Board of Directors
MEETING
KAWKAWLIN RIVER WATERSHED
ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2014

1. President Jeff Staudacher called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Roll Call: Jeff Staudacher, Mike Darbee, Joe Vogl, Julie Kleinau, Jerome Bartkowiak, Doug Horner, Connie Kudrow, Tim Mark, Bob Rau, John Roszatycki, and Darryl Steiner were present. Dave Bledsoe, Chris Fernandez, and Glenn Rowley were excused. Ben Ramsay was absent. Guest board member Paul Woods was also in attendance.
3. Secretary's Report –There were two board meeting minutes to be approved. The April monthly board meeting minutes and the Board Annual Reorganization Meeting minutes were both forwarded in advance of tonight's meeting. There were no additions or corrections proposed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted and was seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's Report –Joe provided the financial report. Revenues since the last meeting included Newsletter ad sponsorship fees, new member dues, and donations from the Annual Membership Meeting dinner. Expenditures included expenses for the upcoming Poker Paddle. John moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Tim seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.
5. Bills for Reimbursement – There was one new expense, not shown on the financial report, for the printing of the Poker Paddle Posters at a cost of $69. There were no other new expenses needing reimbursement. John moved to approve reimbursement of the expense, Jerome seconded the motion. The reimbursement of the expense was unanimously approved.
6. Committee Reports –
    a. Environmental:
        i. Weed Control – no update.
        ii. Restoration –
            1. John discussed the continuing issue with the old pipelines in the North Branch of the Kawkawlin River, between Beaver Road and Chip Road. Total Petroleum was initially going to pay to have the pipes removed, but Drain Commissioner Joe Rivet blocked the removal due to a potential grant coming up that would cover expenses. That grant fell through and the pipes are still in the river. KRWA member Jack Anderson has been asking for the board to help in the removal. Jeff Staudacher volunteered to take on the issue by working with Laura Ogar from Bay County Environmental Affairs.
            2. John met with Terry Watson, Russ Beaubien, Charlie Brunner, Mike Green, DNR representatives and others, to discuss disposition of funds for the dredging project. The State of Michigan funds will be routed to the Bangor Township, and the township will pay the contractor. The plan right now is to begin the mouth dredging in July. Dave Bledsoe is

presently in Washington DC and is approaching our various legislators to discuss funding for Phase II. There should be funds remaining after Phase I to do the engineering portion of the project for Phase II.

iii. Water Quality – Darryl reported that SVSU is beginning their water quality sampling, but there are no results to report yet.

iv. River Clean Up – June 7, Bob reported that Delta College has printed the River Cleanup flyers (50), for free as the quantity was small. Becky did the design. We will do our own t-shirt design and save the Leinenkugel shirts for the Poker Paddle as giveaways. Mike reported that Sandlot Sports will supply this year's tee shirts. Bob requested that during sign in period, a separate note should be made of the dignitaries in attendance for introductions.

b. Government – John would like us to send out thank you letters to the people who helped secure the funding for the river restoration project. He listed State Senator Mike Green, State Representative Charlie Brunner, State Senator Roger Kahn, State Representative Jim Stamas, Dan Wyatt the DEQ State Director, and others. John and Dave will get a complete list to Julie so she can prepare the letters.

c. Safety – Tim Mark – The channel marker buoys are not in yet. We need to identify a boat to use. We will probably use Dave's or the one from Linwood Beach Marina (offered for our use free of charge). Tim has been getting prices on motors. A quote from Linwood Beach Marina (using government pricing) was $6681. At Pier 7, the price was $7160, plus they will donate some other items. The motor model is a 60HP Mercury Bigfoot. Dave is still pursuing a grant to cover expenses. Since the grant process will likely take longer we may need to use a different boat to put the channel markers in. The goal is to have a motor for our own boat in time to take the buoys out in the fall. There was additional discussion on the planning and preparation of the buoys for installation.

d. Education

i. Membership – Glenn provided a membership report in advance of the meeting: There are now 207 members from 102 households.

ii. Outreach – no update.

iii. Fun Committee – June 14th Poker Paddle: there were 75 promotional posters printed – board members will each take some to distribute. Annual Picnic: Ron and Paulette Cunningham along with Glenn and Lynda Booms will host on August 9th, 2 – 5 pm. There will be an announcement in this month's newsletter, with a reminder postcard shortly before the event. As the prices of meat have been going up we may need to adjust our budget. Golf Outing: Connie has printed up the flyers, she would like to do t-shirts with a map picture of the Kawkawlin River Watershed instead of the more typical inexpensive golf balls as an entry giveaway. The board agreed a shirt was a nice idea.

iv. History – no update

v. Newsletter – articles due by the end of this week for mailing shortly before the river cleanup.

vi. Website – no update.

e. Finance – Jeff needs the new officers to sign bank forms (Mike Darbee and Doug Horner on the finance committee).

7. Old Business
    a. Annual Meeting (April 15th) – The event was well attended and enjoyed by those that were present.
8. New Business
    a. Logo design – reviewed design #1/2, and discussed whether more color could be added (sun), but perhaps not because extra colors add printing cost. A modified design will be available for review shortly.
    b. Chris is moving to the UP and is withdrawing from the board. Jeff discussed whether we should nominate Paul Woods to replace Chris on the board. Chris is resigning after the Poker Paddle. Mike seconded, the board unanimously approved. Paul's term will start when Chris officially resigns. Julie will send Paul a "welcome" packet after the Poker Paddle.
    c. Darryl will send out to the board the final revised by-laws.
    d. Bob reminded the board that this Saturday is Bangor Township cleanup day – they accept tires, tv's, electronics, etc.
    e. July 26th there will be small fireworks display.
9. Next Board Meeting: River Inspection Tour – target July 9th.
10. John moved to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. Kleinau
Secretary - KRWA