

Board of Directors  
MEETING  
KAWKAWLIN RIVER WATERSHED  
ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2013

1. President Jeff Staudacher called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Roll Call: Jeff Staudacher, Joe Vogl, Julie Kleinau, Jerome Bartkowiak, Dave Bledsoe, Doug Horner, Tim Mark, Bob Rau, John Roszatycki, Glenn Rowley, and Darryl Steiner were present. Chris Fernandez, Mike Darbee, and Connie Kudrow were excused. Ben Ramsay was absent.
3. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the August board meeting were forwarded to the board members before the meeting. There were no proposed corrections or additions. Dave moved to approve the minutes as submitted, John seconded the motion. The August minutes were approved. Jeff Staudacher forwarded his minutes of the brief membership meeting at the annual picnic on August 17th. There was a brief discussion of the minutes – Julie suggested adding the total members of record at the time of the vote (108) to the minutes. These minutes do not need to be approved at this meeting as it was a membership meeting, not a board meeting. We will present them at the next annual meeting for approval.
4. Treasurer's Report: Joe Vogl – there was only one new revenue since the August meeting – one new dues payment. Expenses – there were a variety of expenses from the Poker Paddle, River Cleanup, Annual Picnic, newsletter and membership mailings, plus the State of Michigan Non-profit fee and State of Michigan Name Change Fee. There was some discussion of the performance of Pimco Bond fund. Interest rates have been climbing therefore bonds are dropping. There was some discussion of movement of some of the Pimco bond money to a Franklin Income fund. It was noted we also hadn't moved our budgeted \$1300 from the checking account to the building fund. A Franklin Income fund is more of a balanced fund, consisting of higher performing stocks & bonds, instead of just a bond fund. Some research will occur on this over the next month and we will vote on it at next month's meeting.
5. Bills before the Board: Dave Bledsoe had several bills associated with the buoy tender restoration. (roughly \$1700 total, which is within \$2000 budget for the project). The boat was brought to the meeting for the board's inspection. Darryl moved to approve reimbursement of Dave's expenses, Tim seconded the motion. The board approved of reimbursing Dave. Tim Mark had a \$96.70 expense for a program used for GPS/buoy location setting. John moved to approve reimbursement of Tim, Glenn seconded the motion. The board approved reimbursement of Tim. Jeff proposed approval of Bay County Chamber of Commerce membership for the organization, an expense of \$171. Glenn is on the promotion committee for the chamber, he feels it's valuable to the organization if we make an effort to take advantage of it. John supported Jeff's proposal, the board approved payment of membership dues in the Bay County Chamber of Commerce.
6. Old Business
  - a. There was a discussion of definition of membership. As we review the By-Laws, we would like to clarify a possible definition of an "associate member". What are the criteria? What are the rights and privileges? What is the definition of a "sponsoring member"? Who gets counted as a member on grant applications?

- b. Association Official Name Change – There was a proposal for a public announcement of some sort. Kevin will update the website. Joe has filed the state paperwork. The IRS paperwork will be filed in the next couple of months.
  - i. Marketing – Facebook, Glenn will work on a new release.
  - ii. Logo, letterhead. Can be edited on word, keep the existing tree logo.
- c. By-Law Update – Darryl – review of proposed changes.
  - i. There was significant discussion on Membership definitions – paid members vs total members (households vs all members of household). We will continue to consider this question over the next few months. A small subcommittee will meet on this to finish the By-Law change proposal.

## 7. New Business

- a. Property Discussion – There was a proposal to consider writing a grant application for purchase of property for a storage building (for buoy tender, buoys, etc). One potential site is the Bledsoe lot/garage site. There would need to be a zoning change for that property. Terry Watson feels that would not be difficult to get approved. The neighbors appear to be supportive of that use if we decide to pursue that avenue. It could be used as a permanent location for the annual picnic as well. The property would be tax exempt (no property taxes). A second option is the township property across the street from the Bledsoe lot. We would need to build a new building. A third option Dave presented was the leasing of the Delta College Sailing School pole building. It would cost \$370 for an annual lease with utilities. We would need to provide insurance for our contents. John moved to lease the Delta College building for a period of one year, Doug seconded the motion. Dave will contact Joe to discuss insurance.
- b. Visibility of the Organization during the Fall and Winter – Chris will discuss this at next month's meeting.

## 8. Committee Reports –

- a. Membership – Glenn reported that the website now has 211 entries for members. There are a total of 178 paid household memberships. There have been 3 new membership applications on the website in the last month, one has paid so far. Right now it is difficult to indicate on the website whether the members have actually paid. Many new members were added from the 2013 Poker Paddle participation offer. Glenn discussed adding “value” to the membership to encourage people to join, beyond the newsletter. Perhaps discounted fees for participating events, etc.
- b. Weed Control – Jerome. Treatment for phragmites and lily pads occurred this past week.
- c. River Restoration – John reported that there aren't any firm plans for the restoration project in place. There are quite a few ongoing planning discussions.
- d. Safety – Tim – complimented the buoy tender team on the restoration project. Channel marker buoy #2 has been placed back out in the channel. Tim submitted the new permit application to Coast Guard (discussed last month).
- e. Fun Activities – Doug & Connie will work on the golf outing for next year. It may be moved until September. Tim Beson needs to submit a bill for the picnic so we can pay for the food.
- f. History – a proposal was made that potentially a history speaker would be good for the next annual meeting. Jeff had some ideas of potential candidates.

- g. Website – Kevin has been cleaning up the website – send him a note if you have something to include. He has added the information on the sailboat auction (discussed at last month’s meeting).
  - h. Facebook – Kevin has set up a new one, people are having trouble finding it though.
9. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at 7 pm in the Bangor Township Meeting Room.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie A. Kleinau  
Secretary - KRWA