

March 2, 2021 AKRW Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Shary Zoff – Chairperson; Paul Trygstad; Leo Babeu; Rodney Johnson; Gail Trygstad – guest and Julie Johnson - Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM, by Shary .

Gail Trygstad has been assisting with website development.

Notes re: website:

- Calendar will display meetings
- Mission, Vision and Bylaws have been added to the website
- Historical events are being added by Gail
- Gail will teach Shary and Julie to use calendar, agenda and meeting minutes.
- Board members and photos are posted on the website.
- Rodney will add research, reports and resources to the google drive then those pdfs will be linked to the website.

Treasurer's Report – not available

Secretary's Report:

DRAFT February board meeting minutes approved with addition of info regarding wolf/beaver research recently in the news and discussed by the group.

Sharing information with members – we reviewed a decision made some months ago regarding sharing information that the secretary receives. Decision unchanged, secretary will continue to forward information onto the members that pertains to the Knife River Watershed in particular, or natural features in or impacting the watershed. Secretary will continue to consult the board when uncertain.

Possible Presentations:

- Discussion held with a decision made to begin presentations in the fall rather than the summer.
- Lucinda Johnson, NRRI, Impact of Climate Change on North Shore Stream Ecology. Julie will contact Lucinda regarding a possible October, 2021 presentation.
- Julie Etterson, UMD Biology Department Chair, Forest Ecologist; will be asked by Rodney to talk about Climate Change Impact on North Shore Forest Ecosystems, with Lucinda's presentation to follow at a later date
- Matt Etterson, EPA Research Biologist with interest in North Shore bird ecology. Rod will contact Matt regarding a presentation on climate change impacts on the North Shore bird ecology.

Nancy Hanson, DNR Wildlife Division in Two Harbors DNR Office – Shary contacted Nancy. Some questions were sent to Nancy regarding the DNR Wildlife Division about three weeks ago. Shary will contact Nancy again regarding a response.

AKRW Board Spring Field Trip – discussed possible field trips to the following areas with the purpose of seeing areas of the watershed as a group:

- Accessible areas off of the Hegberg Road to see the Little Knife or Stanley Creek
- Areas accessible off of the Fox Farm Road and Paradise Lake Road
- Rodney will reach out to Brad Moore re: the recently removed beaver dam area that he observed in the fall of 2020.

Buckthorn – Paul will ask MacKenzie Hogfelt re: info on buckthorn removal. Gail may be willing to put together the info from MacKenzie, post the info to the website then the members could be alerted to check the website for the buckthorn info.

TMDL – Rodney is planning on completing the letter and getting it out.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Peg, Recorder asks that when board members add new issues to the agenda, that they provide a brief description of the issue, along with the names of the players and the titles and proper spelling of the names of the individuals. The group briefly discussed and decided to table further discussion until Peg is present.
2. Next meeting – Thursday, April 8th at 5:30 PM at Rodney and Julie's house deck weather permitting. If weather does not permit, then Leo will set up a Zoom meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Johnson, Secretary