

WAPOA Board Meeting
May 24, 2018
Ideal Community Center

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

Directors Emeriti Present: MJ Schneider, Marv Erdman, Alan Sherburne

Excused: Jesse Eide, Brian Olson

Others Present: Jim Schultz, Rich Hoppe, Ruth Strohmeier, Jim Brandt, Ken Neihart

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

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: G. Olson/Vaughan to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018 Board Meeting

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

MSC: Strohmeier/Brodil to approve check register with deposits and checks #2752-2759

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

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:

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

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

Pine River Watershed Alliance: Ron Meyer-Written report provided

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: President's written report provided

-CH 66 Stormwater Project update: Project near completion.

-Annual Meeting: Agenda attached. Paul Radomski, DNR speaking on "What Lakes Would You Invest In?"

-Update: Crow Wing County 2018 AIS Plan; additional hours "policy". See Environmental Services Supervisor with CWC Jacob Frie's attached letter. Payments between lake associations and staffing agencies will remain consistent with previous years. Associations that made their pre-payments will be reimbursed.

-MN Legislature: There were three legislative issues of interest. See President's Report.

-Minnesota Water Action Day: Tom attended and spoke with the Governor's staff as well as Senator Carrie Rudd

-2018 AIS Roundtable: Approximately 60 attended and the Board and Director Emeriti that attended felt that it was an excellent Roundtable event.

-Nominating Committee: Three new committee members needed for two year terms. Pam will send out another blast asking for volunteers. Jesse Eide provided two names as possibilities for Business Liaison.

-WAPOA by-laws review and update: Task force to meet next week to make any needed changes. By-laws attached.

-MN COLA Bi-Monthly meeting: WAPOA hosting June 19 at Ideal Community Center, 10AM-3PM. A short presentation by WAPOA is scheduled and all are encouraged to attend.

-Enbridge Pipeline update: See President's Report for key dates. Governor vetoed "Line 3 greenlight" bill.

-STEM Aquatic Biology Course – Pequot High School: The course will be a part of the fall curriculum. They will be in need of resources. The new teacher resigned and they are looking to hire a former applicant. The WAPOA advisory group consists of Tom Watson, Pam Vaughan, and Kay Rezanka.

-Summer Series: See President's Report for dates and speakers.

-Future Financing for Action Plans and Budget: see President's report

-Non-Native Aquatic Invasive Species Fund: see attached July 25, 2013 plan which will be reviewed and revised as indicated.

-Other Items:

-The Pequot Lakes HS Fishing Team is asking for permission to sell raffle tickets at the WAPOA Annual Meeting in return for cleaning access areas. See attached email.

MSC: Laurel/Coffey to approve inviting the Fishing Team to attend the Annual Meeting and sell raffle tickets.

-Pequot Lakes Community Picnic and Bean Hole Days July 10. Chris Monroe sent an email inviting WAPOA to participate in the event. See attached. WAPOA will in attendance and volunteers are requested to man a booth and hand out brochures, etc.

-Tony Coffey reported on the **Crosslake Community School's Evening for Education** fundraiser on June 14th at Moonlite Bay. Cost is \$50 per plate. Tony was authorized to spend up to \$250 on silent auction items.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

Publicity-Pam Vaughan: Written report provided. Board approved of new newspaper ads Pam would like to use. Pam asked for a small group to review and revise the brochure.

Membership-Dave Topinka: Written report provided. The numbers in this month's report have not changed from April's report as the data base has not been updated.

AIS-Joe Brodil: Written report provided. Joe asked for recommendation for use of the AIS Awareness State Aid monies. Tom recommended WAPOA backpacks for the Aquatic Biology students.

Water Quality-Fred Strohmeier: Kick off meeting went well and 1st testing, which included chlorine testing, was done last week. 34 of 41 lakes have turned in their samples with others delayed due to the late spring causing a delay in lifts and boats getting put back in the water.

Shoreland Restoration-Brian Olson: Notices have gone out for the Shoreland Restoration Award Program Open House at Moonlite Bay on June 6th. Seven proposals are expected.

Natural Resources-Jeff Laurel: Written report provided. Jeff asked the Boards opinion on allowing people outside of the Whitefish Chain and PRW to purchase trees. Board agreed it was good PR and a good cause and therefore eligibility was extended. Jeff was encouraged to ask for assistance next year with the Tree Planting Campaign. Walleye stripping started 2 weeks late due to the late spring but was completed in 3 days.

Outreach-Tony Coffey: Written report provided

Run for the Walleye-Dave Fischer: Written report provided as well as volunteer sign-up sheet.

MJ Schneider circulated the sign-up sheet for those present to confirm that they would volunteer at the designated times.

Communication/Newletter-Tom Watson: Newsletter will go out the end of next week. Tom recommended that a youth photo contest should be held and then use the winning photos for the Newsletter cover.

Business Relations: No report. See below for information on the Antique/Classic Boat Show.

Land Use/Government Relations-Tom Watson: Tom voiced concern over the easement permits being allowed by Crosslake and Crow Wing County Zoning.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting: June 1, 2018

Shoreland Restoration Award Program Open House: June 6, 2018 at 5-7:30 PM Moonlite Bay

Annual Meeting: June 9, 2018 at 8:30 AM Ideal Community Center

Antique/Classic Boat Show: June 16, 2018 from 9-5 Moonlite Bay

Board Meeting: Thursday June 28, 2018 at 2:30PM Ideal Community Center