

**WAPOA Board Meeting
September 20, 2018
Ideal Community Center**

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

Directors Emeriti Present: Alan Sherburne, Dave Fischer, Ron Meyer, Ken Neihart, Marv Erdman

Excused: Jesse Eide, Dave Topinka, Gary Olson

Others Present: Jim Schultz,

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

Tom thanked the board for their service and gave a summary of his time as President then passed the gavel to incoming President, Tony Coffey

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Watson/ Vaughan to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2018 Board Meeting

Treasurer's Reports: Tony Coffey reviewed the check register and year-to-date reports

MSC: Brodil/Laurel to approve check register with deposits and checks #2797-2801

MSC: Strohmeier/Watson to approve Year-to-date Reports

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:

Pine River Watershed Alliance: Ron Meyer-Written report provided

Lake Associations: Jim Schultz/Kimble Lake reported on activities of his Lake Associations.

Land and Water Preservation Trust, Run for the Walleye, Crosslake Storm Water Project/

Crosslakers Water Quality and Grant Reports: Dave Fischer-Written report provided. No action items
Discussion held on the Loon Center and whether the Center will address both Loons and water quality. It is felt that WAPOA needs to be represented. Tony agreed to be the point person as he has an established relationship with Leah Heggerston, National Loon Center Vice President and Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: President's written report provided

-MAISRC Showcase: The presentations for all sessions can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/news/showcase-presentations-1> A summary of Dan Larkin's research on hybrid watermilfoil and its "parent species" –northern MF and Eurasian MF was presented as well as Dr. Nick Phelps' estimate of AIS risk on MN. lakes and Adam Doll's Zebra mussel transport with watercraft. Dr. Phelps' probability study lists the Whitefish Chain as being at -high-risk secondary to heavy boat traffic which supports the need for watercraft inspections. Dr. Mike McCarthy will depart on Sept. 1. Gretchen Hansen was asked about the possibility of her speaking at the next Annual Meeting.

-Upper Whitefish Lake water quality: A report will be sent next week on past reports regarding phosphorus loading. These reports are also posted on WAPOA's website.

-Enbridge Pipeline update: See the President's written report for dates regarding lawsuits. No information regarding permits. Scott Strand is representing FOH and they need to raise \$50,000 to cover the appeals. WAPOA donation would come from the Land Use and John Larsen grants. Discussion held regarding making donation when the likelihood of winning the appeal is questionable. The directors can only recall a couple of complaints regarding support of the appeal with the vast majority behind re-routing the pipeline. In light of member support and the recent North Dakota oil spill the Directors agreed to proceed with the donation.

MSC: Vaughan/Strohmeier to approve \$6,000 donation to FOLH

-Nominating Committee: WAPOA is down to 8 voting directors, appointing Gary Olson Treasurer would allow him to vote. An e-mail blast will be sent out to members seeking interested members.

MSC: Watson/Laurel to approve Gary Olson as interim Treasurer.

-Other: Discussion held on WAPOA's responsibility to inform our members about Dr. Nick Phelps' probability study which labels the Whitefish Chain at high-risk for AIS. Tom has asked Nick Phelps to write a report on his research. An article will be put in the next Newsletter. Experts do not have a solution for the water quality issues in Upper Whitefish and Mike Duval of the DNR feels the situation is seasonal. There will possibly be a forum on the topic in October and the history of the problem could be presented but no one can predict the next step. Jack Wallschlaeger had predicted the phosphorus loading since 2001. Per Ron Myer solutions are in the millions and the PRWA budget does not support action. Directors agree a forum is needed and an article is also indicated. Tony recommended the use of Webex.

-Retiring Directors. Tony recognized retired director Brian Olson. Jesse Eide and Gary Olson were not present; Tony will present each with a card in recognition of their service.

MSC: Watson/ B. Olson approve to accept Rich Hoppe's resignation as Treasurer.

-Tony Coffey's vision: See the attached document outlining Tony's vision for WAPOA under his term. Tony asked for the Board's written reaction to his vision.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

AIS-Joe Brodil: Written report provided and amended to reflect that the \$3,000 CWC grant for AIS ads was approved and may exceed \$3,000. Marv Erdman has PLM's written inspection report and can provide an electronic version to those interested. Delineation at the dam was also done and can be sent electronically. PLM's total cost was \$4,654. No action items

Water Quality-Fred Strohmeier: Fred has this month's water quality testing data for streams and Whitefish for those wanting the reports. Upper Whitefish water clarity was slightly improved going from 4 ½ to 7 ½ feet from August until September. No action item.

Business Relations: No report. No action items.

Publicity-Pam Vaughan: Written report provided. The Brainerd Dispatch wants to know if WAPOA is interested in a ½ page add in their Resource Guide. Cost would be \$400. No action items.

Communication/Newsletter-Tom Watson: Tom has contacted Kevin Thesing at Lakes Area Printing regarding unacceptable delays in printing the Newsletter. Tom would like to have the fall newsletter sent to the printer by the first week of October and requested articles. Tony states that changes to the newsletter will be addressed at the Planning Meeting.

Membership-Dave Topinka: No report

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

Outreach-Tony Coffey: Written report provided. No action items.

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

Land Use/Government Relations-Tom Watson: No report.

Adjourned at 4:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting: October 5, 2018

Annual Planning Meeting: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 8:00-1:00 Camp Knutson