

WAPOA Board Meeting

July 24, 2014

2:30 p.m.

Ideal Town Hall

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

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

Others Present: Jim Schultz

Directors Excused: Dave Fischer, Jessie Eide,

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

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Schrupp/ Brandt to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2014 Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

MSC: Winkels/Vaughan to approve check register with deposits and checks # 2298-2316

MSC: Brodil/Neihart to approve the 2014 Year-to-Date Financial Report

Communication and Information:

Clamshell/Bertha Lake Association: Marv Erdman reported Jeff Forester spoke and passed out copies of the MLR Newsletter from 9/2013. He also had handouts on decontamination units. Marv stated that it was important for WAPOA to clarify their stand on the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Kimble Lake Association- Jim Schultz reported they are upgrading their access monitoring program due to the additional money from legislators. They are meeting with people from Ruth Lake to research Ruth Lake's camera system and decontamination units.

Fifty Lakes Association: Fred Strohmeier reported Scott Lucas (MPCA) will be at their annual meeting on August 2.

Washburn Lake Association- Ken Neihart reported the Sandpiper Pipeline meeting was well attended.

PRWA: They are in the process of developing their plan for the Watershed. They are trying to meet with Enbridge.

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

Executive Committee Report:

The appeal on TLC's EAW: The law requires the appeal be heard within 90 days of being filed. The appeal was filed the middle of June. An update was given on contributions received and disbursements made to date.

MSC: Hecker/Vaughan: Funds used for payment of bills for the Crow Wing County TLC appeal will be increased to \$20,000 (money contributed from members), plus \$1000 previously approved by the board. (Vote: 10-yes 1-no)

By-Laws: The committee will meet the first week of August and make their recommendations at the next Board meeting.

Sandpiper Pipeline: Fifty five to sixty people attended a meeting on Tuesday, July 22, in Fifty Lakes to inform and educate interested parties about the impacts of the pipeline that is proposed to go through the North Central Lake Region of Minnesota.

Website Information: The question was raised as to how to inform our members of issues facing us such as the Pipeline, TLC, etc. It was decided that WAPOA will put informational information and links on the website. WAPOA will remain neutral on the issues. When relevant to our mission statement; any policy positions we take must have full board approval and will be then be posted on the website.

Program Reviews:

AIS: Joe Brodil reported there will be another training date for inspectors in August. Joe is working with Mike Smith on staffing the landings due to the increased hours we have been awarded by the legislators. He is hoping to set up a round table with lake associations on prevention and treatment plans for AIS.

Business Relations: WAPOA will host a CHOW at Moonlite Bay Restaurant on Oct. 23.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported that, to date, we have 60 business memberships and 1043 regular memberships for 2014.

Newsletter: Ann Schrupp reported the final draft of the summer newsletter is being reviewed. The newsletter will be in member's hands the first week of August. Thanks to all who submitted their articles in a timely manner. The theme of the next newsletter is water quality and Ann needs all articles by Labor Day.

Publicity: Pam Vaughan reported the focus for Ads and articles in August will be water quality. John Forney and Dave Fischer reviewed the current WAPOA brochure to identify necessary edits before reprinting, and a list of recommended changes were made. The WAPOA all-purpose clips (chip clips) have been received to use as giveaways/promotional items.

Natural Resources: Mike Winkels reported on the 2014 Walleye fry stocking locations and numbers. In the fall of 2016 – spring 2017 it will be time to finalize a new 10 year fisheries management plan for the chain. The DNR acknowledges there is a Northern Pike problem in area lakes. 5,400 pounds of fingerlings will be stocked in the fall.

Outreach: Ken had no further information, other than the Sandpiper Pipeline report previously updated.

Shoreland Restoration: Jim Brandt reported projects are moving along.

Water Quality: Fred Strohmeier reported that the calcium and PH results recorded during the July testing indicate an environment conducive for reproduction of Zebra Mussels. . He handed out a Secchi Transparency and Total Phosphorous summary for 2012/2013 and 2014 to date.

Run for the Walleye: We charged participants \$5 more this year. The number of runners this year was 497, just 3 less than last year. Next year the race will be on July 4th. We are considering two changes/additions (2.5K and 10K).

Land Use: Rental Property in the area is becoming an issue.

Meeting adjourned: 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, August 7 at 9:00 am
Board Meeting – Thursday, August 21, at 2:30 pm Ideal Town Hall