

WPWA Board Meeting minutes — Annual Meeting  
5/17/2018

The WPWA 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was convened at The Malted Barley. A crowd of approximately 35-40 people; at least 15 were WPWA members eligible to vote.

1. The business meeting portion of the event was called to order at 6:25 PM.
2. WPWA President Alan Desbonnet provided opening remarks.
3. WPWA Executive Director Chris Fox provided a summary of the published annual report.
4. WPWA Treasurer Tom Ferrio summarized WPWA 's financial status for 2017.
5. Alan Desbonnet made a motion to "Replace the term "trustee" throughout the WPWA bylaws, and associated documents, with the term "director," to better reflect the actual duties and responsibilities of the WPWA board and its' members, and to better represent the legal interpretation of the duties and responsibilities of a "director" vs. a "trustee" in both a general sense and as per State of Rhode Island recognition as a "corporation" overseen by "directors." Brenda Rashleigh made a second to the motion. With no further discussion the motion was unanimously approved.
6. Alan Desbonnet made a motion to elect Ian Willets to the WPWA Board of Directors (term to assigned at the June meeting). Joe MacAndrew made a second to the motion. With no further discussion the motion was unanimously approved.
7. Alan Desbonnet made a motion to elect Jon Waldstein to the WPWA Board of Directors (term to assigned at the June meeting). Donna Walsh made a second to the motion. With no further discussion the motion was unanimously approved.
8. Alan Desbonnet made a motion to elect Matthew Dowling to the WPWA Board of Directors (term to assigned at the June meeting). Elise Torello made a second to the motion. With no further discussion the motion was unanimously approved.
9. Special recognition was given to Denise Poyer, WPWA Program Director, for her outstanding effort, work ethic, and successful outcomes in bringing the multi-institutional Wild & Scenic designation effort to fruition.

The business meeting portion of the event was adjourned at 6:55 PM, followed by a presentation of the Wild & Scenic Designation Project by Denise Poyer.