

WAPOA Board Meeting
August 21, 2014
2:30 p.m.
Ideal Town Hall

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

Directors Emeriti Present: John Forney, Ron Meyer, Alan Sherburne, MJ Schneider, Judy Wallschlaeger

Others Present: Jim Schultz, Tom Hecker

Directors Excused: Mike Winkels

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

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Topinka/ Brandt to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2014 Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

MSC: Brodil/Brandt to approve check register with deposits and checks #2317-2326

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

Communication and Information:

Clamshell/Bertha Lake Association: A request to share WAPOA financial reports with the CBLA board was discussed. The consensus was that WAPOA's financial information should not be shared or distributed beyond the initial distribution to current board members and emeriti unless presented by a current board member.

Kimble Lake Association: Nothing new to report

Fifty Lakes Association: Fred Strohmeier reported their annual meeting was held August 2. Scott Lucas (MPCA) reported that, according to the study done on Kego Lake, the phosphorus level needs to be lowered by 22%. They discussed the Sandpiper Pipeline.

PRWA: They have a meeting set with Enbridge for September 18, 1pm at Ideal Town Hall.

Land and Waters Preservation Trust: Total funds to date are \$120,400.

Executive Committee Report:

The appeal on TLC's EAW: WAPOA has received \$36,255 in contributions to date.

MSC: Vaughan/Strohmeier: The Executive board is approved to spend funds for payment of bills for the Crow Wing County TLC appeal up to \$35,000 (money contributed from members), plus \$1000 previously approved by the board.

By-Laws: The committee has met and Sandy Melberg is getting the amendments ready for board review.

Sandpiper Pipeline: Discussion took place on the alternatives identified for the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline. Tom Watson presented a draft response letter to be submitted to the MN Public Utilities Commission. MSC: Fischer/Schrupp to approve the August 20 letter to the MN PUC.

Volunteer Recognition Event: A discussion took place to change the September 18, Appreciation Dinner to a Volunteer Recognition Dinner for all WAPOA volunteers. A committee was formed to find a place to hold this event and find someone to cater it. MSC: Topinka/Neihart to have a Volunteer Recognition Dinner and cost to come out of the budget from the general fund.

It was also decided that a board member and spouse appreciation “get together” will be held after the all-day planning meeting on November 13 this year.

Crow Wing County LARA: Their annual meeting is next Tuesday, August 26, 7pm.

Program Reviews:

AIS: Joe Brodil reported that, as of 8/17, we have used 56% of the state AIS funds for additional inspector hours. An AIS round table meeting with lake associations on prevention and treatment plans for AIS will be held later this month.

Business Relations: WAPOA will host CHOW at Moonlite Bay Restaurant on Oct. 23. We will be serving the meal on WAPOA Frisbee’s and also giving out WAPOA chip clips. Board Members and spouses will do the serving of the meal.

Membership: Dave Topinka reported that, to date, we have 60 business memberships and 1119 regular memberships for 2014. MSC: Fischer/Schrupp. Dave Topinka should purchase new list of property owners from the county for approximately \$150.

Newsletter: Ann Schrupp reported the September newsletter will focus on Water Quality. We need to get the newsletter out before people leave the area the end of September. Ann needs all articles submitted to her NO LATER than September 5.

Publicity: Pam Vaughan reported the focus for ads and articles in September is Water Quality. An article regarding the FOH presentation on the Enbridge Pipeline was printed by the Northland Press and the ECHO. The WAPOA all-purpose clips (chip clips) were provided to kids at the Fishing Derby and were distributed at the boat launch sites by WAPOA volunteers.

Vertical Response: Two notices regarding the Harvest Dinner were sent in August to everyone we have an email address for; and the Summer Newsletter VR was sent out August 18th to WAPOA members who requested the newsletter via email

Natural Resources: no report.

Outreach: Ken reported on the CW Power manganese mine. CW Power is meeting with investors interested in moving forward. 15 exploratory holes will be drilled. They are expecting to find deposits at 600 to 700 feet.

Shoreland Restoration: Jim Brandt reported that 6 projects are complete, 2 are progressing and 1 may not be done. CWC Soil and Water will award WAPOA \$13,500 of the \$15,000 2014 grant when all maintenance plans are received from the last grant. We are now missing 3 maintenance plans.

Water Quality: Fred Strohmeier reported there is only one more testing date for the year. The PH numbers taken this month were consistent with the first testing in July. Our samples have been warmer than the lab would like so we sent in last month's samples with extra ice (Required 2 coolers).

Land Use: DNR Fisheries, Heather Baird (Brainerd) and Martin Jennings (St. Paul) have written a Lessard-Sams Council package proposal for funding and part of the funding targets watershed protection strategies. Ron Meyer is very interested in looking into this more and WAPOA will send a letter of recommendation and support to LSOHC.

Other: MSC: Fischer/Vaughan to pursue a grant of \$1,000 from the John Larsen Foundation for the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA).

Harvest Dinner: See Judy Wallschlaeger to purchase dinner tickets. The dinner will be on September 13 at the Nisswa Legion. All proceeds go to FAA programs and Farm Safety for kids in schools.

Audubon Society Candidate Forum: MSC: Fischer/Brandt. WAPOA will be one of the co-sponsors of the Audubon Society candidate forum at the Brainerd Arboretum October 23 (at no cost to WAPOA).

Meeting adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 11 at 9:00 am
Harvest Dinner – Saturday, September 13, 7:00 pm Nisswa Legion
Meeting with Enbridge – Thursday, September 18, at 1:00 pm Ideal Town Hall
Board Meeting – Thursday, September 18, at 2:30 pm Ideal Town Hall
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Thursday, September 18, place TBD