

WAPOA Board Meeting
July 27, 2017
Ideal Town Hall

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

Excused: Jesse Eide

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

Others Present: Jim Schultz

President Tom Watson called the business meeting to order at 2:30 PM

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Brodil/Laurel to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

MSC: Topinka/Vaughan to approve check register with deposits and checks #2627-2644

MSC: Strohmeier/B. Olson to approve 2017 Year-to-Date reports

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:

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

Land and Water Preservation Trust: Dave Fischer provided a written report.

Pine River Watershed – Ron Meyer provided a written report. Discussion held on whether green slime in the lakes is Cladophora or Mougetia. WAPOA to have green slime evaluated before notifying members/non-members.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: President's written report provided.

Summer Series:

July 19: ACOE; managing water levels in the PR Basin

August: RMB Labs re: water testing

September: Loon research update

Action Plan and budget:

Shoreland Management and Restoration: The variance for the Manhattan Villas was approved by Manhattan Township Board. Tom approached the builder Hi-Tec of Manhattan Villas regarding their storm water plan and the possible use of rain gardens. The builder is receptive to the plan, however, owners may not agree.

Newsletter: The board agreed to continue circulation of the Newsletter to all property owners and to spend \$450 to print the cover in color. Discussion held on how to determine readership.

Water Quality Special Projects: Discussion held on whether WAPOA should contact the Crosslake Community School and Pequot Middle School regarding science grants.

-Highway 66 Storm Water Project: Contract for installation awarded to DeChantal Excavating with installation to begin after Labor Day and to be completed Nov. 15th. WAPOA will be a part of the decision making on cleaning and will have to right to accept or reject.

-Enbridge Pipeline Update: Written comments regarding the DEIS are on the web. The FEIS is to be released August 10th; however the Administrative Law Judge questions whether an extension is needed. Enbridge will take an extension under advisement; however it is likely that they will be opposed. The Governor could extend the date. There will be nine hearings with Tom requesting that one be held in Crosslake. The Environmental Quality Board will have 10 days from the August 10th deadline to determine if the Final EIS is adequate in complying with state law and regulations for an EIS. The need for and benefit of the pipeline to the people of the Minnesota was not covered in the DEIS, which is required by the state EIS law and regulation. The State Commerce Department has recently hired an economist.

-Election of Officers. There are 4 positions to be filled including President. Tom will take the Past President position.

-Love Our Waters: The Executive Committee approved a \$300 sponsorship.

Nominating Committee: Four interested parties will be invited to attend a forthcoming Nominating Committee meeting.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

Water Quality – Fred Strohmeier: Written report provided.

MSC: Laurel/Topinka to approve \$1500 payment to Kay Rezanka for her services with additional payments based on hours incurred.

Membership – Dave Topinka: Written report provided. A method to determine why some members have not renewed their membership was discussed. No action item.

Shoreland Restoration Contest – Brian Olson: Written report provided. Two grants awarded and two denied with possible revisions pending. No action items.

Run for the Walleye - Dave Fischer: 600 participants down from 800 in 2016. Profits are approximately \$5,000, down from \$9,000 in 2016.

AIS – Joe Brodil: Written report provided. No action items.

Outreach – Tony Coffey: Written report provided. No action items.

Natural Resources – Jeff Laurel – Written report provided. No action items.

Communications Newsletter – Tom Watson: Newsletter submitted to printer July 28th.

Communications-Publicity – Pam Vaughan: Written report provided. No action items

Business Relations – No report.

Land Use - No report.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting: Friday August 4, 2017
Board Meeting: Thursday August 24, 2017 at 2:30PM Ideal Town Hall