

**WAPOA Board Meeting  
July 26, 2018  
Ideal Community Center**

**Directors Present:** Tom Watson, Pat Loban, Jeff Laurel, Tony Coffey, Pam Vaughan, Brian Olson, Rich Hoppe

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

**Excused:** Jesse Eide, Gary Olson, Fred Strohmeier, Dave Topinka

**Others Present:** Jim Schultz,

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

MSC: Vaughan/Olson to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2018 Board Meeting

**Treasurer's Reports:** Tom Watson, in the absence of Gary Olson, reviewed the check register

MSC: Laurel/Coffey to approve check register with deposits and checks #2769-2786

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:**

**Lake Associations:** Jim Schultz/Kimble Lake, Ken Neihart/Fifty Lakes, Alan Sherburne/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

MSC: Brodil/Coffey to approve a \$200 WAPOA sponsorship for the Harvest Dinner

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

**-Appointment of Rich Hoppe**

MSC: Laurel/Vaughan to approve the appointment of Rich Hoppe to the WOPOA Board of Directors for the balance of this year (September), where upon he will serve the term to which he was elected at the 2018 Membership meeting.

MSC: Coffey/Olson to approve the appointment of Rich Hoppe as Assistant Treasurer starting today through the balance of the year in September.

**-Board Banking Resolution**

MSC: Brodil/Laurel to approve resolution that First National Bank North is to be designated as the depository for the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association for the following accounts: Savings Account, Checking Account, and Certificates of Deposit;

And

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any of the following officers are to be named as signatories on the above designated accounts: Thomas N. Watson, President; Anthony Coffey, Vice President; Gary Olson, Treasurer; Pat Loban, Secretary; and Richard Hoppe, Assistant Treasurer.

If such funds to be released are greater than \$3,000, one of the two above signatories shall be that of the President.

**-MAISRC Showcase:** The agenda is consistent with last years with the exception that four lab tours have been added.

**-Enbridge Pipeline update:** Lawsuits are expected to be filed against the Public Utilities Commission by the Fond du Lac and Leech Lake Tribes and well as by Friends of the Headwaters. The first will be filed August 9<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-nine permits have to be secured from government agencies as well as easement

agreements for the remaining private properties. Governor Dayton is questioning whether his Commissioners of Commerce, DNR or Pollution Control should file a lawsuit as they were all opposed to the PUC Certificate of Need approval.

**-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. Tom is considering having Attorney Frank Bibeau, who represents the tribes; speak about the 1855 Treaty between the United States and the Ojibwe Bands.

**-Non-Native Aquatic Invasive Species Fund:** Dave F., Tony and Tom to review.

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

**-Nominating Committee:** Two possible nominating committee candidates needed, along with 3 Director vacancies.

**-Future Financing for Action Plans and Budget:** Small group consisting of Jeff, Brian, Tony, Jim and Ron to formulate ideas and plans for future funding of our programs such as Shoreland Management and the trees program.

**Run for the Walleye-**Dave Fischer: Written report provided. Discussion was held on the use of business sponsors next year and the Board was favorable. A realtor has approached Dave regarding the possibility of supplying water along the route and manning the stations. Sponsors would be expected to be a business member plus pay a race sponsor fee.

#### **PROGRAM REVIEWS:**

**Membership-**Dave Topinka: No report. No action item.

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

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

**AIS-**Joe Brodil: Written report provided.

MSC: Brodil/Laurel to approve paying \$500 to have PLM do a second inspection for Eurasian Milfoil and to notify WAPOA if the fee is substantially different.

**Water Quality-**Fred Strohmeier: Fred will provide interim data from stream testing by August. No action item.

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

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

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

**Communication/Newsletter-**Tom Watson: The first draft will be sent to the printer early next week.

**Land Use/Government Relations-**Tom Watson: Discussion held on the negative impact of wake boats and the limited laws to regulate these boats. Concerns also voiced about the lack of enforcement of dock restrictions and the altering of aquatic habitat. The Lake Associations hosting a Legislative Forum, with candidate's discussion limited strictly to lake issues, was mentioned as a solution

Adjourned at 4:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

**Executive Committee Meeting:** August 3, 2018

**Board Meeting:** Thursday August 23, 2018 at 2:30PM Ideal Community Center