal of the EAW decision) and Joe Christensen, they believe an appeal of the CUP decision should be filed since failing to file the appeal may result in significant legal hurdles for the EAW appeal to proceed. Tom pointed out that many issues including Storm Water Management and Sensitive Shoreline have not been addressed in the CUP. A long discussion followed by board members and the following motions were made.

MSC: Topinka/Strohmeier - WAPOA agrees to support an appeal on the CUP together with the two other parties involved in the appeal. (Appellants are WAPOA, Mike Cornelius and Joe Christensen on behalf of 400 petitioners).

MSC: Hecker/Schrupp – WAPOA will support the CUP appeal with a maximum of \$1000 from the Legal Advocacy Funds.

Discussion about WAPOA members designating additional contributions in support of the Crow Wing County/Trout Lake Camp appeals of the EAW and CUP decisions. Board agreed to have Dave Fischer, Judy Wallschlaeger and Tom Watson review the matter, IRS regulations for 501c3 organizations, and provide a report to the Board.

WAPOA Organization and Structure: As a result of feedback from the Planning meeting we are forming committees, such as a Communication Committee. Ann Schrupp, Jessie Eide, Dave Topinka, Pam Vaughan, Dave Fischer, Alan Sherburne and Tom Watson have been meeting on ways we can be more effective in getting our message out to members and the community, and organizing a WAPOA Communications Committee.

Run for the Walleye: Jenny Max has been appointed Race Coordinator the July 5th 2014 race. Pickle Events has been retained for the event.

Nominating Committee: Members are working on the process. Please give them names of any one who might be interested in serving as a Board Member or Committee member. We will be hosting two lunches this year to thank Water Quality Volunteers and Access Volunteers.

Planning Meeting: A Planning Meeting summary was distributed to all board members. We hope to reference it while moving forward in our mission during 2014.

MSC: Topinka/Hecker to approve the 2014 WAPOA Program Plans presented and reviewed at the November 2013 Planning Meeting, along with revisions to them since then.

Action Item: Gary Olson reviewed the proposed budget with Board Members.

MSC: Fischer/Hecker to approve the 2014 Year-to Date Financial Report

MSC: Winkels/Eide to approve the 2014 Budget

Program Reviews:

AIS: The AIS Volunteer training dates will be Saturday, April 26th 9:30am and Wednesday, May 21st 9:30am. The DNR watercraft inspection grants have been applied for. WAPOA and FOLH are each requesting 1000 inspection hours.

Business Relations: WAPOA is on the Cabin Calendar. As members of the Brainerd Lakes Chamber WAPOA will be CHOW hosts for a luncheon at Moonlite on October 23 at noon.

Land and Waters Preservation Trust: Dave Fischer reported we met our goal with a total donations and pledges in the amount of \$60,445.11. With the Initiative Foundations match the total Endowment is \$110,445.11.

Membership: To date we have 41 business memberships and 707 regular memberships for 2014.

Newsletter: Ann Schrupp reported the Winter WAPOA newsletter will be sent early February by email. Main topic for the Spring Newsletter is AIS and the Summer Newsletter will focus on Shoreline Management

Natural Resources: Mike Winkels will be meeting at the end of February with Marc Bacigalupi, DNR Fisheries Manager – Brainerd, about their 2014 annual plans for our area.

Outreach: No Report

Pine River Watershed Alliance: No Report

Shoreland Restoration: No Report

Water Quality: We will be purchasing equipment and will be testing the PH levels in the lakes this year. We will also be doing Calcium tests in June and August.

Meeting adjourned: 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

February and March enjoy winter

Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, April 10 @ 9:00 am

April Board Meeting – Thursday, April 24, @ 2:30 pm Ideal Town Hall