

Pelican Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting

August 25, 2017

Meeting called to order by President, Craig Norman, at 9:00 at the Breezy Point City Hall

Present: Craig Norman, Tracy Donovan, Art Weaver, Bob Hamilton, Chuck Lane, Matt Stephens, Jim Nichol, Jodi Billy, Dave Slipy, and also Sue Koering, Laurie Greeno attended via phone.

Acceptance of **previous meeting minutes:**

Minutes of Board Meeting of June 23 and Annual Meeting of June 24 were reviewed and Art Weaver moved with second by Dave Slipy to accept. Motion carried.

Finances: Discussed extent of detail to include in the annual financial statements.

Web site under "about PLA" will highlight financial conditions in general nature.

Year to date results and projections.

Will present 2017 statement at the next annual meeting for membership approval.

Craig noted that he has a) by-laws, b) tax letters, c) minutes in a master "Minute Book"

Cash balances and commitments.

Not much activity since the last meeting.

Discussed membership kickoff striving for 500 members to be highlighted in the newsletter.

Expenses may be less for inspections and may consider not asking for DNR financial help since they are not putting inspectors out to help our lake.

We had set aside 5K to supplement. Not going to have costs, 500 to 1,200 for supplies will result in \$3,800 balance.

Dave's money will have been spent by Labor Day. Will concentrate on Jones Bay.

A discussion was held regarding the actual effectiveness of our inspectors.

Nominating effort. We need to expand the interested population. Sue Koering was asked to highlight this need in the newsletter.

Treasurer needs book keeping knowledge and should understand QuickBooks

We need to put together a program for Treasurer/Bookkeeper

Annual Meeting reactions and ideas:

Door Prizes, need to give credit to sponsors.

Speakers, ask Nicholas Phelps again. Jeff Forrester is a good choice.

Want to include Sarah from water testing.

Jodi Billy, Sue Koering, Bob Hamilton, and Chuck Lane will serve as a committee to suggest and arrange speakers.

Continuing programs;

Landing Monitors, previously discussed this

Water Quality, clarity has increased but is believed to be partially due to the zebra mussels. Will continue the squeeze test but will not do the winter testing.

AIS control. Jodi reported no new exotic weeds from the monthly test.

MAISRC updates, Crow Wing County did not sponsor a Starry trek, six sponsored website on research. Craig indicated that he volunteered to serve on a citizens advisory board. Sue and Craig will prepare a presentation for a future showcase.

Newsletter and Advertising, Craig's letter will promote what PLA is doing regarding the invasive species effort. Discussed treatment of advertising including fund raising vs. offsetting cost of newsletter production.

Off agenda item; Tax Item, Craig submitted a letter regarding our tax situation which approved by the board on a motion submitted by Dave Slipy and seconded by Jodi Billy.

Beach Captains, will update a report in a newsletter. Will mention in a newsletter the importance of fall cleanup, though really do not need to clean lifts if left out of the water for at least 30 days.

Website content, Sue and Craig want to "spiff" up the website.

Member Relations, discussed a spring meeting with tree distribution and perhaps some native species for shoreline restoration.

Current projects:

Decontamination facilities, we are asking the County for a grant or donation of \$250. \$1,200 necessary for training of 6 inspectors. Craig will meet with Mike Wiebolt to discuss usage of the facility.

Additional signage for the decontamination facility, 4 X 4 signs will be added to existing signs at the landings under the direction of Bob Hamilton and Jodi Billy

Land use, CWC and Breezy variances, we will encourage local individuals to present their thoughts.

Also discussed suggested lights on buoys, particularly neat Mousseau Bay. This will be discussed with the Pelican Lakes Conservation Club who manage the buoys on the lake.

Fisheries Tracking, Jim Nickel reported that last weekend the DNR surveyed the lake using gill nets resulting in 60 walleye average weight of 2.48 # and 4 per net, 90 northern and a majority of rock bass. A healthy netting should result in 7 – 10 walleye per net.

With donations we have, \$9,000, hope to stock with 70,000 fingerlings.

Meeting was then adjourned at 11:00

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Donovan, Secretary