

**WAPOA Board Meeting
January 16, 2018
Ideal Town Hall**

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

Directors Emeriti Present: Dave Fischer, Jim Brandt, MJ Schneider, Alan Sherburne, Ann Schrupp, Sandy Melberg

Excused: Jesse Eide, Joe Brodil

Others Present: Jim Schultz,

President Tom Watson called the business meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: G. Olson/Vaughan to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017 Board Meeting

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

MSC: Vaughan/Topinka to approve check register with deposits and checks #2715-2726

MSC: Coffey/ B. Olson to approve 2017 Year-end Reports

MSC: Coffey/Laurel to approve 2018 Year-to-date Reports

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:

Lake Associations: Jim Schultz/Kimble Lake and Alan Sherburne/FOLH reported on activities of their lake associations.

Land and Water Preservation Trust: Dave Fischer-Written report provided

Pine River Watershed Alliance: no report

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: President's written report provided

-Crow Wing County 2018 AIS Plan:

MSC: Laurel/G. Olson to approve letter submitted on behalf of WAPOA and NCWCLA

-WAPOA Annual Meeting: Discussion held on whether to change the venue to Moonlite Bay. MJ Schneider's update presented and Jesse Eide's input. Concerns included whether the change would attract more people, handicap accessibility, Lion's fishing tournament, and lay out of the room for audiovisuals. Following discussion the Board agreed to keep the meeting at the Ideal Town Hall for 2018. A committee could work with MJ for the 2019 meeting venue. Possible speakers include the State Tourism Director, Steve Woods from the Freshwater Society and Chamber Head Matt Killian.

-CH 66 Storm Water Project: Project will be completed early May. MOU amendment has still not been approved.

-Enbridge Pipeline update: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission found the FEIS inadequate on four items three of which were technical items. The fourth item was Native Americans Cultural Survey which could take a year to complete. There is a motion before the Commission stating the Federal Government must participate in the survey and the state may not proceed with

the pipeline decision until the study is completed. See the President's report for deadline date extensions. The Public Utilities Commission may not have a final decision until August. Five tribes have formed an EIS Council to review this matter and make their own EIS report.

-2018 AIS Summit: see President's report.

MSC: Topinka/Vaughan to approve 5 to participate in the AIS Summit conference on-line and one to attend in-person for a total of \$664.

-Garbage on the chain: Scott Goddard will attend the April Board Meeting to report on water patrol activities and he and Sgt. DJ Downey would like to meet with the designated group from WAPOA to discuss a plan.

-State of MN/DNR tagging project: There has been no update. The project was to involve Crosslake, Minnetonka and Gull Lake and work with commercial watercraft companies to manage storing and return of lifts and watercraft to the lake without the need for inspections.

-WAPOA by-law: Committees and term limits need to be addressed. A task force was assigned to look at changes to the by-laws so that changes can be presented at the Annual Meeting. Task force volunteers are Dave Fischer, Pam Vaughan, and Tony Coffey.

-Fundraising and financial contributions to our organization: WAPOA needs to work with other lake associations to look at how business memberships are contacted to avoid duplication in solicitation.

-2018 Calendar: The 2018 calendar was provided and the summary of the planning items will be emailed.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

AIS-Joe Brodil: Written report provided. Spring Roundtable tentative agenda will be a half day mini-MAISRC with Nick Phelps presenting followed by hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

Discussion held on other venues with decision to go ahead with AIS Roundtable and Tom will get ideas from the other associations. The Board is most interested in Phelps providing information on any breakthroughs made by the MAISRC.

Natural Resources-Jeff Laurel: The Fresh Water Society Salt Symposium is February 8th in Plymouth. Admission is \$135.

MSC: Laurel/Topinka to approve covering the cost of two admissions.

Dave Fischer and Jeff Laurel have been attending the Crosslaker's water quality team meetings though not officially representing WAPOA.

MSC: Laurel/Topinka to appoint Jeff Laurel and Dave Fischer to the Crosslake water quality team on behalf of WAPOA.

Publicity-Pam Vaughan: Paul Boblett of the Northland Press has offered to insert the WAPOA newsletter in the Northland Press to save on postage. Articles can be submitted monthly but they may not be written by Bill Monroe. If articles include a membership drive it must be an advertisement.

Water Quality-Fred Strohmeier: Water sampling will be done near the Big Trout Lake defender system to determine if there has been a change in water quality. Six new sites have been added

for road salt/chlorine testing. Fred has a 5 page action plan from RMB Labs for those interested in reading it.

Business Relations-Jesse Eide: no report

Shoreland Restoration-Brian Olson: Written report provided. There are currently 14 prospective applicants for this year's awards program. Brian will again apply for a \$25,000 CWC Soil and Water grant but believes that this is last year that a grant will be available.

Action Items:

Brian Olson presented the major changes to the Shoreland Restoration Action Plan. The Shoreland Restoration Contest will now be known as an awards program which will run on a continual basis and may be opened to more than shoreland owners. Awardees will now have 2 years vs. 1 to complete their projects.

MSC: Vaughan/Laurel to approve Action Plans and re-write of Shoreland Restoration Program

Gary Olson reviewed the budget for 2018

MSC: Strohmeier/Topinka to approve the 2018 Budget

RMB Labs: Discussion was held on whether adequate services were provided by RMB Labs and it was clarified that WAPOA's contract did not include payment for individual lake action plans, phase 4. Numerous members would like to have action plans for the individual lakes. Tom recommended that lake plans be circulated and from now until fall the Board can determine additional needs. Fred feels individual lake action plans that were provided were very generic.

MSC: Strohmeier/Topinka to approve the 2018 water quality Agreement parts 1 and 2 with RMB Labs. See attached.

MSC: Vaughan/ B Olson to approve \$375 contribution to PAL Foundation for 2018 Cabin Calendar

MSC: Coffey/Laurel to approve Director Emeritus persons per our policy. See attached.

Other Matters:

MSC: Coffey/Laurel to renew \$50 Yacht Club membership

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting: Friday April 6, 2018

Board Meeting: Thursday April 26, 2018 at 2:30PM Ideal Town Hall