

**WAPOA Board Meeting
August 23, 2018
Ideal Community Center**

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

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

Excused: Jesse Eide,

Others Present: Jim Schultz,

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

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Vaughan/Strohmeier to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2018 Board Meeting

Treasurer's Reports: Tom Watson reviewed the check register

MSC: Hoppe/Laurel to approve check register with deposits and checks #2787-2796

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:

Pine River Watershed Alliance: Ron Meyer-Written report provided

Lake Associations: Jim Schultz/Kimble Lake, Ken Neihart and Fred Strohmeier/Fifty Lakes, Alan Sherburne/FOLH and MJ Schneider /CBLA reported on activities of their Lake Associations.

Land and Water Preservation Trust: Dave Fischer-No report

Election of 2018-2019 officers:

MSC: Vaughan/Strohmeier to approve Tony Coffey, President; Tom Watson, Past President; Rich Hoppe, Treasurer; Pat Loban, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: President's written report provided

-Enbridge Pipeline update: See the written report for 3 lawsuits appealing the PUC's EIS decision of adequacy and scheduled dates. An estimated 29 permits need to be obtained from federal, state and local governments. An email will be sent out giving the status of the permits. Tom would like to have a workshop with Richard Smith, FOH, in this area.

-STEM Aquatic Biology Course – Pequot High School: A technology teacher has been hired.

-Assistant Treasurer:

MSC: Hoppe, B. Olson to appoint Gary Olson as Assistant Treasurer

-Summer Series: See President's Report for dates and speakers. Dr. Michael McCarthy, zebra mussel specialist at the MAISRC, may be leaving September 1 with a possible replacement being Gretchen Hanson.

-Upper Whitefish Lake water quality: Tom would like to have a public meeting next Thursday to address lakeshore owners concerns over issues with Upper Whitefish Lake's declining water clarity (4-5 feet), significant phosphorus loading from rivers (35,000 to 37,000 lbs. annually) and rapid growth of aquatic plants in 20-30 feet of water thereby impeding boating. Changes are also appearing in Middle Whitefish Lake. Discussion held on the goal of the meeting. It was stressed that WAPOA would be a facilitator not a solution. Tom will invite government representatives to address the situation. They include Scott Lucas/Minn. Pollution Control, Mike Duvall, Kevin Martini and Tim Plude/DNR, DJ Downie/Sheriff's Dept., Moriya Rufer/RMB Labs and Jake Frie/CWC. Tom will share a factual summary of the situation.

-Non-Native Aquatic Invasive Species Fund: Dave F., Tony and Tom to review before the next board meeting

-CH 66 Stormwater Project update: Memorandum of Understanding with SWCD and City of Manhattan Beach is still pending. CW SWCD is planning a final meeting in September with all parties to complete project “wrap up.”

-Nominating Committee: Tom asked for recommendations for the vacant positions.

-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.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

AIS-Joe Brodil: Written report provided.

Water Quality-Fred Strohmeier: Fred provided phosphorus levels from stream testing May-July. A normal level is .012 mg/L. See attached. No action item.

Business Relations: No report. No action items.

Publicity-Pam Vaughan: Written report provided. Ericka, at Leighton Broadcasting, has recommended that WAPOA meet with them to improve our communication strategies. No action items.

Communication/Newsletter-Tom Watson: Tom should get the final proof today.

Membership-Dave Topinka: Written report provided. Dave will circulate a list of members who have not renewed and board members are asked to contact those members that they know. No action item.

Natural Resources-Jeff Laurel: Written report provided.

MSC: Strohmeier/Topinka to approve WAPOA partnering with the Big Pine Lake Association to investigate an effective fish passage solution for USACOE Crosslake Dam

Outreach-Tony Coffey: Written report provided. Discussion held on sponsoring Crosslake Days. A sponsorship protocol will be discussed at the October Planning Meeting. Velvet Lake Association will be discussing a membership. No action item.

Shoreland Restoration-Brian Olson: There were 26 lakeshore owners interested in Shoreland Management. Brian contacted 20 and 6 have been asked to be taken off the list. There were 3 awards this year with two projects completed and one to be completed next year. Out of 10 site inspections, 3 generated projects. \$10,000 of grant money remains and could be spent by the end of the year. If grant funding is not obtained the program could proceed providing site inspections. No action item.

Land Use/Government Relations-Tom Watson: No report. Tom voices concern over the record number of variances permits.

Run for the Walleye-Dave Fischer: No report. Dave will be meeting with Gary to go over the finances.

Adjourned at 4:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting: September 7, 2018

Board Meeting: Thursday September 20, 2018 at 2:30PM Ideal Community Center

Volunteer Recognition: Thursday September 20, 2018, 5:30-7:30 Ideal Community Center