

APPROVED  
WICOLA Board of Directors  
2/18/10 Meeting, Kawishiwi Ranger Station  
12:00PM – 2:00PM  
Continued on 2/26/10, Ken Wichmann's Residence  
9:00AM – 11:00AM

**2/18/10 Meeting**

In attendance:

Ray Doran, Shelley Frederickson, Don Ortle, Jim Pinckney, Teresa Sagen, Larry Squillace, Ken Wichmann

Not in attendance:

Peter Davis, Charlene Mason, Ray Theobald, Curt Van Deen

Others:

Doug Jensen, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator, University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program

Quorum? Yes/No

**Sea Grant/Stop Aquatic Hitchiker's Program**

Prior to the Board Meeting, Doug Jensen, gave a presentation to the Board covering the following topics:

- Invasive aquatic species that threaten the Kawishiwi Watershed
- Ideas for advertising campaigns to communicate AIS-related issues, funded by monetary support from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative proposal that is being submitted by the U of M Sea Grant program.

It's expected that if approved, funds will become available in May/June of 2010. Next steps discussed include:

- Identify products/communication tools WICOLA is interested in using (all)
- Join the Stop the Aquatic Hitchhickers program (Shelley)
- Review DNR site for ideas (all)
- Forward diskette containing ad ideas (Doug)

**Board Minutes:**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ken Wichmann
2. Approval of 1/14/10 minutes (Shelley Frederickson):

The following updates will be made:

- #8: Polymet DEIS Status: Details added as follows: Representatives from the MIT team provided a status report to the board and were asked to submit comments regarding the DEIS per their charge.
- #9: Minnesota Waters membership: "for year 2010" was added as clarification

- #11: Minutes were updated to indicated that Ken Wichmann moved and Ray Doran seconded the motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement

Shelley will make changes and noted and forward copies of updated Minutes to Board Members accordingly.

3. Review of Treasurer's Report (Don Ortley):

- Don reported that the current balance in WICOLA's account is \$11,772.44. He will send a summary treasurer's report for inclusion in the minutes.
- Minnesota Waters:  
Don asked whether the Board wanted to pay \$150 fee for membership to Minnesota Waters. During the 1/14/10 meeting the Board agreed to renew membership; Don will contact Minnesota Waters to validate the amount and will forward accordingly.

Larry Squillace mentioned that the link on Minnesota Water's website that takes you to WICOLA's website takes you to the old website in error. Larry will contact Minnesota Waters to see if he can get this corrected.

4. Membership Report (Ray Doran):

Discussion was tabled due to time constraints

5. Oversight Committee Report:

*Motion:* Larry Squillace moved and Teresa Sagen seconded to pay for 30 hours work completed for the Kawishiwi Clean Water Legacy Act Project by Shelley Frederickson. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00. As additional items remained on the agenda, the Board decided to schedule a second meeting on 2/26/10, to be held at Ken Wichmann's residence. Minutes from that meeting follow:

## **2/26/10 Meeting**

In attendance:

Ray Doran, Shelley Frederickson, Don Ortley, Jim Pinckney, Teresa Sagen, Larry Squillace, Curt Van Deen, Ken Wichmann,

Not in attendance:

Peter Davis, Charlene Mason, Roger Sorenson, Ray Theobald

Quorum? Yes

### **Board Minutes:**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ken Wichmann
2. The following topics were added to the agenda:
  - Treasury Report (3)
  - MIT Discussion (8)
3. Review of prior meeting minutes (Shelley Frederickson) and Treasurer's Report (Don Ortley):
  - Status for meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report is unchanged from 2/18/10 meeting
4. Nominations Committee:
  - Open positions include: President, Vice President, Garden Lake Representative, and White Iron Representative
  - Jim Pinckney, Larry Squillace and Teresa Sagen volunteered to serve on the Nominations Committee
  - Charlene will follow-up with potential board members to provide input
  - An email requesting volunteers will be sent, and an article will be included in the spring newsletter
  - It was suggested that a strategic planning meeting be held once new board members are in place

*Motion:* Shelley Frederickson moved and Don Ortley seconded to accept Pinckney, Larry Squillace and Teresa Sagen as Nomination Committee members. Motion passed.

5. Annual Meeting:
  - Logistics for the meeting have been completed by Larry and Lisa Squillace
  - An update on the CWP/CWLA project will be provided at the meeting by Teresa Sagen and Shelley Frederickson. An overview of volunteer opportunities associated with project work will also be given.
  - PR for the meeting will include:
    - i. email notification and follow-up email reminder
    - ii. Letter/flyer (special invitation format)
    - iii. Newspaper article and notification
  - Curt volunteered to create drafts of the PR pieces for Board review
  - Potential speakers include:
    - i. Bill Tefft
    - ii. Peder Otterson

- iii. Doug Jensen (#1)
  - iv. Amy Loiselle
  - v. Mike Stalberger
  - vi. Ray Valley
  - Larry Squillace will contact Doug Jensen to see if he is available to speak.
6. Membership: Ray Doran
- 102 members have paid
  - 128 have not paid
  - \$780 in contributions have been received
  - Ray will send reminder notices to members who have not paid their dues
7. Boat Parade
- A leader is needed for this year's parade
  - Ken will be responsible for publicity
8. Upcoming meetings
- The March meeting will be cancelled; the next meeting is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 at the Kawishiwi Ranger Station
9. Old Business
- MIT
- Carla Arneson submitted her resignation as Convener
  - MIT work effort insofar as the Polymet DEIS has been concluded
  - The MIT charge will be reviewed at the 4/12/10 meeting
- Motion:* Jim Pinckney moved and Ken Wichmann seconded to send a letter to Carla to acknowledge her resignation and thank her for her efforts.
- Update:* A letter, created by Charlene Mason, has been forwarded to Carla
10. New Business
- County related business
- Ray Doran reminded the Board of the 3/3/10 Morse Township meeting and 3/9/10 Morse Township Annual meeting
  - Ray will send a letter to Morse County and Lake County to request 2010 grand dollars
- To do List:
- Contact Jean Coleman, Minnesota Water Sustainability Framework and/or Julie Blackburn, Minnesota Soil & Water Resources to follow-up on 2/10/10 meeting at Duluth MPCA office. See Peter Davis email dated 2/12/10

Motion: Curt Van Deen moved and Teresa Sagen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 am motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Frederickson, Secretary