

Board of Directors  
MEETING  
KAWKAWLIN RIVER WATERSHED PROPERTY OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2013

1. President Chris Tim Banaszak called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
2. Roll Call: Tim Banaszak, Chris Fernandez, Joe Vogl, Julie Kleinau, Jerome Bartkowiak, Mike Darbee, Doug Horner, Tim Mark, Ben Ramsay, Bob Rau, and John Roszatycki were present. Dave Bledsoe, Glenn Rowley, Jeff Staudacher, and Darryl Steiner were excused.
3. Secretary's Report: The February board minutes were distributed in advance of the meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Jerome moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Joe seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.
4. Treasurer's Report: Joe provided the March Financial report. Revenues included 58 new memberships paid. There were no new expenses on the report since the last meeting. Tim Mark moved to approve the March Financial report, Chris seconded the motion. The Financial Report was approved as submitted.
5. Bills before the board: Tim Banaszak had some bills needing approval: There were \$200 in fees for hall rental including the Bangor Township Hall Meeting Room fee of \$150 (\$100 of that is refundable after the Annual Membership Meeting) and the Bangor Township Recreation room rental fee of \$50 (annual fee for use of the recreation room for our monthly board meetings). There was a bill for \$90 in stamps for the annual membership drive. There were printing fees including fees for the Golf outing flyers (\$58.50) and KRWPOA Envelope printing (\$71.09). Chris Fernandez moved to approve the bills before the board, Tim Mark seconded the motion. Payment of the bills was approved.
6. Old Business
  - a. River Restoration Grant: There are discussions on the River Restoration front on acquiring financing and approval for channel restoration at both the federal and state levels. John Roszatycki had lunch with Jim Baker of DNR Fisheries office. Jim was supportive of John's suggestion to request channel restoration on the river this year. Tim Banaszak has been discussing similar projects with our state government representatives who are looking into the possibility of acquisition of future grant money available through the state harbor restoration grants, part 2 (2014 grants available for great lakes river's channel restoration). John suggested involving one of our members, Paul Anderson, as another committee member on our River Restoration committee with grant writing experience to work on river restoration. There was more discussion on the Federal grant option and discussion that legally, the Corps of Engineers is responsible for maintain the Kawkawlin River channel. It was also noted that the Bay County Treasurer's office has \$19000 set aside for maintenance of the river mouth. In preparation for any projects of this type, SVSU Prof. Dave Karpovich is testing all of the sediment, both at the mouth and all the way back up the river, so we will have the environmental data on the sediment for use in selecting an appropriate spoils site. Tim will put a note in the next newsletter to have residents contact Terry Watson with concerns on this issue.

- b. Expansion of Membership to Our Organization: Chris discussed his view that new members are needed to keep the KRWPOA organization alive. There is a need to get the non-board membership involved in the various organization committees. He suggested changing our approach by using the Internet more and considering the whole watershed area for members and not just river property owners. Mike Darbee suggested sending agenda and board meeting notices to all members, plus sending approved minutes to all members. This might generate interest in attending a board meeting from our membership. Tim B. cautioned against over-expanding the membership too much beyond the river and getting too ambitious. We need to make sure we don't take on more than we can handle with the resources we have in our organization. There was some more discussion on what our goal was, but everyone agrees that we need to find ways to engage our membership, and expand our membership. Bob discussed the Annual Meeting itself, what kind of entertainment/speaker would bring people in to the Annual Meeting? We need to keep the presentations fresh. Chris suggested the need to update our association brochure as so much has happened since last brochure published. Chris had a list of other marketing ideas, such as revamping the newsletter and including articles from other sources. Tim proposed adding a "marketing committee" function, which could be aligned or combined with the membership committee. Doug Horner and Mike Darbee would also like to participate.

## 7. New Business

- a. Annual meeting – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm. There are 5 board members up for re-election. Julie K, Mike D, Tim B, Darryl S, and Jeff S. There was more discussion of a speaker and/or speakers for the evening program. Tim could have Charlie Brunner as a potential speaker to discuss items of interest to the members on the various state level committees he participates in. Another suggestion was that SVSU Prof. David Karpovich or the two Delta Professors (Jacob V, Wendy Baker) working on water quality could provide an update on water quality. There was discussion of potential invitations to other similar organizations in order to find a way to engage them. Chris provided a list of organizations to invite. If they attend we could provide a table for them to set up with their organization information, and give them a 5 minute time period to discuss their organization. There was further review of VIP invite list. Several board members provided some updates. Bob had an interested contact (Sondra) from the SBLC, one of the organizations on Chris' list. John suggested inviting Jim Baker of the DNR Fisheries. Bay Café is catering again. We are expecting the usual 80-85 people. For people who arrive early we discussed projecting pictures from our various group events and happenings on the river. Ben could bring projector. At a minimum, we could use the pictures and slide shows from website (need to verify internet access during the meeting). Julie will update the Sponsor thank-you sheets to display at the sign in table, Chris will send his Poker Paddle sponsor list to Julie. Julie will work on VIP invites over next week, need to solidify agenda. Other river organizations 5 min apiece.
- b. Jerome brought up the possibility that we may not be able to put our river channel markers out this year as the water may be too low. Tim Mark said we may need to put an article in the paper notifying people of this. The Safety committee will continue to evaluate the situation this spring.
- c. Tim has discussed initiating the 2012 audit with accountant Ned Kleinke.

## 8. Committee Chairperson's Reports

- a. Membership – Joe - 61 paid members so far.

- b. Weed control – Jerome. The first treatment will be after the weeds start to grow and the water temperature increases to prime treatment levels. We will need to communicate with Aquatic Nuisance control so that treatments do not interfere with planned river functions (river cleanup, poker paddle, etc.).
  - c. Water Quality/E-Coli – no update.
  - d. River Restoration – discussed earlier in Old Business.
  - e. Safety – there was earlier discussion on this regarding water levels/channel marker. In addition, Tim Mark removed the river mouth sign to protect it from the ice. The speed limit signs were installed when the ice was good, Tim will pull them back out shortly. The pontoon will be moved over to the Delta College barn shortly.
  - f. Fun Activities – unfortunately we had to cancel the annual Ice Fire due to unsafe ice. There was a brief discussion of alternate sites to use in the future if the ice is unsafe. Next event: the May 25<sup>th</sup> Golf Scramble (still need some teams) and the June 8<sup>th</sup> Poker Paddle.
  - g. River Cleanup – June 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. Bob has registered us with the National River association. Mike is working on the t-shirt design and is investigating t-shirt suppliers.
  - h. History – Tim suggested that some support for this committee would be welcome.
  - i. Newsletter – Articles are due April 1<sup>st</sup> (Monday after Easter). The cover will be the Annual Meeting Announcement. There was some discussion of newsletter sponsorships for this year.
  - j. Website – kawkawlinriver.com. Chris talked to Kevin about putting a counter on the website so we could check how many visitors to our site we are getting. We also discussed promoting the website more. John suggested having links for our website on some other related group’s websites. Chris suggested making some small signs with our web address and locating them in the area. Webmaster Kevin will monitor the visit counts before & after signs go up. The sign contractor would be ATS. Joe asked for more information on the sign design, cost, and proposed locations (questions of legality of some sign locations).
  - k. Facebook – Chris reported that Jack Neuman (association member) will set it up for us.
9. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Bangor Township Recreation room.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie A. Kleinau  
Secretary - KRWPOA