

**WAPOA Board Meeting
September 15, 2016, 2:30P.M.
Ideal Town Hall**

Directors Present: Tom Watson, Pat Loban, Gary Olson, Pam Vaughan, Dave Topinka, Joe Brodil, Fred Strohmeier, Ken Neihart, Jeff Laurel **Directors Excused:** Jesse Eide, Brian Olson

Directors Emeriti Present: Alan Sherburne, Dave Fischer, John Forney, MJ Schneider, Ron Meyer, Marv Erdman,

Others Present: Jim Schultz

President Tom Watson called the business meeting to order at 2:28 p. m.

Approval of Agenda:

MSC: Vaughan/Strohmeier to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Olson/Laurel to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2016 Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Gary Olson reviewed the monthly/annual reports provided to the Board.

MSC: Topinka/Strohmeier to approve check register with deposits and checks #2563-2575

MSC: Brodil/Vaughan to approve 2016 Year-to-Date reports

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Lake Associations

CBLA-Marv Erdman-They have two meetings remaining and are working on the final newsletter.

FOLH: Alan Sherburne-Estimate from the DNR for access project came back at ¼ of a million so will wait to see what funding is available through WRAP.

Fifty Lakes:-Fred Strohmeier-Dealing with purple loosestrife on Mitchel Lake. Per Ken Neihart other plants look similar.

Pine River Watershed Alliance: -Ron Meyer-A group met on 9-14 to discuss the goals for the strategies identified in the WRAP. There are 29 bodies of water in the WRAP. The lake strategies include: conservation easements, adding forest acreage, forest management, shoreline buffers and infiltration systems. For creeks and rivers: restore creek beds, adjacent land management practices and nutrient reductions systems. Goals were set at the meeting for implementation. On the lakes with active associations they set 50% as a goal for buffers. They will contact land owners regarding goals, provide land owners with a professional assessment, collect a number of these specific plans and submit a grant. To promote PRWA sustainability they will be doing presentations to various organizations this winter.

Land and Waters Preservation Trust: - John Forney- Provided 18 month report. Funding balance as of June 30th is \$225,109. They will be meeting Oct 3rd with the Initiative Foundation regarding on-line grant issues.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Tom Watson Reporting

Pipeline: Enbridge pulled Sandpiper but Line 3 remains. Agencies involved with the EIS have not seen any formal action to withdraw at the state level. They are questioning whether they are actually going to pull Sandpiper or whether they are just postponing. Scoping document for line 3 that was to come out the end of Aug. has been stopped/delayed. Tom recommends we wait to a week or so to see what is happening before pursuing fund raising for FOH.

AIS Show case Update:

Heterosporus disease in perch found it in Leech Lake. Saw research on ZM and Starry Stonewort. It was recommended that we continue to do PH and Calcium testing on our lakes.

Summer Seminar Series:

Spoke with Becca Nash/Nick Phelps from MAISRC about doing fall series in conjunction with the researchers that are in the area doing field work. They would summarize the research they were doing. Discussion was held on the possibility of having MAISRC make a proposal for a grant from WAPOA.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

Newsletter: President Watson asks that people start thinking about articles. We currently have 3 articles: the Old Boat Show that Mrs. Madigan did, and 2 articles left over from the summer edition.

Publicity: Pam Vaughan reports that the two September ads focused on collaboration with other lake associations and MAISRC. No more ads this year.

Water Quality: Fred Strohmeier reports last testing is this weekend. He is working with Pace to get a budget and pricing is going to increase substantially. Also looking to see if A and W Research will give a competitive bid. Marv Erdman reports that they will be taking over testing for Clamshell and Bertha.

AIS: Joe Brodil reports inspections will continue until the end of September. Board agreed to discontinue inspections Tuesday through Thursday. We have spent approximately \$13,800 through Sept. 11th for inspections with a budget of \$24,000-\$27,600. Many inspectors are done for the season, going back to school, found full time employment, etc. Marv has spoken with Patrick at PLM regarding their non-reporting of AIS not considered high risk such as Curly Leaf Poneweed as found in Eagle Lake. The Board questions modifying the contract with PLM and President Watson recommends a post-session meeting with Patrick.

Business Relations: Tom Watson reporting for Jesse Eide that a science teacher at Crosslake Community School wants to purchase a water testing device and would like WAPOA to partner with her. We have money in business relations budget and could donate \$500.00. Jesse will ask teacher to write us up a proposal and we would have something that we could publish.

Membership: Dave Topinka reports Business Membership is at 59 and regular membership is at 1076 with monies within normal range. President Watson asks the Board to seek out businesses that they do business with and solicit their membership.

John Forney made the recommendation to apply to Crow Wing Power for a grant.

Shoreland Restoration: Brian Olson provided a written report stating that 5 projects are completed with 2 near completion. The signs have been delivered and/or installed. Darren Mayer has been inspecting projects this past week and will probably finish this week.

Natural Resources: Jeff Laurel reports they are still waiting for approval on the maintenance agreement from Paul Allen for the Co. Rd. 66 Storm Water project. Jeff is completing his Conservation Easement application documents with the DNR. A property owner on Rush Lake is now working with CWSWCD on tree planting plan after inquiring through the WAPOA web site. They will order trees though WAPOA next winter/spring. Camp Knutson has interest in a planting plan for their Whitefish banking. They will work with Darren Mayers for recommendations. The MN Design Team event begins tonight and runs through Sunday Morning.

Outreach: Ken Neihart reports that Lake Emily will be treating Milfoil at the end of Sept. They received a waiver on getting approval from land owners. Roosevelt Lake is looking for funding to treat Milfoil. President Watson recognized Ken for his seven years of service.

Dave Fischer reports that the land owners in the area of the channel east of Sunrise Island on the south end of Cross Lake were concerned about the way people were going through the channel. They had a petition signed and went before the county board and a no wake zone was approved.

Meeting adjourned: 4:00PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

Next Executive Committee Meeting: October 7, 2016 at 9:00
Next Board Meeting-Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 2:30PM Ideal Town Hall

