

Minutes of the
53rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS

2 March 2012

Camp Ripley Post Headquarters
Little Falls, MN

Anna Lipenga called the workshop to order at 9:00 AM. Anna welcomed attendees and highlighted some of the accomplishments and actions taken by MNACP over the past year. With that, Anna introduced Brian Stenquist who introduced the theme of today's meeting, "Resilient lands and waters – effectively coping with change." See the Association's website for copies of speaker presentations.

Morning Session:

Stephen Polasky, Professor, Univ. of Minnesota: Ecosystem Management in an Era of Global Change

Tom Gillaspay, MN State Demographer: The New Normal and Minnesota's Environment

Brian Stenquist, MNACP President: The Role of the Conservation Professional

Afternoon Session:

Julie Westerlund, Minnesota DNR Clean Water Coordinator: The Watershed Game: Selecting BMPs to clean up the watershed

Scott Sparlin, Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River: Conservation Drainage on Working Lands

Mike Duval, Minnesota DNR-Fisheries: Strategic Aquatic Habitat Conservation Opportunities for Minnesota Lakes

Business Meeting

Brian called the business meeting to order at 3:48 pm.

Beau Liddell made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, 2nd by Bill Faber. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Secretary's Report – Beau Liddell

Beau handed out the 2011 annual meeting minutes. Willis Mattison made a motion to accept the minutes with two minor corrections, 2nd by Jesse Amo. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Geisen

Membership Savings (S1) balance of \$2,511.77; Free Checking (S7) balance of \$189.93, for total balance of \$2,701.70, which is considerably higher than last year's balance at this time of \$2,260.46.

Jack Lauer made motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Willis, Passed Unanimously.

Jesse Amo and Todd Holman volunteered for the audit committee to review the ledger, and reported back that the books balanced. Jack made motion to approve the auditor's report; 2nd by Willis. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed By-law Changes

Beau presented resolution #1 to the membership to change Association By-laws to:

- 1) Revise Section 4 to change the number of board members from 13 to 14, change the number of board members representing a quorum from 7 to 8 (required so that quorum reflect minimum majority of the board);
- 2) Revise Section 5: to add the position of Webmaster as an Association officer;
- 3) Revise Section 12 to include Webmaster as an Association officer;
- 4) Revise Section 17 to require a total of 5 affirmative votes before the board may take action on a matter (necessary since the number making quorum has changed); and,
- 5) Addition of Section 22 to set forth the duties of the webmaster.

Willis made a motion to accept resolution #1 as presented, 2nd by Bill, passed.

Beau also presented resolution #2 to membership to:

- 1) Revise Section 12, to remove reference to election of secretary, treasurer and webmaster to occur on even-numbered years, and add reference to term length and process of elections consistent with Sections 13-16.
- 2) Revise Section 16 to define a vacancy on the board of directors to include a position where the incumbent becomes inactive, thereby allowing the board of directors to appoint a replacement for the remainder of inactive director's term.

Ray Valley made a motion to accept resolution #2, 2nd by Jim Lilienthal. A friendly amendment was offered by Anna, and 2nd by Dave Pauly, and accepted by membership during discussion to amend the original motion to define inactivity on the board to "as determined by a majority of active board members." Original motion passed unanimously as amended.

Awards & Recognition

Doug Norris presented a very belated award plaque to current board member Paul Stolen for his many years of service to the current and former organization, especially his role as president to evolve the Association into a broader-based multi-disciplinary group.

Brian Stenquist presented a fine art print to Ray Valley for his service to MNACP over the last 3 years as president-elect, president and past-president.

Elections

- Nominations were accepted from the members for the vacant positions

President Elect –	Ann Pierce	Junior Director –	Bill Faber
Treasurer –	Todd Holman	Junior Director –	Nicholas Snavelly
Webmaster –	Jack Lauer	Junior Director –	Paul Ojanen
		Junior Director –	Dave Pauly
		Senior Director –	Ann Geisen

- The following positions comprise the remainder of the board and were not up for election in 2012

President –	Brian Stenquist	Senior Director –	Paul Stolen
Past President –	Anna Lipenga	Senior Director –	Jesse Amo
Secretary –	Beau Liddell	Senior Director –	Willis Mattison

- Bill 1st, Anna 2nd; Willis 1st, Nick 2nd, Anna 1st, Willis 2nd, and Ray V. 1st, Anna 2nd, to accept slate of candidates as listed and to approve the ballots and call the votes for President-elect, Webmaster, Treasurer, and vacant board of director positions, respectively.
- All motions passed unanimously

