

Board of Directors  
MEETING  
KAWKAWLIN RIVER WATERSHED  
ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2014

1. President Jeff Staudacher called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Roll Call: Jeff Staudacher, Julie Kleinau, Jerome Bartkowiak, Dave Bledsoe, Tim Mark, Bob Rau, John Roszatycki, and Glenn Rowley were present. Chris Fernandez, Joe Vogl, Mike Darbee, Doug Horner, Connie Kudrow, Ben Ramsay, and Darryl Steiner were excused.
3. Secretary's Report –The January board minutes were sent out in advance of the meeting. No additions or corrections were requested. Tim moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Glenn seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's Report – Joe provided the Financial Report and proposed budget for 2014 from last month's meeting in advance as he was not able to attend this evening. Revenues to date consist primarily of dues payments, however, we've received one Newsletter ad sponsorship donation. Expenditures were primarily due to the membership drive and the Ice Fire. For the 2014 proposed budget it was brought up that the State Park was hoping for our previously planned donation for their kayak certification program. The board decided to spend \$967.50 as a donation for that activity. Money will be moved from other areas of the budget. John moved to approve the Financial Report, Tim seconded the motion. The Financial report was unanimously approved.
5. Bills for Reimbursement – Joe received additional receipts of \$255.14 for Ice fire expenses. Bob moved to approve reimbursement of the expenses, Glenn seconded the motion. Reimbursement of the expenses was unanimously approved.
6. Committee Reports –
  - a. Environmental:
    - i. Weed Control – No update
    - ii. River Restoration – At a recent event, John discussed our planned \$1000 donation to the SVSU project for help with supplies for water quality testing with SVSU Professor Dr. David Karpovich. SVSU is planning on our donation this year. We were unsure of that need last month when we drew up our preliminary budget plan for 2014 and had not included any funds. There was some discussion at this event about the needs of the North Branch of the Kawkawlin River for restoration work, as the flooding in the North Branch affects farms and brings fertilizer into the river. Also, John attended the Farm Bureau meeting and discussed river issues with some area farmers. There may be interest in someone speaking at our annual meeting to discuss issues from the agricultural perspective. The farming community is grateful for our efforts in river restoration/flood control. The SVSU/Delta water quality projects are picking up steam and have gained significant public support – it is recognized that our organization helped get that activity off the ground. Jerome moved to add a \$1000 donation to SVSU for water quality monitoring activities, Bob seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
    - iii. Water Quality – no update

- b. River Clean Up – June 7, Bob would like us to start advertising the date. Bob spoke with John Whalen (of O’Sullivan’s, distributors out of Flint). The three Leinenkugel Brothers started a “Canoes for a Cause” campaign. They are willing to support our cleanup event through a t-shirt donation. John will donate 100 T-shirts with the Leinenkugel canoe logo. We can still have additional sponsors on the back of the shirt. The plan is to have 10 paying sponsors at \$250 apiece. Bob Struck (realtor) has also volunteered to be a sponsor. Shirts without the Leinenkugel logo will need to be acquired for minors attending the event. This would be a savings of approximately \$7.00/shirt or \$700.
- c. Government – no update
- d. Safety – Tim Mark – The plan is to take down the Kawkawlin River Welcome sign on Sunday (to protect it from the ice breakup in the spring). There was discussion of having the paint touched up while it is out of its location, in addition to the removal of the “Property Owners” from the name. Once it is removed we’ll assess whether we need to take it to a professional for painting.
- e. Education
  - i. Membership – Glenn: There are 123 calendar year 2014 members from 64 households. 61 households have renewed from 2013 (55% of base). There are 3 new households from people who participated in our functions last year. (Poker Paddle, etc) We expect more renewals at Annual Meeting and River Cleanup, however, it appears that the members reached through some of our functions last year may not be interested in joining as regular members.
  - ii. Fun Committee – The Ice Fire went well (January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2-6 pm). Golf outing planning: Connie is hoping to have the golf outing on an August weekend. (at White Birch). There was some discussion, but no decision, on potential locations for the picnic.
  - iii. History – no update
  - iv. Newsletter – March 15<sup>th</sup>. This issue will have a cover article about the upcoming Annual Meeting in April. There will also be an article documenting the (expected) ice/flooding damage this spring. Having documentation and pictures will help secure support for our River Restoration projects. (Dave will write the article, get your information and pictures to him.)
  - v. Website – no update.
- f. Finance – no update.

## 7. Old Business

- a. By-Laws Confirmation: Letters have been sent to the IRS, we should have confirmation in 60 days.
- b. Budget Final Approval: Earlier this evening we approved an extra \$1000 for river restoration (SVSU project), plus the audit expenses for 2012/2013 will be \$1500. These weren’t included in last month’s budget proposal. (\$969.50 for State Park kayak safety training as discussed earlier also wasn’t included). To clarify the State Park project, certified kayak guides are needed to take people out on the Tobico Marsh. John moved to approve the funds for the State Park kayak training, Tim seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the \$969.50. Bob is saving money against his planned River Cleanup t-shirt expenses so we may be able to move \$750 from his budget to one of the other line items. We may also be able to move t-shirt expenditures from the Poker

Paddle to other line items. As there are several opportunities to move funds in the budget proposal to meet these newly identified initiatives, we will review the 2014 budget again when Joe is at next month's board meeting. The goal is to finalize the budget proposal so it can be approved at the April annual membership meeting.

8. New Business

- a. Annual Meeting: (April 15<sup>th</sup>) We need to identify and invite a speaker so that the agenda can be set by March 15<sup>th</sup> when the Newsletter is published. John would like State Senator Mike Green, Michigan DEQ rep Charlie Bauer, State Representative Stamos, and State Representative Charles Brunner to perhaps say a few words. Jeff might be able to get Laura Ogar to discuss the potential plan for a new pier on Saginaw Bay beach. John and Glenn will get the names of Bay County Farm Bureau members we may want to invite.
  - b. Dave - discussed his ongoing project of using the old Delta College Sailing school cottage to be a sustainability center for Delta College (with a wind turbine included). It is also being set up as a place for environmental researchers to use as a base for water quality research. There are nice docks right on the Saginaw River near the mouth for the new research boats. The new SVSU administration is excited about the project and the facility.
9. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Bangor Township Meeting Room.
10. John moved to adjourn the meeting, Glenn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie A. Kleinau  
Secretary - KRWA