

Pelican Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Susan Koering at 9:00 am at Northwoods Inn

Present: Bob Hamilton, Bob Komischke, Jodi Billy, David Spizzo, David Slipy, Jim Nickel, Tracy Donovan, Matt Stephens, Art Weaver, and Susan Koering. Absent, Laurie Greeno, Bob Vaughn, and Chuck Lane

Minutes of March 2, meeting: Reviewed and modified to add paragraph under President's Position,

“Motion was moved by Tracy Donovan and seconded by Bob Komischke to name Susan Koering as President until the next normal election of officers, August, 2018. Motion carried.”

Motion to approve as modified by Tracy and seconded by Art Weaver. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: David Spizzo gave the report and the comparison of first four months of 2017 to similar period of 2018. Indicating a cash balance of \$117,797.

David reported that Susan, Tracy, and David had signed the bank documents to confirm the authorized signers.

Discussed publishing the donors' names and categories. Motion made by Jodi Billy and seconded by Jim Nickel to do so. Motion carried.

Continuing Programs:

Landing Monitor and Decontamination Station Report:

David Slipy reported he has 5 level I trained inspectors for this year. Three of whom will be training to be level II. He plans to man the landings weekends from Opening through early June.

David indicated that the DNR records of activity at the various landings last year was skewed, combining activity at the City landing with the Resort landing. He has negotiated with the DNR to add coverage at the Resort and reduce a like number of hours from City landing.

David met with Wallin and Mike Wiebolt and concluded that Pelican Square will provide decontamination personnel during the week and during “slower” hours (prior to 11:00 am on weekends). PLA will provide two ERC inspectors on Saturday and Sunday after 11:00 am. Pelican Square will train their two people to Level II to avoid having to have their people shift from their payroll to ERC.

David reported he has 1440 hours for the landings and 200 hours for the Decontamination Station.

We discussed having David Slipy and Jodi Billy review the contract with Pelican Square to consider the economic impact with reference to the clause requiring PLA provide \$1,000 to Pelican Square for year for operations and to insure liability insurance is properly covered.

Signage will need to be changed showing correct hours of operation probably at a cost of \$500 to \$700.

David had been thinking of a \$3,500 to \$4,000 budget line item for the above, but we concluded we should revisit this after the meeting and discussion with Wiebolt.

Promotional Video:

Jodi Billy introduced Erika Gilsdorf participating via telephone. Erika presented a proposal to develop a video featuring a “fresh hook” to grab attention to AIS issues. Erika provided three tiers \$5,000, \$19,500, and \$24,000 and sought our participation in one of these endeavors.

These would be shown as Public Service Announcements (PSA) in movie theaters, on TV and radio, and social media.

We concluded to stay in touch with Mississippi Headwaters and various other lake associations to see who might participate and how we might participate. We do not want to reinvent the wheel or “go it alone.”

Water Quality, AIS Control, MAISRC:

Reiterated what has been reported at previous meetings.

Newsletter:

Summer issue deadline is 5/31/18 with distribution projected 6/15 prior to the annual meeting.

We discussed recognizing Dr. James Henderson for his contributions to the newsletter since 2010. We concluded to give Dr. Henderson a \$100.00 gift certificate to Northwoods Inn at the annual meeting. Motion by Bob Hamilton, second by Jim Nickel. Motion carried.

Beach Captains:

Susan will set a meeting and location for a meeting of all “existing” beach captains to attempt to revitalize this program.

Website:

Jodi indicated that the site has been updated.

Member Relations:

Bob Komischke reported we are about \$3,000 behind in memberships and donations so far this year as compared with a similar period last year.

Current Projects:**Fisheries:**

Jim Nickel reported because of the late spring, only 8 walleye were stripped the first day at Pine River. The DNR is, however, continuing the stripping on a daily basis.

Spring Welcome Event/Tree Distribution

Discussed the fact that the event at the Ace Hardware Store is the same day as the Breezy Point Fly In and therefore it was suggested that the signs say "Tree Distribution" rather than "Free Tree Giveaway"

Jodi indicated the DNR will deliver the trees to Jodi's home. She has help lined up to transfer the trees to Ace.

Cormorant Control:

Dave Spizzo reported they are ready to go, only need to notify the State when the ice is out.

Partner Updates:

Discussed and concluded to maintain our memberships in Crow Wing LARA (\$100.00 per year), Mn. Lakes and Rivers advocates (\$300.00 per year), and Mn. COLA (\$50.00 per year).

New Business:**Gooseberry E-Coli**

Jodi Billy reported that AW Research quoted \$807.40 for additional testing off of Gooseberry for E-coli, starting the end of May and several follow-ups in June. We discussed checking in May to determine a base line and then four subsequent tests in the peak season, June and July. We suggested that it could and perhaps should be for the same quoted amount. A motion was made to proceed on this basis, made by Tracy and seconded by Dave Slipy. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting:

Reviewed the time and date, June 30, 2018 at Breezy Point City Hall from 9:00 to noon. Speakers to include Nick Phelps and Sarah Fogderud. We will give as several "door prizes" of some value.

We also discussed a drone presentation in the parking lot but concluded we did not want to lengthen the meeting.

Calendar:

AIS Roundtable April 28, 8 am to 12pm at Ideal Community Center.

Pine River Watershed 'Kick off" May 7, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at Ideal Community Center.

PLA Board Meeting, June 29, 2018, 9:00 am at Northwoods Inn

PLA Annual Meeting, June 30, 2018, 9:00 to noon

PLA Board Meeting, August 24, 9:00 am, place to be determined

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 11:40

Respectfully Submitted, Tracy Donovan, Secretary