

WAPOA Special Board Meeting
September 18, 2014
1:00 p.m.
Ideal Town Hall

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

Directors Emeriti Present: John Forney, Ron Meyer, Alan Sherburne,

Others Present: 14 Members of various lake associations and 6 Enbridge Representatives

A special board meeting was called to order by President Tom Watson at 1:00pm. We met with representatives from Enbridge to discuss safety concerns related to the proposed Sandpiper pipeline. A request was made at the end of the meeting for WAPOA to schedule another meeting with Enbridge.

Meeting adjourned: 2:25 p.m.

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Others Present: Jim Schultz, Claire Steen

Directors Excused: Jessie Eide

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

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Brandt/Winkels to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2014 Board Meeting with one change.

Treasurer's Report:

MSC: Vaughan/Schrupp to approve check register with deposits and checks #2327-2340

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

Communication and Information:

Clamshell/Bertha Lake Association: Nothing new to report.

Kimble Lake Association: Nothing new to report

Fifty Lakes Association: Nothing new to report

Friends of Lower Hay: Nothing new to report

PRWA: The Watershed Restoration and Protection (WRAP) strategy is being written. The WRAP is strategic and defines areas where we believe efforts will generate the biggest return on protection.

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Harvest Dinner: The dinner was a huge success with 122 in attendance.

Executive Committee Report:

The appeal on TLC's EAW: All documents have been submitted and the Minnesota Iowa Baptist Council (MIBS) has responded to our brief. Both appeals will be heard at the same time in late November-early December in St. Cloud. WAPOA has received \$36,255 in contributions to date.

MSC: Brandt/Schrupp: The Executive board is approved to spend funds for payment of bills for the Crow Wing County TLC appeal up to \$36,000 (money contributed from members), plus \$1000 previously approved by the board. The Executive Committee is authorized to spend, only to the extent of the additional contributions, if needed before the next board meeting.

By-Laws: A copy of the amended by-laws was distributed. We were asked to review and bring comments to the next meeting.

Sandpiper Pipeline: A special board meeting was held with representatives from Enbridge to discuss safety concerns related to the Sandpiper Pipeline. A request was made at the end of the meeting for WAPOA to schedule another meeting with Enbridge.

On Thursday, Sept. 11, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) ordered that a broader search be made for the best pathway for the Sandpiper Pipeline. Friends of the Headwaters have asked for support in their efforts to stop the Sandpiper Pipeline route. MSC: Neihart/ Strohmeier to send FOH \$1,000 contribution and a letter of support.

Planning Meeting: The planning meeting will be held at Camp Knutson, on Thursday, November 13, coffee served at 8:30am, meeting starting promptly at 9am. A board member and spouse appreciation "get together" will be held after the all-day planning meeting. Judy Wallschlaeger, Tom and Jane Watson will organize.

Lessard Sams/Initiative Foundation Grant: Joe Brodil, Dave Fischer, Tom Watson and Gary Olson wrote a grant request for a portion of the money for AIS prevention projects offered. The grant is intended to explore new ways to fight AIS. The grant will not support research projects.

MSC: Brandt/Schrupp to approve the grant application to the Initiative Foundation.

Program Reviews:

AIS: Thru September 14 we have used 93% of the State AIS funds for additional inspector hours. We have asked to continue inspections thru the end of September. WAPOA will pick up the extra cost not covered by state money.

Friday Sept. 19th is the AIS Round Table in Brainerd, we estimate 60 people attending.

The 2014 State Aid program included dollars for education and awareness, for WAPOA that total was \$750. We are submitting the bills for the Frisbees, chip clips and ZM postcard for reimbursement.

ACOE is willing to add another Volunteer Camp Host/Site to help with boat inspections. The cost to run utilities to the campsite is around \$1950. MSC: Vaughan/Brandt to authorize up to \$2000 for the utilities for the campsite.

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Membership: Dave Topinka reported that we have 1 new business membership with a total of 61 and 1130+ regular memberships for 2014. Dave Topinka has received the new list of property owners from the county. We will be adding the Address Service Requested USPS Ancillary Endorsement to our fall newsletter mailing to insure that information is forwarded.

Newsletter: Ann Schrupp reported the newsletter is at Lakes Printing and will be out before the end of the month. A postcard was sent to area residents asking for help checking out docks, dock floats, swimming platforms, boats, motors, anchors and any objects for evidence of zebra mussels. If evidence is found please call the DNR or a WAPOA member.

Publicity: Pam Vaughan reported the Northland Press published an article regarding Dr. Dan Molloy's visit to the Whitefish Chain to evaluate the extent of the zebra mussel invasion. Pam and others are working on the updated WAPOA brochures.

Natural Resources: Mike reported that the DNR will be putting 5400 lbs of fingerlings into the lakes the second week of October.

Outreach: For some interesting information on fracking we should check out the Fresh Water Societies webpage.

Shoreland Restoration: Jim Brandt reported that 4 projects are complete and paid, 2 projects are complete but have not been paid, and 2 projects are near completion. 1 project may not be done. We have received \$16,875 from CWC Soil and Water for all WAPOA Annual Shoreland Restoration contest grants.

Water Quality: Fred Strohmeier reported this weekend is our last testing date for the year. The PH numbers were a little higher and the calcium numbers were a little lower than those taken in July. We will continue testing PH & calcium next year. Unfortunately, the PH and calcium numbers are favorable for the spread of zebra mussels.

Land Use: Vacation Rental by Owners has become a concern in the area.

Meeting adjourned: 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, October 9, 9:00 am
Board Meeting – Thursday, October 23, at 2:30 pm Ideal Town Hall
Planning Meeting – Thursday, November 13, 9:00 am Camp Knutson