



# PELICAN LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of Board Meeting, 4/29/2006

The PLPOA Board of Directors met at 9:00 on April 29, 2006 at Glen Gustafson's cabin on Pelican Lake. Members present included Glen Gustafson (presiding), Joan Mondale, Jim Strampe, Rick Nolan, Kelly Anderson, and Joe Hampl. San Countryman and Ed Nordgaard attended via phone. Mark Henderson, Rose Lawson, and Joyce Vaughn were unable to attend.

**Secretary's Report:** Joe Hampl presented the minutes of the July 30, 2005 meeting, which were approved. Rick Nolan suggested that in the future all PLPOA correspondence carry the PLPOA website.

**Treasurer's Report:** San Countryman submitted his report for the period 8/1/2005-4/29/2006. It showed total income to be \$9187.65 with total expenses of \$4792.65 for an ending balance of \$17,222.92. Of that balance, \$11,179.18 is in checking and \$6,043.74 is in savings. PLPOA has 266 paid members for 2006 and 1 member paid through 2007. The treasurer's report was approved and accepted.

### Committee Reports:

**President' Report:** Glen reported that Mark Henderson and Joyce Vaughn have indicated that they wish to retire from the PLPOA Board. Mark will continue to assist with the web page.

Glen also brought the Board up to date on the recent communications regarding the Elks camp on the south shore of Pelican Lake. The Elks are in fact selling a small parcel to an individual. This parcel, on the East side of Stevens Lake, is not being used by the camp. The current Elks Board of Directors indicated to Glen that they intend to resist purchase offers in order to retain the camp for the use of disadvantaged youth. Glen pointed out that in the future when such issues occur, he would appoint a contact person to represent PLPOA in all communications with second parties in order to prevent communication mix-ups.

Glen also noted that the Annual Meeting of PLPOA members would be at the Breezy Point Government Center on Saturday, July 8, 2006 at 9:00am. The Water Quality committee is taking care of the program. More details will follow.

**Election of Officers for 2006:** All officers of the Board, with the exceptions noted above, indicated they would be willing to serve an additional term. The Board will seek replacements for Mark and Joyce at the annual meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**Land Use/Development:** Glen and Rick updated the Board on various developments being proposed around the lakes. A PUD on Weaver's Point (City of Breezy Point) is working its way through the permitting and CUP process. Joe reported that Thirty Lakes Water Shed District is developing a storm water control project on the "Elephant Trunk" area of Breezy Point to reduce or eliminate the amount of pollution entering Pelican Lake from that area. He also noted that Breezy Point Resort continues to exhibit environmental concerns for Pelican Lake. Redevelopment plans for the Marina Restaurant will improve water quality on the lake once construction is completed. Construction is currently on hold due to lawsuits, which have been covered by local newspapers.

**Membership:** The database, currently maintained by the Secretary, will become the responsibility of the Membership Committee. Joe will guide San and Rose through the process this summer. Joe suggested that the database be placed on the web page in a secure manner so only Board members with a need to use it could gain access to it. This way various committees could have "read only" access to the data for conducting their business.

However, one person would have “read/write” access to prevent contamination of the original data. Access would be controlled by passwords. Joe will coordinate this with Mark Henderson.

The updated PLPOA membership brochure was discussed. Members report that it is effective and attractive. The Board decided that we should change our letterhead logo to the artistic version as shown on the new brochure. Any one with the digital version of the new logo is asked to email it to Joe Hampl ([jhampl05@msn.com](mailto:jhampl05@msn.com)) for inclusion on all future correspondence.

**Water Quality:** Ed and Joan reported on the water quality monitoring plans for 2006. With a few exceptions, the plan will be much like the program conducted last year. Proposed new testing would include:

- Water temperature testing at multiple depths.
- Monitoring of Dissolved Oxygen levels
- Monitoring of pH levels.

These new tests will enhance our ability to track the health of Pelican Lake over time. In order to gather this additional information, PLPOA would have to buy a meter to allow the water quality committee to capture the data. Such a meter would cost \$3500. Ed and Joan also reported that Pelican Lakes Conservation Club (PLCC) has been asked for an additional grant this year to support our monitoring efforts. After a discussion, Rick Nolan moved and San Countryman seconded a motion to have PLPOA purchase such a meter contingent on the grant from PLCC. Motion passed unanimously.

Joan reported on a proposed aquatic plant study of Pelican Lake. The purpose of the study would be to:

- Estimate the maximum depth of rooted aquatic vegetation
- Estimate the percent of the lake occupied by rooted vegetation
- Record the aquatic plant species that occur in the lake
- Estimate frequencies of the occurrence of individual species
- Develop maps of the distribution of the common species

Data from a 2006 survey would be used to monitor annual changes in the plant species community and to guide vegetation management decisions. The survey would require sampling of aquatic vegetation every 100 meters across the lake. Areas of the lake deeper than 20 feet would not be sampled as plants rarely grow below that depth. Cost estimates for this study range from \$10,000 to \$30,000. The MN Department of Natural Resource (DNR) does not have funds for such a survey at this time. The Board suggested that Joan Mondale and Ed Nordgaard contact Senator Carrie Ruud for funding through the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR).

Joan indicated that the results of the 2005 water quality-testing program have been placed on the web page.

**Guest Speaker:** Don Hickman, of the Initiative Foundation, met with us to discuss the Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership Project. The goals of the program are to:

- Increase the capacity and leadership skills of key lake association members and locally elected and appointed officials.
- Provide a forum for shoreline property owners to plan for the future of their watershed.
- Provide opportunities for shoreline property owners to network, work cooperatively, learn from one another and advocate for healthy waters in Minnesota.
- Establish visions, missions, goals and strategic management plans for their watershed using a template developed by the Initiative Foundation Staff.
- Establish indicators to measure the success of each association’s efforts.

Don laid out the steps for PLPOA to follow if it wishes to participate in the program this year. Board members agreed to pursue the program. Glen will assemble a team to attend the training sessions and coordinate with the Initiative Foundation in selecting specific training dates.

**Next Board meeting:** Glen will send out notification of the next PLPOA Board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joe Hampl*  
Secretary