

WAPOA Board Meeting
June 26, 2014
Ideal Community Center

Directors Present: Tom Watson, Dave Fischer, Gary Olson, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier, Dave Topinka, Jim Brandt, Ann Schrupp, Pam Vaughan

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

Others Present: Dave Schrupp (newly elected Board member)

Directors Excused: Joe Brodil, Pat Hecker, Mike Winkels

Call to Order: President Tom Watson called the business meeting to order at 2:30 pm

Additions to Agenda: revised agenda as mailed reviewed by Watson

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Brandt/Vaughan to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2014 Board Meeting

Information item: President Watson advised the Board to review the June 7th Annual Meeting minutes and forward any corrections to Pat Hecker

Treasurer's Report:

MSC: Schrupp/Strohmeier to approve check register with deposits and checks #2274-2297

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

Communications and Information:

Reports from Lake Associations and Groups-

Fifty Lakes Association- Fred Strohmeier reported that lake access inspectors are working and drop off their sheets at Fifty Lakes City hall for entry.

Washburn Lake Association- Ken Neihart reported that they will have Scott Lucas, MPCA, as their speaker for their annual meeting. Topic will be the proposed pipeline. Scott will also be at the Fifty Lakes Assoc. meeting in August

Clamshell/Bertha Association- Marv Erdman reported Jeff Forester will be the speaker at the CBLA annual meeting in July.

Pine River Watershed- John Forney reported on the meeting June 21, 2014 regarding the citizen input from the April 26th meeting. Also an election of officers for the new year.

Land and Waters Preservation Trust – Dave Fischer and John Forney – meeting this morning in Little Falls. Focus on putting a plan together for fund raising. Trust is at \$120,000 – significant contributions by the end of the last year. Board was asked to come up with three names of possible contributors. Goal is \$1 million in 5 years with 4 years to go.

Executive Committee Report:

Crow Wing County/Trout Lake EAW and CUP Appeals

1. Crow Wing County/Trout Lake EAW Appeal – briefs and responses to the briefs have all been filed; waiting for a Court of Appeals hearing date likely in late July or August.
2. Crow Wing County/Trout Lake CUP Appeal – our attorney will be requested to complete in 30 days a review and confirmation of the October 2013 Planning Commission record of their CUP decision and submit our brief to the COA.

3. Report on Appeals Finances. Olson and Watson provided an update on contributions received and disbursements made to date. MSC Fischer/Strohmeier to approve disbursements of up to \$9,100 plus \$1,000 previously approved from WAPOA funds.

2014 Legislation – AIS State Aid Funding

President Watson reviewed the approved Crow Wing County 2014 AIS Budget for the AIS Prevention state aid appropriation totally \$202,000, including:

Inspection:	\$111,053
Education and Awareness:	\$36,660
Pilot/Special Projects:	\$55,000

Watson reported that the CWC Proposed AIS budget for 2015 should be about \$450,000.

Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council has awarded the Initiative Foundation \$4 million for AIS prevention projects. The grant is intended to explore new ways to fight AIS. The grant will not support research projects. President Watson asked the WAPOA Board to come up with some creative ideas. The grant begins in 2015 and ends in 2019.

Coalition of Lake Associations- During previous meetings of lakes associations in our area, there is interest in meeting and working together as a Northern Crow Wing/PR Watershed COLA. Future meetings will be held.

By-Law Review Committee – President Watson reported that the recent Nominating Committee report indicated a need to review and consider possible updates to our by-laws. Watson proposed a short-term committee to complete this review.

MSC Schrupp/Brandt to approve the appointment of the following directors to a short term By-Law Committee to review WAPOA director limits, positions, terms and other relevant matters:

Directors Emeriti: Judy Wallschlaeger, Sandy Melberg, and Board Members- Tom Watson, Dave Fischer, Fred Strohmeier, Ann Schrupp, Dave Schrupp

Action Items: MSC Fischer/Topinka to approve \$100.00 payment as a sponsor for the Harvest Dinner

Annual Meeting: President Watson stated he was pleased with the turn out for the meeting and guest speakers were well received. Question was asked about how many in attendance are WAPOA member and how many new members signed up.

Program Reviews:

AIS/Access Monitors – need more paid volunteers at the accesses. The WAPOA volunteers we do have at the accesses are keeping their schedules.

Business Relations – good turnout of WAPOA volunteers – great display.

Membership – Dave Topinka reported 58 business memberships and 938 individual memberships. Next mailing will be of all property owners on the Whitefish Chain who have not joined in 2014.

Communications – Ann Schrupp would like to have the next WAPOA newsletter out in July. Will meet with several Board members on July 7th to go over final articles for newsletter.

Publicity – Pam Vaughan reported ads regarding AIS prevention, Annual Meeting, Shoreland Restoration Contest and the Run for the Walleye were published in June. Out of WAPOA brochures – need to work on an updated one yet this year. A “chip clip” with the WAPOA logo has been ordered. It can be given out at various WAPOA functions. It is printed with REMOVE ALL AIS – THINK ZERO. President Watson stated pleased with the quality of the ads.

Natural Resources – A WAPOA member/ Whitefish Chain resident has asked for some of the walleye money to help with restoration of their shoreland.

Outreach – No additional report other than lake associations report

Shoreland Restoration – Jim Brandt reported there were 10 contestants in the restoration contest -9 received awards totaling \$11,000 plus two MCC crew day awards. New this year – the judges listened to one contestant at a time.

MSC Fischer/Brandt to accept the SWCD grant of \$15,000 good through June 2016

Water Quality – Fred Strohmeier reported PH readings are consistent across the Chain at 8.3 average. There is no calcium data to report at this time.

Run for the Walleye – Dave Fischer reported volunteer support looks good for race day. Bag stuffing will be July 3, 2:00pm at Ideal Town Hall.

Land Use – Tom Watson reported regarding the Sandpiper pipeline matter that Hubbard COLA will partner with Friends of the Headwaters to arrange a work session of lake associations in early July. WAPOA responded we will participate and attend.

Other Matters: None

Adjourn: 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted: MJ Schneider, Acting Secretary