Other Issues for Discussion:

- Brian indicated that MNACP provided all of today's speakers with complimentary MNACP fleece jackets.
- Brian announced to membership that the next board meeting would likely be scheduled for either the end of March or early-April.
- Request was made to membership to consider and propose ideas for the next annual meeting, as well as for the proposed regional meetings or workshops we want to hold around the state, termed conservation conversations. We will need help from members to make the conservation conversations successful since we won't be able to rely solely on board members to plan an implement.
- Doug moved, Ray 2nd, that the treasurer, in consultation with the board, investigate tax exempt status.
- Jeanine expressed concern, echoed by many present, about the trust fund lands bill that's been introduced in the legislature that would excise stewardship, control and management authority of trust fund lands from DNR to an outside entity or new agency. This push focuses too much on maximizing revenue and not on resource management needs. There could also be significant consequences to other uses of these lands, and public access for recreation may not be guaranteed going forward with such an administrative change. Suggested we look into this and consider whether or not MNACP should write a letter, and affirm the recognition of the importance of the conservation value of these lands.

Having no more business, Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Willis seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned @ 4:36 pm.

Minnesota Association of Conservation Professionals
2011 Financial Statement

Checking Account (S7)

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union

Date	Transaction	Debit	Deposit	Interest	Balance	Notes
1-Jan-11	balance carry-over from 2010				750.94	
14-Jan-11	debit card #6 - Waite Park Pizza Ranch	48.30			702.64	board meeting lunch
22-Jan-11	debit card #7 - Amazon.com	45.98			656.66	(2) 16 GB flash drives for the secretary & treasurer
7-Feb-11	debit card #8 - Bayport Printing House	155.76			500.90	postcard announcements for the annual meeting/workshop
24-Feb-11	cash withdrawl	100.00			400.90	change for the annual meeting/workshop
24-Feb-11	debit card #9 - Office Max	15.88			385.02	return address labels
24-Feb-11	check #2026 - Office Max	26.15			358.87	supplies for the annual meeting/workshop
25-Feb-11	debit card #10 - Daylight Donuts	68.92			289.95	doughnuts for the annual meeting/workshop
1-Mar-11	deposit		435.00		724.95	cash proceeds from the annual meeting/workshop
2-Mar-11	debit card #11 - Office Max		15.88		740.83	return unneeded address labels
4-Mar-11	check #2028 - CWF Solutions	585.00			155.83	lunches & coffee for the annual meeting/workshop
9-Mar-11	charge for new checks	19.87			135.96	new checks for the account with the P.O. Box address
11-Mar-11	deposit (#5096)		2,079.00		2,214.96	check & money order proceeds from the annual meeting/workshop
13-Mar-11	check #2051 - Custom Art Concepts	250.00			1,964.96	silent auction items for the annual meeting/workshop
13-Mar-11	check #2052 - Camp Ripley	225.00			1,739.96	rental fee for the auditorium for the annual meeting/workshop
26-Mar-11	deposit (#1018)		125.00		1,864.96	check from MN PCA for 5 registrations for the annual meeting/workshop
6-Apr-11	transfer to savings	1,000.00			864.96	proceeds from the annual meeting
8-Apr-11	debit card #12 - Jimmie Johns	71.43			793.53	board meeting lunch
13-May-11	debit card #13 - Brainerd Post Office	7.56			785.97	postage for mailing letter to heads of agencies
29-Jun-11	check #2053 - Anna Lipenga	63.44			722.53	re-imburse Anna Lipenga for board meeting lunch
19-Jul-11	check #2054 - Jack Lauer	61.60			660.93	re-imburse Jack Lauer for website domain renewal
10-Oct-11	check #2055 - MN Division of the Izaak Walton League	300.00			360.93	MNACP's share of the cost for the Dedicated Funding white paper
26-Oct-11	check #2056 - Beau Liddell	46.00			314.93	re-imburse Beau Liddell for P.O. Box annual fee
22-Dec-11	check #2058 - MN Division of the Izaak Walton League	125.00			189.93	MNACP's share of the cost for the Legacy Stakeholders' Forum
	2011 totals =	3,215.89	2,654.88	0.00		
	2011 ending balance =				189.93	

Savings Account (SI)

