

**WAPOA Board Meeting**  
**September 17, 2015**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**Ideal Town Hall**

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

**Directors Emeriti Present:** Alan Sherburne, Ron Meyer, John Forney, Marv Erdman

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

**Directors Excused:** Jessie Eide, Joe Brodil, Pam Vaughan

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

MSC: Neihart/Brandt to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2015 Board Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:**

MSC: Strohmeier/Schrupp to approve check register with deposits and checks #2459-2465

MSC: Topinka/Fischer to approve the 2015 Year-to Date Financial Report

**Communication and Information:**

**Friends of Lower Hay (FOLH):** nothing to report

**Kimble Lake Association:** nothing to report

**Fifty Lakes Association:** Forestry is harvesting trees at Meyer Lake Road & Hwy 1.

**Pine River Watershed Alliance (PRWA):** PRWA plans on posting activities on the WRAP and other projects on our website and Facebook. PRWA is in the process of creating a new brochure to increase our membership.

**Land and Waters Preservation Trust:** Current balance \$260,000. Our general fund drive will start October 1 with a mailing to 9,000 riparian property owners in Case and Crow Wing County. There is a dollar-for-dollar matching fund of \$25,000 available on contributions. We are looking for someone to replace Ed Egan as Trustee on the Endowment Committee.

**Sandpiper Pipeline:** Richard Smith (FOH) stopped by to update WAPOA on the Enbridge Sandpiper & Line 3 pipeline issues. Friends of Headwaters (FOH) appealed the Sandpiper Certificate of Need (CON) and routing matter to the MN Court of Appeals to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Sandpiper before approving a CON. The MN Court of Appeals ruled that an EIS is required.

**Initiative Foundation Grant Application:** We are holding up on our grant application at this time.

**Coalition of Lake Assns./MNCOLA:** Tom Watson has proposed that some of the large lake associations from Park Rapids to Big Sandy meet and write a joint statement regarding the pipeline in support of the lake associations that follow the Sandpiper pipeline proposal.

## **Program Reviews:**

**Newsletter:** Ann Schrupp has received the draft of the newsletter and will send it to Alan and John for proofing. John Forney has agreed to get the final revisions to Lakes Printing. We are still looking for a director for the newsletter.

**Publicity:** Pam Vaughan reported a Zebra Mussel postcard has been sent to about 3250 recipients.

**Outreach:** Ken Neihart reported that Ruth Lake has Zebra Mussels and is planning a treatment similar to Christmas Lake. Treatment will cost around \$20,000.

MSC: Fischer/Brandt to approve contributing \$2,000 from WAPOA's Non-native Invasive Control account to Ruth Lake to help with the cost.

**Water Quality:** Fred Strohmeier reported the last testing date is September 21.

**AIS:** WAPOA has cut back access inspection to weekends only. Camp Confidence is hosting a tournament this weekend. We would like to get more information on when fishing tournaments are being held.

**Shoreland Restoration:** Jim Brandt reported all projects are complete. He has received signs from CWCSW that will be placed on this year's projects.

**Business:** no report.

**Membership:** Dave Topinka reported there has been no change since early August to the membership. He is working on the 2016 Business Membership mailing.

**Natural Resources:** Mike Winkels and Jeff Laurel are still trying to meet with Marc Bacigalupi. The DNR is working on the 10 year plan for the Whitefish Chain.

**Land Use:** Tom Watson reported WAPOA held its fourth workshop September 16, on managing the water quality in lakes. Beth Holbrook, PhD, MN DNR lead research biologist and Kevin Kenow, U.S. Geological Survey research biologist provided updates to the research and information on the cold water forage fish (cisco or tulibee) populations, water temperatures and oxygen levels, and loon migration and diet. WAPOA presented the "economics" of quality water.

Tom Watson thanked departing directors: Dave Fischer, Jim Brandt, Mike Winkels and Pat Hecker

Meeting adjourned: 4:20PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Hecker, Secretary

**Executive Board meeting – Thursday, October 8, @ 9:00 AM**

**Board Meeting – Thursday, October 22, @ 2:30 PM @ Ideal Community Center**  
**Planning Meeting – Thursday, November 12, 9:00 AM @ Camp Knutson**