

**WAPOA Board Meeting  
September 28, 2017  
Ideal Township Hall**

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

**Directors Emeriti Present:** Dave Fischer, Jim Brandt, Ron Meyer, Judy Wallschlaeger, MJ Schneider

**Others Present:** Jim Schultz

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

MSC: Strohmeier/Coffey to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2017 Board Meeting

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

MSC: Vaughn/Laurel to approve check register with deposits and checks #2682-2695

MSC: Brodil/Brian O. to approve 2017 Year-to-Date reports

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:**

**Lake Associations:** Fred Strohmeier/Fifty Lakes, Jim Schultz/Kimble Lake and MJ Schneider/ CBLA reported on activities of their lake associations.

**Land and Water Preservation Trust:** - Dave Fischer:

Dave asked that the L and W Trust remain a line item on the membership form.

A copy of the Trust's Article VI Grants and Distributions, Section 2 – Funding Priorities proposed revision was provided. The revision deals with the Land and Water Trust's procedure when committee members are also volunteers for organizations applying for grants with the L and W Trust.

MSC: Strohmeier/Topinka to approve Land and Water Preserve Trust, Article VI Grants and Distributions, Section 2 – Funding Priorities Proposed Revisions July 24, 2017.

**Pine River Watershed** – Ron Meyer: Written report provided. No action item.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** President's written report provided.

**-Highway 66 Storm Water Project:** The project has been delayed by equipment delays and inclement weather. Melissa Barrick will be contacting the County Attorney to determine the status of the MOU addendum addressing WAPOA's concerns regarding liability and maintenance.

**-Enbridge Pipeline Update:** See President's report for important dates and a link to Dr. Marie Fagan's "Oil Market Analysis" report which does not support issuing Enbridge a CON. Ann O'Reilly, Administrative Law Judge must determine if the document adequately supports a need. The use of Judge Eric Lipman as a second Administrative Law Judge is still meeting resistance due to his involvement with the Sandpiper hearings. Tom reported that Barr Engineering, subcontractor to Enbridge, acknowledged at a December 2014 Brainerd Area Chamber meeting that an oil spill would have an impact on Roosevelt Lake, the Whitefish Chain and Norway Lake.

**-Summer Series:** Tom recommended building a stronger relationship with the U of M AIS Research Center. He would like to consider having a fundraising dinner at Moonlite Bay with the price of the ticket covering the meal and the remainder going to the Research Center. Invitations would be extended to the Northern Coalition of Lake Associations.

**-Littering on sandbars:** Steve Roell, a member, contacted Tom and provided pictures of littering on sandbars and asks what WAPOA can do. CW County Sheriff's water patrol will clean up the mess this fall. Sgt. Downey and Tom inquired about whether a collaborative effort can be made among the CW County Sheriff's Dept., the Yacht Club, WAPOA and Conservation Officers to help in communicating with the public.

**-Friends of the Headwaters (FOH):** FOH's new attorney is Scott Strand of the Environmental Policy Center. MCEA withdrew their services. Attorney Strand has a \$50,000 budget which is fully funded. They have two expert witnesses, Dr. Joseph (\$30,000 fee) and Richard B. Kuprewicz (\$10,000 fee). Both must be present at all public meetings. Additional funding is needed to cover both of their fees.

MSC: Watson/Laurel to approve a \$10,000 donation to the FOH.

### **Election of Officers:**

Two members have both voiced interest in the Treasurer's position, however, they are both seasonal residents. Discussion is being held with the Nominating Committee and Treasurer Gary Olson as to how to accommodate a seasonal Treasurer, (i.e. lock-box at bank, paying someone to pick up mail and do data input on a spreadsheet, and having the Treasurer do QuickBooks.) Tom does not feel that the hiring of an Executive Director is a short-term solution at this time but may become a long-term solution. Tony Coffey has offered to become Vice President for one year, if Tom remains as President while he gains more experience, and then he will accept the Presidency position. Gary Olson will stay on as Treasurer until something can be worked out with a seasonal candidate or another candidate is found.

MSC: Topinka/Brodil to re-elect Tom Watson President, Gary Olson Treasurer and Pat Loban Secretary and elect Tony Coffey Vice President for the 2017-2018 term.

### **PROGRAM REVIEWS:**

**AIS** – Joe Brodil: Written report provided. Joe recommended having inspection done for Eurasian Water Milfoil on Crosslake. Joe will contact PLM and Tom will contact Central MN Aquatics regarding pricing and the Executive Committee will make the decision on how to proceed. No action items.

**Business Relations** – No report. No action items.

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

**Membership** – Dave Topinka: Written report provided. No action item.

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

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

**Run for the Walleye** – Dave Fischer will be providing a final report in the near future.

**Shoreland Restoration Contest** – Brian Olson: Brian reported that he will be meeting with Darren Mayers, CW SWCD, to complete paperwork relating to closing out the 2016 grant and to discuss how to improve the Restoration Program. No action items.

**Water Quality** – Fred Strohmeier: Fred reported that Kay Rezanka has WAPOA's water quality data uploaded to the MPCA's Environmental Quality Information System. No action items.

**Land Use** –MJ Schneider reported that the Huber's were granted a permit by the CWC Planning and Zoning Board to use their property at Loon Point at the end of Ruttger Road as a retreat center from October to April. As per the Board's requirement, they will have a family member present at all times and they meet the parking and noise restrictions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

**Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday October 12, 2017**  
**Board Meeting: Thursday October 26, 2017 at 2:30PM Ideal Town Hall**