

Board of Directors  
MEETING  
KAWKAWLIN RIVER WATERSHED PROPERTY OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2013

1. Vice President Chris Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Roll Call: Chris Fernandez, Joe Vogl, Julie Kleinau, Jerome Bartkowiak, Doug Horner, Bob Rau, John Roszatycki, Glenn Rowley, and Jeff Staudacher were present. Tim Banaszak, Mike Darbee, and Darryl Steiner were excused. Dave Bledsoe, Tim Mark, and Ben Ramsay were absent.
3. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the January 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting were sent out in advance of tonight's meeting. There were no proposed additions or corrections. Jeff moved to approve the January minutes, Jerome seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.
4. Treasurer's Report: Joe provided the Financial Report for review. Revenues consisted of \$125 in membership dues payments. Expenditures included the P.O. Box fees for 2013 plus a liability insurance payment. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and the February Financial Report was approved as submitted.
5. Bills before the board (none)
6. Old Business
  - a. Grants/River Restoration: Jerome opened the discussion with the topic of a predicted 18 inch lower water level this year. He would like us to approach Bangor Township about initiating a request for sediment removal. John reported about meeting with Charlie Bauer (Dave and Tim were also present) to discuss the issue. There was also discussion about the emergency grants issued for harbor dredging and whether it would be a possibility to get some funding that way. There was discussion of getting support from State Sen. Mike Green. John will call Terry Watson to discuss the matter.
  - b. Expansion of our membership to other organizations: Chris spoke with Valerie of the Friends of the Bay City State Park about working together. She showed interest, and also has a contact with the Bay Area Land Conservancy who may be interested as well. The Bay City State Recreation Area Visitor's Center is available to use for a meeting if we would like to have a larger meeting of multiple organizations. Bob suggested that Mike Kelly would be a good contact to determine what other organizations would be appropriate. John mentioned the Saginaw Bay Walleye Club as a potential candidate - (spawning in Kawkawlin). Bob mentioned they've come to our annual meeting before and set up a table. There was discussion about inviting them again this year.
7. New Business
  - a. Chris brought a copy of an e-mail from Charlie Bauer. The e-mail discussed capacity building goals to aid in obtaining a grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation. There are 3 elements. A written membership plan, a written business plan, and a corporate donor program. The board also discussed strategies for the recruitment of board members and of general members. It was also discussed how to leverage our newsletter as a tool – what is happening on the river, what can the river be, etc ... There was also discussion of inviting others to meetings, perhaps members that would be interested in writing articles for our newsletter. Jerome made a good point – recruiting

people is successful is there is an issue they are concerned and/or passionate about, and therefore they are willing to spend there time to work on it. Bob discussed goal setting for committees, etc. If we can get a good agenda for next month's meeting, we may look at bringing in interested people, who may want to help with the newsletter. Bob suggested we have each committee put together their goals for the year, to discuss at next month's board meeting. Bob will provide a proposal/template for goals for board members to review before next board meeting. Jeff suggested we get newsletter articles from people like Joe Rivet, Charlie Bauer, etc. Jeff suggested using color in the newsletter to add a bit of pizzazz.

8. Committee Chairperson's Reports

- a. Membership – Glenn reported that there were 131members in 2012. He is resetting the membership database to be archived. New memberships are to be put in starting on Monday.
  - b. Weed control – no update.
  - c. Water Quality/E-Coli – no update.
  - d. River Restoration – discussed earlier in Old Business.
  - e. Safety - no update.
  - f. Fun Activities – Ice Fire cancelled. Doug Horner – Poker Paddle: Doug brought a template for a fundraising request that we could use for our organization fundraising. The draft is for Poker paddle fundraising effort. Jeff Staudacher mentioned that listing previous donors may potentially dissuade a potential new donor that is a competitor of that company. It was discussed that the template was a good one and can be adjusted for all of our general fundraising.
  - g. River Cleanup – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
  - h. History – Chris and John are attempting to gather some of the ice damming pictures from this season for our archives – can potentially post on website and use in newsletter.
  - i. Newsletter – The next issue will be in March, before the April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 the website to Kevin for inclusion.
  - k. Facebook – no update.
9. Next Board Meeting – 7 pm, March 13, 2013 at the Bangor Township meeting room.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie A. Kleinau  
Secretary - KRWPOA