

Board of Directors
MEETING
KAWKAWLIN RIVER WATERSHED
ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2013

1. Vice-President Chris Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Roll Call: Chris Fernandez, Julie Kleinau, Jerome Bartkowiak, Dave Bledsoe, Doug Horner, Tim Mark, Ben Ramsay, John Roszatycki, and Glenn Rowley were present. Jeff Staudacher, Joe Vogl, Connie Kudrow, Bob Rau, and Darryl Steiner were excused. Mike Darbee was absent.
3. Treasurer's Report – Joe provided the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting. The report showed new revenues of some late 2013 dues payments. Expenses included the August picnic bill for Beson's Market, plus several expenses for the buoy tender. John moved to approve the expenses for the buoy tender which needed approval, Tim seconded the motion. (several of the buoy tender expenses on the financial report were approved at last month's meeting). The motion was approved. We are over our 2013 budget on buoy tender restoration, but under on other line items and are well within our budget for the year. Glenn moved to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted, John seconded the motion – the Treasurer's report was approved.
4. Secretary's Report: The revised September board minutes draft was distributed before the meeting. There were no further additions or corrections. Glenn moved to approve the minutes, Jerome seconded the motion – the minutes were approved.
5. Bills before the Board: We will wait on submitting new expenses for reimbursement until next month when Joe is here.
6. Old Business
 - a. By-Laws – Chris has discussed finalizing By-Laws with Darryl. Darryl proposed, through Chris, that we hold a December board meeting for the sole purpose of finalizing By-Law revisions.
 - i. One point of group discussion is on voting rules. We need to clearly state in the By-Laws how many votes and members there are per paid membership. Presently the rules are that there is one vote per paid household or organizational membership. We have typically counted each paid membership as one "member", regardless of the number of residents in the household. Darryl/Chris proposed that a \$25 household membership gets one vote (same as existing by-laws), but that all members of the household are counted as associate members (plus the primary member). A \$50 membership could potentially allow two votes per household, with the other household members being associate members. John was concerned with using the terminology "associate member", and would like to just use "members", but still limit votes to one per household as with today's by-laws. Glenn proposed that for all paid household memberships all household members will be referred to and counted as "members". Advertisers and other supporting organizations are "Associate Members" or "Supporters". Chris mentioned the term "Support Members" could be used instead of those terms.

- ii. Chris also has a list of similar organizations to the KRWA. One proposal would be to join these groups as an organization, and have them join ours – allow their organization one vote as in our by-laws. This would allow the number of members in their organization to be counted in ours, and our membership numbers in theirs. One organization, SOS, has been a member of our organization in the past – can we count their members if they join again? We didn't count them in the past. John proposed that such organizations should also be located in the Kawkawlin River watershed, but Chris's view is that is not absolutely necessary.
- b. Winter Events – There is some interest in holding more winter events in addition to the annual Ice Fire. Chris solicited ideas from the board. There was discussion of a possible ice fishing tournament. We'll continue to discuss at the next meeting.
- c. Delta College Sailing School building – Dave has the keys and the buoy tender pontoon boat is stored inside. Dave would appreciate a letter of support from the organization for student originated sustainable projects that Dave is going to do at the cottage next to the sailing school. Julie will draft a letter of support with some input from Dave. Dave needs funding from the college for the projects. John moved to provide the letter of support and Tim supported. The board approved the motion. The cottage has a potential room we could use for future meetings which may be a benefit as it would be near our boat storage.
- d. Buoy Tender Projects - There will be a work session next week for the buoy tender. Dave asked for authorization to write a grant to purchase an engine. The board authorized Dave to move forward with writing a grant for the engine.

7. New Business

- a. Jeff S would like us to form a finance committee, as his role in organization finances must be limited due to his professional work rules. Chris, Joe, Jeff, and Jerome will be on the committee.
- b. Marketing and Outreach – It was discussed that we need to update our organization brochure. We could start out with e-mail ideas. The board should send around a few e-mails over the next month and we'll consolidate ideas and discuss at the November board meeting.
- c. Julie brought up the upcoming event at SVSU - the Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Annual meeting and speaker series – October 23rd at SVSU, 1 pm. Chris will attend and Dave may be able to go. Glenn mentioned there is another similar event coming up soon at the Doubletree; he'll send out information on that after the meeting.
- d. Tim Mark discussed with Dave the need for a trailer for the boat. With the third pontoon, the planned trailer can't be used and it is presently sitting on Dave's trailer. Tim proposed we look at purchasing a trailer for the buoy tender. Tim and Dave have been looking for used ones, but haven't found one yet. It was suggested to wait until next month's meeting, when Joe and Jeff are back, to vote on the expenditure as we will go over the 2013 budget if we spend the money this year.

8. Committee Reports –

- a. Membership – Glenn – Glenn brought the updated membership lists. He will be ordering new membership drive envelopes soon – the organization name will be updated and he will add a “number of persons in household” field. He would like to include stickers as we've done before. To facilitate the membership drive, he mentioned the benefits of

having a Facebook page (there is one presently set up – that must be removed and a new one created). Jack Neuman has offered to help with this (member).

- b. Weed Control – Jerome – We are in the 3rd year of a 5 year program.
 - c. River Restoration – John – John is invited to a DEQ lunch on Friday. (by Charlie Bauer) It's been approved that all spoils from any main channel and bay restoration can be disposed of at the spoils island (certified disposal site). This will save several million dollars on the restoration project. Support is still strong from our representatives despite slow progress, and the Bay County Farm Bureau has written a letter of support for the project.
 - d. Water Quality – no update.
 - e. Safety – Tim is looking for a motor to borrow so the buoy tender could be used to remove the buoys this fall so we'd get a chance to see how well it works and if there are any issues which need to be worked on over the winter. Glenn may have a suitable one. Tim will take a look at it.
 - f. Fun Activities – discussed earlier.
 - g. River Cleanup -
 - h. History – there was discussion of a few names to help us with our history. Eric Jylha is one suggestion (from TV5).
 - i. Newsletter – Chris brought an example magazine to help people get ideas for the newsletter. Chris would like people to send him links to interesting articles and pictures. He would also like to see articles to recognize our volunteers at our many events, especially an article thanking Lori Dole of Castaway's for all she and her staff do for us. Chris wanted to know if anyone had an issue with printing in color, as it is more expensive than our old black and white format. More sponsors would be helpful. Glenn suggested we offer to put sponsors ads on the website as well. We will pursue that path to raise the additional funds to cover the color printing costs.
 - j. Website – send ideas to Kevin.
 - k. Facebook – As mentioned earlier, member Jack Neuman has offered to help us with this.
9. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at 7 pm in the Bangor Township Meeting Room.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. Kleinau
Secretary - KRWA