

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
PELICAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
June 29, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President, Lud Lodholz, and the Board members were introduced. In attendance were Treasurer, Joy Herman; Secretary, Dawn Duschel, and Board members Jim Frymark, Jeff Griffey, Barb Groeger, and David Hardt. Not in attendance: Vice-President, Cathy Cyrs; Board member, Vicki Smith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Boat Parade will take place this year on July 4th at 2 p.m. Interested participants are to meet at Crescent Island at 1:45 p.m.

Lake-Protection raffle tickets are for sale today. PLPOA members can take tickets to sell.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the 6-23-18 Annual Meeting were displayed via projector, and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Asset Report: The current report was displayed via projector. It revealed total assets of \$97,800. This includes \$57,000 in CDs, \$32,800 in checking, and \$7,300 in savings. These total assets are needed in case of lake infestation and for maintenance, in the event our funding for some of our lake-protection/enhancement projects runs out.

Profit and Loss Report: The current report was displayed for June 23, 2018, through June 25, 2019. Expenses for all things related to programs and the PLPOA were \$49,500. Gross profit was \$54,000. This leaves a net income of \$4,500, to be rolled back into our assets. Joy explained that our net income was \$4,500, due to grants and donations for the CBCW program.

Grants: With the help of Bob Mott, we were able once again to secure a \$12,000 grant for our participation in the Clean Boats Clean Waters Program (CBCW) With the help of Mike Preul, Fisheries Biologist at Mole Lake, we able to secure a \$6,000 Sokaogon Chippewa Community State Grant for our participation in CBCW. From the State of Wisconsin, we received a \$4,000 grant for half the cost of the installation of the I-IDS system.

Donations: From the Suick family, a \$2,500 donation, with a matching donation from the Vectren Corporation (Jean Suick Wojtowicz). From PLPOA members \$3,000 donated, above and beyond the \$7,300 received in yearly dues.

Questions: It was asked if these numbers were going to be shared with the members. It was explained that we were working on getting all of our meeting and financial documents onto the PLPOA website for all to be able to access.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

I-LIDS SYSTEM: Lud explained that this was a motion-activated monitoring device that is used at boat landings. It takes images of boats as they enter and leave the water. These images are then monitored for AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) and weeds. When AIS or weeds are detected, the Oneida County Sheriff's Office is notified. (They have assured us that, with the images, they will follow up, as necessary.) The device will have explanatory signs, and an audio recording will sound as the vehicle pulling the boat approaches. Our new device will be installed in July at the State Landing. This new device is addition to our CBCW monitors, and should act as a deterrent. The cost for the device, with installation, is \$8,000, plus \$2,000 annually for monitoring. The PLPOA received one of only two \$4,000 grants from the State of Wisconsin that can be used to defray the cost of implementation.

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS (CBCW): The financials for the CBCW 2018 overall program were displayed on the screen by David Hardt. Yearly expenses for 2018 were \$17,000, and are expected to increase to \$21,000 in 2019. Three boat landings (State, Keeler, and Town) are monitored by CBCW monitors Saturdays and Sundays (two six-hour shifts per day) and Fridays (4 hours).

ZEBRA MUSSELS PROJECT: Dave Hardt reported that no Zebra Mussels were found on any of the traps that were in place last year. If members who participated still have the traps, they can put them out again this year.

ONTERRA: David Hardt reported that Onterra did their evaluation this spring and could NOT find any Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). Dave reported that this doesn't mean that there is none, but that it was not found by the two-boat crew.

A great deal of discussion occurred over the concerns for the disappearing weeds in the lake. In response to the question as to whether we were chemically treating the lake for EWM, it was stated that there was some isolated chemical treatment in 2013 and 2014, but that none had occurred since that time. Instead, when significant amounts of EWM were found, hand-pulling experts were hired to pull it.

In response to the question as to whether or not there were nurseries where weed plugs could be purchased (in order to replenish the disappearing lake weeds), Dave said that he would check into this with the DNR.

There was also discussion about more fish cribs and/or fish sticks for the lake. Board members recently have discussed these items and welcome feedback and suggestions.

BUOY REPORT: Paul Tomczak was ill today, but Lud reported that Paul has been busy making repairs to the buoys. Paul is paid by the Towns of Schoepke and Enterprise to put in and take out the buoys each year. Last year the PLPOA made a one-time \$3,500 donation to get the buoys up and in proper repair with better cabling. The PLPOA also committed to an annual \$500 donation for on-going maintenance.

Two memorial buoys were ordered this year: one by Dennis Donohue, in memory of Jean and Bruce Beiersdorf; the other by Meri and Fran Yogerst, in memory of Chris Truman.

ELECTROFISHING: Jeff Griffey reported that he participated in last year's electrofishing and found it to be a great experience. He encouraged any member interested in participating to contact Lud. Jeff warned that it was a lot of work, but that it was worth it to see how many fish there are in our lake.

Electrofishing usually takes place the third week in September, starting at dusk, with three boats (one from the DNR, two from Mole Lake). The participants look mostly for game fish and yearling walleyes. Larger and older fish are more skittish and less affected by the shocking. Jeff reported that this past September they found a lot of walleyes and shiners.

