

WAPOA Board Meeting
August 20, 2015
2:30 p.m.
Ideal Town Hall

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

Directors Emeriti Present: Alan Sherburne, Ron Meyer, MJ Schneider, Judy Wallschlaeger, Marv Erdman

Others Present: Jim Schultz, Jeff Laurel, Pat Loban, Brian Olson

Directors Excused: Dave Topinka, Jessie Eide, Mike Winkels

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

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Vaughan /Brandt to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2015 Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

MSC: Fischer/Schrupp to approve check register with deposits and checks # 2443-2458

MSC: Strohmeier/Neihart to approve the 2015 Year-to Date Financial Report

MSC: Brandt/Vaughan to approve a budget extension for the following programs, Newsletter, AIS, and Publicity to the extent of the current program.

Communication and Information:

Friends of Lower Hay (FOLH): nothing to report

Kimble Lake Association: We are finalizing monitor plan for Sept/Oct. We held a Mexican Fiesta and coffee in August for members. A canoe trip is planned on September 9.

Fifty Lakes Association: Jeff Forester spoke at our association meeting this month. We are 60 hours over our allotted inspection hours this year.

Clamshell: Patrick McGowan spoke at our August meeting. Membership is at an all-time high.

Pine River Watershed Alliance (PRWA): The Harvest Dinner will not be held this year, but look for the dinner to be held in 2016. Board and members of the PRWA will be attending the Enbridge meeting to be held August 24, 6PM, Pine River High School.

Land and Waters Preservation Trust: Current balance \$196,500. We will hold our second small group meeting September 10. An initial grant of \$3000 was awarded to Pelican Lake Association to assist in testing of wells for arsenic levels.

MSC: Brandt/Brodil to approve an increase in the budget from \$3000 to \$5000.

MSC: Strohmeier/Neihart to approve the resignation of Ed Egan, with regret, as Trustee on the Endowment Committee

Executive Committee Report:

Volunteer Appreciation Reception: The volunteer database was circulated to board members asking for any additional names that we should be inviting to the event. We decided to invite our

Business Members this year. The reception will be held on September 17 at 5pm, Ideal Town Hall. Jeff Feltmann, Old Milwaukee Club will start setting up at 4PM.

Lake Management Planning: Our third educational seminar was held August 19, 2-4 pm at Ideal Town Hall. The workshop focused on managing the sensitive lakeshore and the relevance of improving ground and surface water. Paul Radomski, Research Scientist MN DNR, and Mitch Brinks, Water Protection Specialist Crow Wing County were the primary presenters.

Sandpiper Pipeline: On August 5, WAPOA hosted an informational meeting about the possible impacts of pipelines proposed to go through Crow Wing, Aitkin, Cass and Hubbard counties. A public meeting will be held August 24, 6PM, Pine River High School providing an opportunity for the public to share their views on the project. WAPOA members are encouraged to attend.

Initiative Foundation Grant Application: nothing new to report. We are still working on the grant application.

Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) is working to update their 10 year management plan. Dave Fischer drafted a letter to the ACOE, providing a response and our input to the Mississippi River Headwaters Master Plan.

Planning Meeting: The planning meeting will be held at Camp Knutson, Thursday November 12, starting at 9AM.

Program Reviews:

Water Quality: Fred Strohmeier reported that some lakes forgot to gather samples and were asked to gather samples, freeze them and bring in along with their September samples.

Natural Resources: Mike Winkels and Jeff Laurel are trying to set up a meeting with Marc Bacigalupi.

Shoreland Restoration: Jim Brandt reported that three of the projects are complete and things are moving along nicely on the remaining projects. MCC crew provided a full day of help. Volunteers spent five full days of restoration this year on the islands.

Outreach: nothing to report

Membership: Dave Topinka reported we presently have 63 business memberships (6 Stewards at \$500; 9 Sponsors at \$250 and 48 Friends at \$100). As of today we have 1130 regular members (90 have never been members of WAPOA).

Newsletter: Ann Schrupp reported that articles were due to her before August 28 for the next newsletter. Tom Watson is trying to obtain permission to reprint Ron Way and Steve Berg's article "From runoff to ruin: The undoing of Minnesota's lakes, which was published in the Star Tribune on August 7, 2015.

Publicity: Pam Vaughan reported Ads and Articles will cover the topic of AIS for September. She is working on updating the postcard that we sent out last September.

AIS: Joe Brodil reported the county has used 89% of their allocated AIS inspection dollars. No additional funds are available for 2015. Planning is underway for a second AIS round table to be held October 2, from 9AM-noon at the Brainerd Land Services Building.

Business: Three S'more benches will be installed this summer as part of a promotion by the Whitefish Area Lodging Association (WALA) to prompt people to visit and see the businesses near the benches. Ole and Lena's Sweet Revenge of Pine River is the location of the first s'more bench in the lakes area. Plans are to install more benches, including one near the A-Pine in Jenkins two in Crosslake at the newly developed Linda Ulland Memorial Garden projects near the Crosslake U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Recreation Area.

Land Use: The County cleaned out the sediment in the catch basins along County 66.

Meeting adjourned: 4:40PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

Executive Board meeting – Thursday, September 10 @ 9:00 AM
Board Meeting – Thursday, September 17 @ 2:30 PM @ Ideal Community Center
Volunteer Appreciation Event - Thursday, Sept 17 – 5:30 to 7:30PM, Ideal Comm Center
Lake Mgmt Seminar #4 – Sept 30(to be confirmed) @ 2:00 PM @ Ideal Community Center