

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

**Directors Present:** Tom Watson, Gary Olson, Dave Fischer, Ken Neihart, Mike Winkels, Fred Strohmeier, Jessie Eide, Dave Topinka, Jim Brandt, Pam Vaughan, Pat Hecker

**Directors Emeriti Present:** Alan Sherburne

**Others Present:** Jim Schultz

**Directors Excused:** Ann Schrupp, Dave Schrupp, Joe Brodil

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

MSC: Winkels/Vaughan to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014 Board Meeting with one change.

MSC: Strohmeier/Neihart to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014 New Incoming Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Eide/Hecker to approve check register with deposits and checks #2341-2354

MSC: Vaughan/Brandt to approve the 2014 Year-to-Date Financial Report

**Approve one-year Board of Directors appointments to fill vacancies:** Three board positions that need to be filled are Water Quality, Special Events and VP/Past President.

MSC: Vaughan/Neihart to appoint Fred Strohmeier to Water Quality for one year ending August 2015.

MSC: Brandt/Eide to appoint Dave Fischer to VP/Past President for one year ending August 2015.

Communication and Information:

**Kimble Lake Association:** Last inspectors worked thru Sunday, Oct 19.

**Fifty Lakes Association:** Finished inspection program the end of September.

**Friends of Lower Hay:** Boat inspections continued into the second week of October.

**PRWA:** Dave Fischer shared the link to the PRWA video from the Harvest Dinner. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGF6RvxpIVs>

Executive Committee Report:

**The appeal on TLC's EAW:** Both appeals will be heard in St. Cloud on November 20. The EAW will be heard at 10:30 am and the CUP will be heard at 12:30 pm.

MSC: Strohmeier/Eide: 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

bins for the Crow Wing County TEC appear up to \$30,000 (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.

**Sandpiper Pipeline:** An update was given on the pipeline. We will continue to post information on our website along with a statement explaining that WAPOA is not opposed to the pipeline but is concerned about land use and environmental issues.

**Planning Meeting:** The planning meeting will be held at Camp Knutson, Thursday November 13, starting at 9 am. The focus this year will be Natural Resources. Judy Wallschlaeger is coordinating the lunch. A board member and spouse appreciation “get together” will be held after the all-day planning meeting at Tom and Jane Watson’s home.

**Lessard Sams/Initiative Foundation Grant:** A group will meet tomorrow to complete the final proposal for AIS prevention grant. The proposal will explore new ways to fight AIS including “Chip Technology. The final application is due November 15.

MSC: Neihart/Winkels to authorize a committee of Strohmeier, Schultz, Fischer, Olson, Watson, Erdman and Sherburne to approve and send the final proposal to the Initiative Foundation.

Program Reviews:

**AIS:** The ACOE campground host campsite upgrade is underway.

The DNR reported that they found 531 zebra mussels on a boat on the east shore of Cross Lake and some in Lower Whitefish.

LGU inspections were completed September 28. WAPOA spent all of the 1250 hours allocated to us by the LGU and approximately 60 additional inspection hours which WAPOA paid.

AIS Round Table in Brainerd was a success with over 60 people attending.

**Business Relations:** The CHOW luncheon held today at Moonlite Bay Restaurant was a success. There were 65 people in attendance. The presentation explained WAPOA’s mission along with the importance of tourism to the economy.

**Membership:** Dave Topinka reported 61 business memberships and 1137 regular memberships for 2014. The 2015 membership mailing will go out on November 15. Ninety seven 2015 Business Membership requests were sent out today.

**Newsletter:** No report

**Publicity:** Pam received a price quote from Lakes Printing of \$1700 for 10,000 WAPOA brochures. Nine of the ten panels in the brochure need to be updated. This will be part of the November Action Plan meeting.

**Natural Resources:** The DNR has held numerous meetings about fish limits and management of certain species of fish.

**Outreach:** Nothing new to report

**Shoreland Restoration:** Jim Brandt reported that all projects are complete and paid.

**Water Quality:** Fred Strohmeier shared the Water Quality Summary for 2012/2013/2014. The higher the Phosphorus and Chl-A number the poorer the water quality. The higher Secchi reading the better the water quality.

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**Land Use:** The Crow Wing County meeting regarding Vacation Rental Properties was postponed until November.

**Volunteer Recognition Event:** It was agreed that this event was a success and we will host it again next September.

Meeting adjourned: 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, November 6, 9:00 am  
Planning Retreat Meeting – Thursday, November 13, 9:00 am Camp Knutson  
Board Meeting – Thursday, November 13, at 2:30 pm Camp Knutson