

**WAPOA Board Meeting
May 25, 2017
Ideal Town Hall**

Directors Present: Tom Watson, Gary Olson, Pat Loban, Pam Vaughan, Dave Topinka, Jeff Laurel, Tony Coffey, Brian Olson, Joe Brodil, Fred Strohmeier

Excused: Jesse Eide

Directors Emeriti Present: Judy Wallschlaeger, Dave Fischer, Jim Brandt, Marv Erdman, Ken Neihart, Ron Meyer, MJ Schneider, Alan Sherburne

Others Present: Jim Schultz, Vic Kreuziger

President Tom Watson called the business meeting to order at 2:35 PM

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Coffey/Strohmeier to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

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

MSC: Vaughn/Topinka to approve check register with deposits and checks #2620-2626

MSC: Brodil/Laurel to approve 2017 Year-to-Date reports

Guest speaker Vic Kreuziger addressed the problem with water clarity and shoreline erosion in Clamshell Lake. He asks for WAPOA's help in educating the public.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:

Jim Schultz/Kimble Lake, Marv Erdman/CBLA, Ken Neihart, Fred Strohmeier/Fifty Lakes and Dave Topinka/FOLH reported on activities of their Lake Associations.

Land and Water Preservation Trust – Dave Fischer: A written report was provided. The receipt of a check by WAPOA is pending for the water testing grant.

Pine River Watershed – Ron Meyer provided a written report outlining PRWA's membership database, Summer Seminar series and the Willow Creek Project. Tom Watson added that WAPOA will want to see the Willow Creek plan with a timeline, budget and funding ideas before a donation is made.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: President's written report provided

Annual Meeting: The Board agreed that WAPOA would make a donation to the MAISRC to show our appreciation of speaker Dr. Nick Phelps. In lieu of Program reports, Tom will highlight 2016 activities, accomplishments and 2017/2018 challenges. A copy of the agenda was provided.

Action Plans/Budget:

-Water Quality: Provisions are being made for non-members to participate in the expanded water testing or to become members. Land and Water Preservation Trust approved the \$7,200 grant for expanded water quality testing.

-Run for the Walleye: Dave Guenther, Pequot Lakes High School Track Coach wants the students to participate as part of a community service project. By next Thursday another person of interest to chair the event will commit or decline. WAPOA will need to supervise the students as school rules prevent the teachers from doing so during summer vacation.

Highway 66 Storm Water Project: The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SWCD and the City of MHB has been approved, SWCD will purchase the Defenders and bids will be requested for construction and installation. CWC approval is pending. A copy of the MOU was provided. Start-up date is around Labor Day with completion date expected to be in April of 2018.

MSC: Topinka/Vaughn to approve MOU, subject to legal review, and communicate a clarification that we agreed to pay 75% of maintenance out Run for the Walleye profits. If bids are higher than what is covered in the grant, WAPOA is to be notified and can reject the agreement.

Enbridge Pipeline Update:

The Garofalo bill (SF 1937/HF 2209) is being revised by the House in accordance with Governor Dayton's requirements for his signature. HF888 was repassed by the Houses but the bill has not been signed by the Governor. The Environmental Quality Board will be retained and oversee the EIS. MAISRC was appropriated \$410,000 for each of the next two years.

The draft of the EIS was released May 15th and a public hearing on the draft will be June 8th at the Brainerd CLC. Tom will represent WAPOA. The deadline for written comments is July 10th.

MSC: G. Olson/Brodil to approve Tom Watson to act as an intervenor representing WAPOA.

Summer Series:

June 20 or 21 – ACOE: They will explain their role and their managing of water levels in PR Basin.

July – RMB Labs re: water testing

August – TBD.

MNCOLA: June 7th in St. Cloud. Mike McCartney will give update on ZM research.

Beltrami County Lakes and Rivers Association Tom spoke to the association regarding economics and water quality. He provided a power point presentation showing how declines in seasonal residents negatively impacts property values.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

AIS – Joe Brodil: A written report was provided. Joe provided numbers for DNR inspections and Education/Awareness funding. LGU inspections are off to a slow start and a means for implementing Detector Program Training for six candidates is needed. No action items.

Business Relations – Tom provided a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the Old Boat Show. A display of the Enbridge Line 3 route will be displayed. No action items.

Communications Newsletter – Tom Watson: Spring Newsletter is ready for mailing.

Communications-Publicity – Pam Vaughan: A written report outlines where ads and articles are being placed and Vertical Responses being sent. Pam asks for help with radio ads and distributing brochures. No action items.

Membership – Dave Topinka: The April 2017 Membership Report was provided. Dave recommends that more recognition be provided to business members and that listing Associations separate from Businesses be considered. No action items.

Natural Resources – Jeff Laurel: A written report was provided. Jeff reported on the Tree Planting Campaign.

Outreach – Tony Coffey: A written report was provided. Tony reported that a summary of WAPOA's April Board Meeting was sent to the Outreach Group. The report provides all correspondence with lake associations regarding AIS monitoring. No action items.

Shoreland Restoration – Brian Olson: Handouts provided on the Shoreland Restoration Contest ad, contest guidelines and dates.

Water Quality – Fred Strohmeier reports that the transition to RMB Labs is going well. Water samples have been received from all but three lakes. Data has been forwarded to MPCA but they have not been entering it because it is not in "their" format. Kay Rezanka has agreed to change the format going back as far as 2004 and Fred would like to compensate her for her work. No action items.

Volunteers are still needed.

Run for the Walleye: Sign-up sheet provided.

Land Use: CWC has contracts out.

Other Matters: Crosslake School requesting additional funding but projects are not within WAPOA's mission.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

Next Executive Meeting: June 2, 2017

Annual Meeting: June 10, 2017

Old Boat Show: June 17, 2017

Next Board Meeting: Thursday June 22, 2017 at 2:30PM Ideal Town Hall