

**WAPOA Board Meeting  
June 28, 2018  
Ideal Community Center**

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

**Directors Emeriti Present:** MJ Schneider, Marv Erdman, Alan Sherburne, Jim Brandt, Dave Fischer, Ron Meyer

**Excused:** Jesse Eide, Joe Brodil

**Others Present:** Jim Schultz, Jana Lueck

President Tom Watson called the business meeting to order at 2:34 PM

**Run for the Walleye-Dave Fischer:** Written report provided. Jana Lueck, Run for the Walleye Race Coordinator, was introduced by MJ Schneider.

**Approval of Minutes:**

MSC: Vaughan/Strohmeier to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2018 Board Meeting

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

MSC: Laurel/Coffey to approve check register with deposits and checks #2757-2768

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

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:**

**Lake Associations:** Jim Schultz/Kimble Lake, Fred Strohmeier/Fifty Lakes, Alan Sherburne/FOLH and Marv Erdman/CBLA reported on activities of their Lake Associations.

**Land and Water Preservation Trust:** Dave Fischer-No change reported since May report

**Pine River Watershed Alliance:** Ron Meyer-Written report provided

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

**-CH 66 Stormwater Project update:** Project completed. Memorandum of Understanding with SWCD and City of Manhattan Beach is still pending.

**-Nominating Committee:** There are three vacancies on the committee.

**-WAPOA by laws:** Final review and update to be sent out.

**-MN COLA Bi-Monthly meeting:** See President's report for date and time. Tom outlined the benefits of being MN COLA members. 1. A larger group provides greater exposure with Crow Wing County. 2. The beneficial association developed with Jeff Forrester of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR) and lobbyist Henry Erdman.

**-Enbridge Pipeline update:** 5-0 vote in favor of the Certificate of Need. Vote on the proposed route will be taken tomorrow. The alternate routes have significant issues. SA-04 does not go to Superior therefore it does not meet Enbridge's application. Routes RA-3 and RA-6 both pass through tribal lands.

**-STEM Aquatic Biology Course – Pequot High School:** Teacher position for the course is still unfilled.

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

**-Future Financing for Action Plans and Budget:** Tom will meet with Legislative – Citizen Commission on MN Resources director Becca Nash to discuss funding options for Shoreland Restoration and tree programs.

**-Non-Native Aquatic Invasive Species Fund:** Volunteers needed to review the document. Document attached.

**-Other Items:**

**-The Pequot Lakes HS Fishing Team:** WAPOA will invite the team to future events for raffle ticket sales.

**-Pequot Lakes Community Picnic and Bean Hole Days July 10.** Tony will be liaison for WAPOA and contact Chris Monroe.

**PROGRAM REVIEWS:**

**Membership-**Dave Topinka: Written report provided. Another mailing will be sent out to all owners on the chain. A list of former members who have not renewed will be sent out with Directors and Emeriti asked to contact people they know and encourage them to renew their membership. No action item.

**Water Quality-**Fred Strohmeier: Written report provided. No action item.

**AIS-**Joe Brodil: Written report provided. Decision on whether or not to have PLM do a second screening for EWM was postponed until the July Board meeting. No action item.

**Publicity-**Pam Vaughan: Written report provided. Leighton free videos were viewed and Board is in favor of using videos to teach AIS awareness. Pam will check with Ericka, Leighton rep, to see if videos can be used on Facebook. Pam will also check with Sunset Cinema in Jenkins to determine the cost for showing the videos. No action items.

**Shoreland Restoration-**Brian Olson: Written report provided. No action item.

**Natural Resources-**Jeff Laurel: Written report provided. No action item.

**Outreach-**Tony Coffey: Written report provided. No action item.

**Communication/Newsletter-**Tom Watson: Email with recommendations for articles is forthcoming. The newsletter will be mailed in July. No action items.

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

**Land Use/Government Relations-**Tom Watson: Jeff Forrester of MLR approached Tom regarding Lake Associations hosting a Legislative Forum with candidate's discussion limited strictly to lake issues.

Adjourned at 4:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

**Executive Committee Meeting:** June 1, 2018

**Board Meeting:** Thursday July 26, 2018 at 2:30PM Ideal Community Center

