

WAPOA Board Meeting
October 26, 2017
Ideal Township Hall

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

Directors Emeriti Present: Dave Fischer, Jim Brandt, MJ Schneider, Alan Sherburne

Excused: Pat Loban

Others Present: Jim Schultz

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

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Vaughn/Coffey to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 Board Meeting

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 #2696-2708

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

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:

Lake Associations: Fred Strohmeier/Fifty Lakes, Alan Sherburne/FOLH, and Jim Schultz/Kimble Lake reported on activities of their lake associations.

Land and Water Preservation Trust: - Dave Fischer: Written report provided. The Trust will be seeking grant applications in November and sending out a press release. WAPOA may be interested in applying for a grant with the Trust as well as with Crow Wing Power.

Pine River Watershed – Ron Meyer: Written report provided.

MSC: Laurel/Olson to approve \$100.00 sponsorship support for the Crow Wing Forage Basin Winter Seminar February 1, 2018.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: President's written report provided.

-Highway 66 Storm Water Project: See President's report.

-Enbridge Pipeline Update: Tom will prepare comments relating to the October 25th hearing. WAPOA represented itself well in their comments, attendance was good and the physical aspects of the building were excellent. He asked for the Boards opinion as to whether WAPOA should have a workshop in the next two weeks to go over the comments from the hearing. On October 9th, Tom gave a presentation regarding the up-and-coming hearing at the Crosslake City Council and Ideal Township meetings. Dave Peterson, Chair of Ideal Township, requested a draft of the presentation so that it can be discussed at their next township meeting in November.

-Action Plans and Budgets; MAISRC contribution:

Dave Fischer made the recommendation that in years that we do not spend the AIS budget that we make a contribution to the AIS Research Center at the University of Minnesota (MAISRC); roughly \$16,000.00.

MSC: Topinka/Vaughn to approve a \$5000.00 donation to MAISRC.

In addition, WAPOA will contact MAISRC regarding a 2018 spring fundraising event.

- Littering: Spoke with Sgt. D. J. Downie, CWC Water Patrol, about littering about the lakes; he suggested a meeting with us; he will meet with Tony Coffey, Pam Vaughan, MJ Schneider and John Pribyl of the Yacht Club to discuss littering issues of boaters on the Chain.

-DNR Tagging Project: We received a communication from the DNR about a “lake service provider” tagging project and study on Cross Lake to assess tagging methods for lake service providers to remove watercraft, docks and lifts with zebra mussels attached and return them to the same lake without removing the zebra mussels. We will be notified when the Cross Lake study commences.

-By-laws: Between now and the Annual Meeting, term limits for the Directors and any other issues that might arise regarding the by-laws must be addressed.

-Fundraising & Business Memberships: Tom offered that WAPOA and other area lake organization might want to assess their fundraising and membership activities as we are approaching the same businesses from each organization; maybe look at combing fundraising so as not to inundate our contributors with numerous financial requests. Emphasis might initially be with businesses and then individual members.

-Nominating Committee: Nothing new to report.

-Planning Retreat: See the attached draft of the Planning Meeting Agenda to be held November 16. From 10:15-11:15 a guest panel of community members will be held to determine WAPOA’s strengths and weakness as well as opportunities and challenges for the future. Allotting additional time for the panel was discussed. Guests who could be invited include member and non-member business owners, local government officials, Chamber and others. The afternoon will be for strategy planning driven by the input received from the guest panel. Bonnie and Tony Coffey will host a social event at their home following the meeting.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

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

-Newsletter – Tom Watson: Newsletter to go out in the next few days.

Membership – Dave Topinka: Membership numbers consistent with last month’s report. Dave is currently working on business and membership mailings. No action item.

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

Water Quality – Fred Strohmeier: Fall Workshop, November 8 at the Crosslake Community Center from 1-4 PM. No action items.

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

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

Business Relations – Nothing new to report. No action items.

Run for the Walleye – Dave Fischer will provide a report in November.

Shoreland Restoration Contest – Brian Olson: CW SWCD Community Centered Runoff Mini-Grant Final Report Form and Expense Reporting Form were provided.

Land Use – Tom Watson: Nothing new to report.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted: MJ Schneider, Director Emeritus

Executive Committee Meeting: Friday November 3, 2017
Planning Meeting: Thursday November 16, 2017 at 8:30 AM Camp Knutson