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1-Jan-11	balance carry-over from 2010				1,509.52	
31-Jan-11	dividend credit (#D13)			0.13	1,509.65	
28-Feb-11	dividend credit (#D14)			0.12	1,509.77	
31-Mar-11	dividend credit (#D15)			0.13	1,509.90	
6-Apr-11	transfer from checking		1,000.00		2,509.90	proceeds from the annual meeting
30-Apr-11	dividend credit (#D16)			0.19	2,510.09	
31-May-11	dividend credit (#D17)			0.21	2,510.30	
30-Jun-11	dividend credit (#D18)			0.21	2,510.51	
31-Jul-11	dividend credit (#D19)			0.21	2,510.72	
31-Aug-11	dividend credit (#D20)			0.21	2,510.93	
30-Sep-11	dividend credit (#D21)			0.21	2,511.14	
31-Oct-11	dividend credit (#D22)			0.21	2,511.35	
30-Nov-11	dividend credit (#D23)			0.21	2,511.56	
31-Dec-11	dividend credit (#D24)			0.21	2,511.77	
	2011 totals =	0.00	1,000.00	2.25		
	2011 ending balance =				2,511.77	

Checking Account (S7)	\$ 189.93
Savings Account (SI)	\$ 2,511.77
Grand Total	\$ 2,701.70

MNACP Financial Statement for 2011 Annual Meeting

25 February 2011

Annual Meeting Income

	<u>number</u>	<u>amount</u>	<u>total</u>
workshop registrations	75	\$25.00	\$ 1,875.00
memberships	3	\$15.00	\$ 45.00
silent auction fundraiser			\$ 619.00
total = \$			2,539.00

Annual Meeting Expenses

	<u>total</u>
Camp Ripley - auditorium rental	\$ 225.00
Daylight Donuts (100 doughnuts & pastries)	\$ 68.92
CWF Solutions - coffee (\$0.50 per cup, 90 cups)	\$ 45.00
CWF Solutions - box lunches (\$6 per lunch, 90 lunches)	\$ 540.00
Custom Art Concepts - silent auction items	\$ 250.00
Office Max - markers and receipt book	\$ 26.15
total = \$ 1,155.07	

Net Gain = \$ 1,383.93

Fundraising Summary for 2011 MNACP Annual Meeting

25 February 2011

Silent Auction

<u>Item</u>	<u>Object</u>	<u>Winning Bid</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Donor</u>
1	kid's chair	\$ 20.00	Shawn Schottler	
2	wooden shelf, fishing gear book, mug, & cleaning mat	\$ 20.00	Jeanine Vorland	Bill Berg
3	wildlife trio	\$ 15.00	Jeanine Vorland	Bill Berg
4	corn cob & suet feeders, pheasant plaque, & cleaning pad	\$ 10.00	Dan Steward	
5	moose lamp	\$ 25.00	Kathryn Kelly	
6	heated coffee mug & whitetail blanket	\$ 17.00	Dan Swanson	
7	Whitetails Unlimited blanket & wine case	\$ 40.00	Scott St. Sauver	
8	wild rice & moose print	\$ 42.00	Kathryn Kelly	
9	Restoring America's Wildlife, moose antler bookends, & Conservation Corps mug	\$ 20.00	Greg Kvale	
10	Whitetails Unlimited blanket & shell sign	\$ 17.00	Dan Swanson	
11	Taking Flight, knife, & cleaning pad	\$ 26.00	Kathryn Kelly	
12	Berkley heavy pike rod & reel	\$ 55.00	Dean Paron	
13	knife & antler stand	\$ 17.00	Dan Swanson	
14	bass lures & tackle pack	\$ 30.00	Rob Naplin	
15	pintail decoy & cleaning pad	\$ 30.00	Lori Stevenson	
16	dog painting & knife	\$ 40.00	Helen McLennan	
17	clock, knife, & cleaning pad	\$ 20.00	Beau Liddell	
18	mug, knife, & cleaning pad	\$ 25.00	Lori Stevenson	
19	corn cob & suet feeders, gold finch stake, & cleaning pad	\$ 12.00	Kathryn Kelly	
20	blanket, pet bowl, hat, & coat hook	\$ 18.00	Greg Kvale	
21	turkey package	\$ 40.00	Chuck Niska	Jack Lauer & Marty Anderson
22	loon decoy & cleaning pad	\$ 51.00	Kathryn Kelly	
23	knife, gun lock, gun sock, & cleaning pad	\$ 25.00	Paul Stolen	
24	corn cob & suet feeders, gold finch stake, & cleaning pad	\$ 4.00	Kathryn Kelly	
		total = \$	619.00	

"Early Bird" Drawing - Not offered.