

Board of Directors  
MEETING  
KAWKAWLIN RIVER WATERSHED PROPERTY OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2013

1. President Tim Banaszak called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Roll Call: Tim Banaszak, Chris Fernandez, Joe Vogl, Julie Kleinau, Jerome Bartkowiak, Dave Bledsoe, Mike Darbee, Doug Horner, Tim Mark, Bob Rau, Glenn Rowley, and Jeff Staudacher were present. Ben Ramsay, John Roszatycki, and Darryl Steiner were excused. Special Guests: Charlie Bauer of the DEQ and Jonathon Jarosz of the University of Michigan - Flint – University Outreach Engagement office.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Special guests Charlie Bauer and Jonathon Jarosz spoke to the board about past and future planned grant applications. In 2012 a grant was applied for from the Bay Area Community foundation for capacity building for the KRWPOA to become an information hub for all organizations involved in/interested in water quality and/or other initiatives on the Kawkawlin River. This grant was not awarded to us (\$7000 grant with \$1000 in kind contribution from us). During the grant review process, the Bay Area Community Foundation committee put some metrics on our organization to assess our capability for capacity building – they picked at metric of gaining  $\geq$  40 new members. Jonathon thinks an individual membership goal is meaningless with regards to capacity building, whereas getting more organizational membership may be more useful and pertinent to the capacity building goal (example: SOS being a member of KRWPOA, ...). While the grant was not awarded to us in 2012, Charlie Bauer would like to try again in 2013 (essentially rewrite and resubmit a similar grant proposal) and he discussed some reasons why.
    - i. The KRWPOA is the only group involved in the range of initiatives including water quality whose mission it is to be involved in all of these initiatives. Other organizations, such as the Drain Commissioner's office who presently has taken on the role of coordinating information for Kawkawlin River initiatives, do not have this role as their mission. (The Drain Commissioner's office has the administrative capacity, but their mission is primarily drainage, not water quality).
    - ii. Charlie's vision is to draw people to the Kawkawlin River through recreation to generate interest in the health of the river. That community interest can then be leveraged to build support and obtain funding to aid in water quality improvement.

The first part of this process is to complete an Assessment tool – this tool has us assess ourselves in a variety of areas relating to organizational capacity to determine where we are as an organization, where we fit among other organizations, and what role can we play in order to help us decide what role we want to play. Along those lines, Jerome pointed out that it is a big step for us to go from a semi-social river beneficial organization, to a goal oriented organization able to develop goals, interest people in participating in meeting goals, and seeing things through. Do we (the KRWPOA) want to lead in this area? Charlie further summarized that the grant rewrite will include a letter

from the KRWPOA board along with several letters of support from other organizations we work with on the river. The rewrite would include a measurable proposal and in-kind contribution of some type from our organization (in-kind contributions include man-hours spent on projects as well as cash). If we want to move forward, we would establish a small committee to move forward with Jonathon and Charlie Bauer. The board decided to appoint Dave Bledsoe, Chris Fernandez, John Roszatycki, and Jeff Staudacher to be our committee to investigate moving forward. No final decision on whether we will commit the organization to building capacity and fulfilling the role on central information coordinator was reached. We will continue to discuss this at the next board meeting.

- b. GLRI grant status – Charlie reported that the DEQ has received the money and it is going through their administrative process now. This grant purpose was described in last month's minutes. After this discussion Charlie and Jonathon left the meeting and the board continued with the rest of the meeting agenda items.
4. Secretary's report: The minutes from the November, 2012 board meeting were forwarded to the board before the meeting. No additions or corrections were proposed. Dave moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, Jeff seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.
5. Treasurer's Report: Joe Vogl – Joe provided a copy of the 2012 Final Report. The two Pimco funds doing well. There was an investment gain of approximately \$1000 between the two funds. The final 2012 Budget report showed final numbers that were very close to the budget plan. Joe pointed out on the report some money that we did not spend (\$1000 e-coli). Jeff moved that the final 2012 financial and budget reports be approved, Doug seconded the motion. The final 2012 Financial and Budget reports were approved as submitted. Joe also provided a 2013 first financial report showing revenue from one membership. There was discussion of the 2013 Budget – Dave pointed out that we should include a forecast of \$360/year for utilities on the Delta College Sailing building to use for work on pontoon (proposed site for work, still to be approved by Delta College). This site is located near Sunset Shores. The Letter of understanding Dave has worked out with the college states that we would vacate at a moments notice, but we could potentially stay indefinitely. Since those costs should be able to be covered within the proposed budget for the pontoon (buoy tended), Mike made the motion to make the 2013 proposed budget the same as the 2012 budget. Bob seconded the motion. The 2013 budget proposal was approved – the final budget approval will take place at the April membership meeting.
6. Bills before the board: None > \$75.
7. Old Business
  - a. Grant Proposals: There was some additional discussion on the grant proposal discussed earlier in the meeting. Mike was concerned about the purpose of the grant (assessment for capacity building) – is it a good use of our money to evaluate ourselves? Others noted that we do have strong support from other area organizations. It is also recognized that Charlie Bauer feels strongly that we do have the capacity to pull organizations together to focus on initiatives. Bob moved we authorize our committee of four to authorize/approve our \$1000 in kind donation to go forward with the assessment. Chris brought up again the question of whether we are really ready and prepared to take the next step. Glenn seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one member opposed.

8. New Business

- a. Date for Annual Membership meeting – April 16, 2013. Tim will write the letter to the Bangor board to reserve Bangor Township Hall for the meeting.

9. Committee Chairperson's Reports

- a. Membership – Glenn reported 129 members for 2012 (128 paid). Glenn passed out the copy of the membership letter for 2013 as we start the next campaign. Joe moved to accept the letter Glenn drafted, Chris seconded the motion. The motion to accept the letter was approved. There will be a separate mailing for the membership drive. The Skill center will be printing some envelopes for us to use for this and other special purposes. Glenn noted that our membership growth this past year was primarily due to sign-ups at our special events.
- b. Weed Control – no update.
- c. Water Quality/E-Coli – no update.
- d. River Restoration – discussed earlier in Old Business.
- e. Safety - Tim Mark reported that he can't put up speed limit signs since the ice is not thick enough yet.
- f. Fun Activities – Ice Fire is tentatively planned for February 16<sup>th</sup>, or March 2nd if there is ice. There will be a postcard mailing to all of the 2012 members to invite them.
- g. River Cleanup – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
- h. History -
- i. Newsletter – The next issue will be in March, before April annual meeting and including the meeting announcement and agenda. We will need some articles – any ideas are welcome.
- j. Website – kawkawlinriver.com. Send items for website to Kevin for inclusion.
- k. Facebook – no update.

10. Next Board Meeting – February 13, 2013.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie A. Kleinau  
Secretary - KRWPOA