

# Pelican Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

July 27, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Susan Koering at 9:00 am at Deacon's Lodge

Present: Susan Koering, Tracy Donovan, Dave Slipy, Tom Moore, Bob Vaughn, Matt Stephens, Jodi Billy, Shu-Mei Hwang, Jim Nickel, and David Spizzo. Absent were Bob Hamilton and Chuck Lane.

Minutes of prior meetings: BOD Meeting June 29, paragraph two under Finances should read "...our "directors" insurance is paid...." And "...he needs to cut a \$10,000 check to MAISRC."

Also, on page two Spring Welcome Event should read "We discussed the success of the Spring Welcome Event and Tree Distribution and the importance of continuing the event."

Motion made by Tracy Donovan to accept these minutes as amended, seconded by Bob Vaughn, motion carried

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 30 were reviewed and with a spelling change will be submitted for approval at our next annual meeting.

New Business, Private donation status. Art Weaver reported to the board that he had been in contact with the anonymous donor of the \$25,000 for the benefit of the lake and agreed that the funds should be directed to MAISRC and noted as coming from an anonymous donor to the Pelican Lakes Association.

Motion to do so was made by Bob Vaughn, seconded by Jodi Billy, motion carried. Susan will send a letter with the check to Dr. Phelps.

Further discussion concluded that Jodi will talk to Nick Phelps of MAISRC about PLA possibly committing continued donations and discussing what MAISRC could identify as helping specifically our lake.

Finances: David Spizzo provided a Statement of Activity showing financial data for year 2016-2017 comparing with year 2017-2018 to date.

David reported we are progressing nicely on transition to and use of Quick Books. David indicated we are up to date on donor input and that he is receiving one or two new donations each week.

Justin, Clasen and Company, Ltd. (Accounts) is preparing a proposal to provide accounting services and David is optimistic that this arrangement will work out, particularly as they have an

office in Nisswa and will be able to pick up the checks from the post office and deposit them directly into the bank.

Nominations for officers: Tracy reported no new nominees for officers, concluding the nominees are Susan Koering, President, Jody Billy, Vice President, David Spizzo, treasurer (with Clasen providing accounting services), and Tracy Donovan, Secretary. The slate was approved unanimously.

Further discussion of officers did conclude that since Jody does not want to serve as president, we should in the future select someone who is willing to move from vice president on to president.

Board Chairs: We discussed that ONE person should serve as chair for the activity and a second person may be indicated to help him or her. The following is the list of activities and the person primarily responsible along with an individual to help.

Water Quality, Matt Stephens, (Bob Vaughn, Little Pelican)

AIS including MAISRC Detector, Jodi Billy, (Bob Vaughn, Little Pelican)

Fisheries, Wildlife, and Forestry, Jim Nickel, Ted Brausen

Landing Monitors and Decontamination, Dave Slipy, Jodi Billy

Safety (Police and Fire), includes BP Safety Class in June (PLA supplies vests or pizza and beverages alternating with PLCC), Chuck Lane

Environmental/Shoreline Restoration (includes Welcome Event with trees), Jodi Billy, Jim Nickel

Government Affairs/Legislation, Susan Koering

Public Relations (why be a member, what we do, etc.) Tom Moore

Membership, Dave Slipy, Tom Moore

Beach Captain chairman, provides orientation, follow-up, monitor roster, Shu-Mei Hwang, Ted Brausen

Annual Meeting Chair, June 29, 2019, Susan Koering

Website, Jodi Billy, Molly

Newsletter Susan will continue but needs assistant

Business Relations, Bob Hamilton

Special Events, will be designated as needed.

Landing Monitors: David Slipy reported that three I-Pads were down but working on them.

Hours for now are under control, may need approval for more than the 1,400 allocated near September. We will discuss on-line as the need arises.

ERC (now PenMac) can provide.

Decontamination Station Services: David reported problems with the Pelican Square station. We concluded that David and Jodi will meet with Mike Wiebolt to try to resolve this issue.

Water Quality: Matt Stephens reported that the water clarity disc showed clarity to 14 feet in July compared to 27 feet in June, noting there appears to be more bacteria and more algae.

Little Pelican showed 17 feet in June and 18 feet in July

Gooseberry e-coli tests show high levels but further data and input is required. We concluded that we should also check the public beach and Jodi Billy will discuss with authorities as to what action might or should be taken.

AIS service announcement: PLA along with other associations provided funds (PLA \$500.00) for preparation of the service announcement video. Jodi reported that it has been completed and is being shown many TV channels including PBS and WCCO.

MAISRC update: We have received a Thank You letter from Cori Mattke, Associate Director University of Minnesota MAISRC for our \$10,000 donation.

Fisheries report: Jim Nickel reported that the DNR will be conducting a zebra mussel survey the week of August 14 as well as the annual walleye count.

Newsletter: Susan Koering reported the fall newsletter content deadline is 8/15/18 with expected mailing about 9/1/18 to 9/15/18

Agreed to list personal phone numbers for board members.

The newsletter goes out to about 1000 recipients from our data base plus to businesses.

We discussed getting our message about PLA out and encouraging people to join and donate. Tom Moore volunteered to draft a letter to this effect and sending it via email to the board members for review and approval.

Partner updates: none at this time however we did discuss a possible new partner, the Pequot Lakes School's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program. The program is looking for ways to include the students in programs to both help the partners and the students.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 28, at Deacon's Lodge at 9:00 am

Meeting adjourned 11:00 am

Submitted by Tracy Donovan, Secretary