Overall finding: Pelican Lake is a very healthy lake!

SUMMERFEST VOLUNTEERS: Dawn Duschel reported that she still needs volunteers. Positions are still open for: Front Door, Indoor Raffle Buckets, Outdoor Rapid Raffle, 50/50 Drawing, Food Tent, Courtesy Volunteer, Setup, and Cleanup. Indoor raffle setup will be at noon on Friday, July 26; outdoor setup will be at 4:30 on Friday, July 26.

Dawn also reported that if anyone had crafts or items to donate for the Bucket Raffle, they could drop them off at the Town Hall on Friday, July 26, from noon - 4:30 p.m., e-mail her (dd40018@gmail.com,) or call her (715-487-5307) to make other arrangements.

HIGHWAY CLEANUP: Lud reported that this has been moved to the fall. More details will follow.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lud gave Vicki's report: 285 members, only a few who have not yet paid their dues for 2019. Two new members were welcomed at today's meeting.

Ways to increase membership were discussed. It was suggested that we utilize GIS to obtain the correct addresses of owners, then send bulk mailings. In addition, membership forms will be available at Summerfest this year.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: A new telephone directory will be prepared and printed, then distributed at the 2020 Annual Meeting (one directory per membership). A telephone-directory application form will be included with the 2019 November Letter. All members who complete and submit this form, along with their 2020 membership dues (and \$5 extra for one more directory, if desired), by April 1, 2020, will be included in the new directory.

PLPOA NEWSLETTER: Some members wanted to thank those who contributed to the PLPOA Annual Newsletter, saying that they really enjoyed it yet again this year.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTIFICATIONS: Better notification of the Annual Meeting was discussed. It was pointed out that the announcement was on the PLPOA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pelicanlakepoa/>), on the PLPOA website (<http://pelicanlakepoa.org/>), and also on the Pelican Lake Chamber of Commerce's website (<https://pelicanlakewi.org/>). Ways to increase notifications will be discussed in the future.

ELECTIONS

Dawn Duschel was re-elected to the Board of Directors for 2019-2021; Vicki Smith and Cathy Cyrs termed out.

Lud informed those in attendance that the Board is looking for new members. If anyone is interested, please see him.

PRESENTATION: OCLRA - BOB THOME (Lake Julia POA)

The Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association (OCLRA) represents over 10,000 property owners in Oneida County and reaches out to the Oneida County lakes and their property owners' associations (POA). OCLRA members, on our behalf, attend 90% of the Oneida County Planning and Development meetings, as well as assist at County Zoning to ensure that new structures are not going to cause shoreline issues. OCLRA members follow chemistry trends and have volunteers who make sure that lake water is checked four times per year. (David Hardt does this for Pelican Lake.) OCLRA also funds grants and has recently made a study that equates the clarity of the lake with property values.

Pelican Lake's phosphorous level has doubled since 1988, and so has the chlorophyll (plants/algae), resulting in a downward trend on our lake's clarity. Studies show that if water clarity is increased by a foot, property values increase by \$10,000. Conversely, if the clarity decreases by one foot, property values go down by \$15,000. How can we create better clarity?

1. Create a *shoreline-buffer zone* that includes the first 35' from the water, all along your shoreline. This means having native vegetation instead of grass, and leaving it in its natural state. This buffer zone allows rain water to absorb and be filtered, rather than running directly into the lake.
2. Only *35% of of the shoreline* of your property, by law, can be considered a *viewing corridor*. For example, if your lot has 100' of frontage, only 35' of that should be cleared for viewing. This 35% includes docks, shore stations, boat houses, gazebos, etc.
3. *Stop using a fertilizer*, especially if it contains phosphorus. Although 50% of the phosphorus that ends up in the lake comes from the air, something we can do nothing about, it's the other 50% that homeowners can control.

If you would consider participating in a shoreline-restoration project, a state grant for \$800 is available. In addition, the PLPOA has agreed to give \$100 more toward your project. Thus, a \$1,000 project costs you only \$100!

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS (SAVE THE DATES!)

2019: July 26 - Summerfest Setup: indoor raffles @ noon, outdoor setup @ 4:30 p.m.

July 27 - Summerfest Fundraiser Picnic, 3-10 p.m.

July 28 - Summerfest Cleanup @ 9 a.m.

August 17 - Summerfest Recap Meeting @ 9 a.m.

September 28 - Board Meeting @ 9 a.m.

2020: June 6 - Board Meeting @ 9 a.m. + Summerfest Planning Meeting @ 10 a.m.

June 27 - Annual Meeting: registration @ 9:30 a.m., meeting @ 10 a.m.

July 24 - Summerfest Setup @ 4:30 p.m.

July 25 - Summerfest Fundraiser Picnic 3-10 p.m.

July 26 - Summerfest Cleanup @ 9 a.m.

August 22 - Summerfest Recap Meeting @ 9 a.m.

September 26 - Board Meeting @ 9 a.m.