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WICOLA ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2009
SILVER RAPIDS LODGE

Present: 35 persons from 24 WICOLA memberships signed in. Attendees also included two guests: Don Carlson, MPCA Project Manager and Euan Reavie, Associate Researcher, University of Minnesota

1. Call to order and outline of meeting:

President Charlene Mason called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Attendees were provided with the following handouts:

- ^ Agenda, 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes, President's 2009 Annual Report
- ^ Financial Report for Fiscal Years January 1 – December 31, 2008
- ^ Kawishiwi Watershed Clean Water Protection Project Proposal
- ^ Kawishiwi Watershed Protection Plan

2. Clean Water Project Presentation:

Larry Squillace and Jim Pickney led a discussion of the Kawishiwi Watershed Clean Water Protection Proposal. As in the project proposal and protection plan handouts, the overall goal of the 3-year project is to gather, compile, and analyze data necessary to maintain or improve water quality for the Kawishiwi Watershed.

Don Carlson outlined the two main funding sources for the project:

- ^ Legacy Fund: straight state grant funded by tax dollars that does not require matching funds. Funding decisions are expected to be communicated within the next few weeks
- ^ Clean Water Protection (CWP) Grant: Requires matching funds (percentage of match has yet to be determined). Requests for Proposals (RFP's) are expected to be due in mid-July, with decisions made in September.

The presentation also included details regarding state water quality rules and non-degradation standards. President Mason also mentioned that the project addresses member concerns as outlined in the 2006 survey conducted by WICOLA. Jim Pickney indicated that WICOLA will begin looking into privately funded grant opportunities once Legacy Fund and CWP grants are finalized.

3. Business Meeting:

President Mason called the business meeting to order.

Motion: Pat Doran moved and Larry Squillance seconded to approve the 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

4. 2008 Fiscal Report:

Treasurer Don Ortleby presented the Financial Report for the 2008 Fiscal Year. Income includes funds from a 2007 DNR Grant that WICOLA matched with in-kind work. A DVD of the Sulfide Mining Forum is available for interested members.

Motion: Roger Powell moved and Curt VanDeen seconded to approve the 2008 Fiscal Report. Motion passed.

5. Nominations and Elections for 2010-2012

Secretary: Shelley Frederickson

Treasurer: Don Ortley

Farm Lake Representative: Larry Squillace

Second White Iron East Representative: Ray Theobald

Motion: Pam Webster moved and Ken Wichman seconded to close nominations.
Motion passed.

Motion: Peg Pickney moved and Roger Powell seconded to accept nominations.
Motion passed.

6. Annual Report of the President

President Mason presented her annual message, reiterating the need for volunteers to review the Environment Impact Statement from Polymet and a committee to keep the membership apprised of mining issues. Also mentioned was the need for the committee dealing with mining issues to coordinate their work with other lake associations. Dollar contributions from WICOLA members will be necessary to help defray expenses related to the Kawishiwi Watershed Clean Water Protection Project.

7. Kawishiwi Watershed Clean Water Protection Plan Proposal Endorsement

Brad Sagan made a motion for the membership in attendance to accept the following statement:

WICOLA membership endorses the work of the Board in its efforts to collect baseline environmental quality data as outlined in the Kawishiwi Watershed Clean Water Protection Project Proposal

Roger Powell seconded, motion passed unanimously.

8. Membership Report

Ray Doran indicated that current WICOLA membership count was 199, with 32 outstanding.

9. WICOLA Website

Jim Pickney indicated that he has been working on a new website for WICOLA.

[HTTP://www.wicola.org](http://www.wicola.org). Volunteers with website expertise are needed to help with site development.

10. Adjournment:

Motion: Curt VanDeen made a motion and Jim Pickney seconded to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Frederickson, Secretary