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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, July 16, 2024
Ideal Township Hall-Butternut Rd, Ideal, MN
Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796139565>
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Zoom/In-Person

Board Member Attendees (In Person): Ron Meyer, James Brandt, John Forney, Tom Kuschel, Barbara Courneya, Jim Chamberlin. **(via Zoom):** Kirk Soldner, Sheila Boldt, Lloyd Thyen, Jodi Billy, Steve Roe, Clay Schulte.

Other Attendees: Tasha Lauer-Crow Wing SWCD

- 1) Approval of Agenda for 7/16/2024
There was a motion by Barbara Courneya seconded by Jim Chamberlin, to approve the 7/16/2024 PRWA Agenda. All Aye, Motion carried.
- 2) Approval of Previous Minutes
There was a motion by Barbara Courneya seconded by Tom Kuschel, to approve the 6/18/2024 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes with a slight change for Conservation. All Aye, Motion carried.
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a. Finance: Balance of \$83,277.00.
 - b. NWLT:
- 4) Crosslakers: Crosslake round about in process of being created.
- 5) Loon Center: Loons and Lakes Festival, went well. Kayak event went well, had fun. Carrie Ruud attended. Research done this year and last- good situation, not great. Too many boats. 6 dead loons last year take for necropsy, death by boat. Dr. Piper is doing a study on Loon population. Loons with young ones will not dive. Loons are an indication of water quality, we should find data and use this.
- 6) Ag. Efforts: Scape Tools Training: PRWA Booth at annual WAPOA meeting on July 27th. HDT grant-July 26th training for grayscape tools and field days coming soon 10am to 3pm. Sept 2024. Bank account for beef opened.
- 7) Website Discussion: Cost and Process to Maintain: Zoom \$17.25/month, Website: \$324/year. Email: \$0/month-we are using Ron's email. Optional Business email is \$6/month.
- 8) Harvest Dinner on August 17th: tickets for sale now. Flyer is on www.prwa.us
- 9) 1W1P annual report: long term ideas for easy format for all to read. Melissa and Clay will discuss the report in the near future.
- 10) PRWA future: possible sunseting of PRWA, everyone is doing great work, may not need PRWA. Would like the funding to go to projects, not just admin. Harder to get money for lakes, but watershed projects may be funded. Need committee to provide items on what to do. Watershed thoughts instead of lake area thoughts. How do we handle those issues. Land and Waters may have an issue too. 501c3 is non-profit. Farming and Ag support-how to handle, what to do with the funds of PRWA. Email basis of membership only is possible. Problems will



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change in the future. The public should not become complacent. We have a network and need to keep it going. Would like to not waste the money and keep focus on what we are doing. Maybe we should be affiliated with an SWCD. What can we do that others can't do or won't do. The money we have, and not getting projects done, we could do a couple of projects, and then it's gone, we need to change hearts and minds. Maybe it should be spent on outreach items. Approaching NWLT and be a committee is a possibility. PRWA is a citizen advisory group and reach goals of land preservation. Goal is to change society.

11) Board Comments:

Jim Brandt	Neighbor stopped, stringy aquatic species in Upper Whitefish Lake, sent to MPCA Scott Lucas, it was buttercup, it's not an issue.
Ron Meyer	Starry stonewort removal, milfoil removal process-need info from Lloyd. Steve Johnson-new process-no chemicals, diver assisted vacuum. Appreciate all the help and ideas, what to do and where to go. All ideas are welcome. Buy tickets and go the Harvest Dinner.
Tom Kuschel	Nothing to report
Clay Schulte	Will follow up with Melissa, and it's been a great summer, very busy.
Barb Courneya	Enbridge articles will be forwarded.
John Forney	Overlap in organizations, the loon center is also focusing on fresh water, but more focused on loons. Too many others focusing on fresh water. Maybe need to merge. Room for redundancy if needed. Starry stonewort- lake Koronis meet in August of 2024. Cabin on lower whitefish-the rains wash out -created a large gully 160 yards of soil to refill it.
Kirk Soldner	ATV-good year for vegetation, its progressing well. Do not have a long-term fix for closure. Need more admin action with MN DOT or MN DNR. Emily park-develop continues-negatively. Will do another water sample-Phosphorus. Mining-no data. Tornado damage on property nearby.
Lloyd Thyen	Heading into the heavy fishing season, monitoring activities on our landings. Level 2 on Roosevelt lake-decontaminate any boat. Signs and tools on the



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	landings. Several other counties think this is a great idea and will follow suit. Good turnout at association meeting.
Darril Wegscheid	NA
Jodi Billy	Trips and weddings, very busy. Hybrid cattail issue in PLA, DNR speaker talked about it at the last PLA meeting.
Steve Roe	NA
Jim Chamberlin	HUG open house 5:30 to 7pm, August 8 th , 2024. Dr. Don Weise died in a fall last week, was with U of MN.

Adjourn: 5:16 PM.

PRWA 2024 Meeting Schedule

3Rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 PM Central (established 12/29/2020)

January 16 th	No Meeting	
February 20 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting
March 19 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting
April 16 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
May 21 st	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
June 18 th		
Annual Meeting	3:00 to 4:00 PM	Ideal Corners
Regular Board meeting	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
July 16 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
August 20 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
September 17 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
October 15 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
November 19 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting



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December 17th

4:00 to 6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting for Pine River Watershed Alliance. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796139565>

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