

Pelican Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2018

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

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

Art Weaver: gave an update on MAISRC. Art indicated discussions with MAISRC's Dr. Phelps and possible hiring of a post doctorate to manage certain efforts of the invasive species program.

Minutes of prior meetings: Minutes of the previous Board Meeting of July 27, 2018 were reviewed and modified. The Modified minutes attached to these minutes were accepted.

Treasurers Report: Dave Spizzo provided YTD results and projections, cash balances, and commitments. Discussed the status of the budget and changes expected for 2019.

Dave continued with an update of the status of QuickBooks and relations with the Bank.

Also reported Justin, Clasen Co. Ltd will do all of our accounting needs, including receiving checks, depositing into our Bank, and sending acknowledgement letters.

Motion to have Dave Spizzo finalize this arrangement and enter into the agreement was made by Chuck Lane, seconded by Jim Nickel. Motion carried.

Landing Monitor Report and Decontamination Station: Dave Slipy reported PennMack is sending an invoice to the City to zero out. \$400.00 coming and \$800.00 more to conclude for the season.

Dave Slipy indicated after meeting with Mike Wiebolt and Justin Wallin, Pelican Square will no longer be able to provide people as the people are too busy and unable to take the required training and then always be available for the limited usage of the Decontamination Station.

The DNR will not certify the Station if it is not staffed by trained, certified inspectors.

General discussion about the station included the fact that it is not laid out for friendly access of boats, particularly boats greater in length than 24'. Thoughts expressed about new sites. Also, discussed having the County take ownership. This was concluded by having Dave Slipy initiate discussions with Jake Frei the County about possible ownership.

Water Quality: Jodi Billy reported that AW Research was not too concerned about the E-Coli levels, therefore no follow up with any more testing this year.

AIS Control: Brief discussion of future concerns possibly coming to our lake. Starry Stonewort is a big concern for Minnesota lakes and it was suggested that this could be a good topic for inclusion in next year's annual meeting.

MAISRC Update: In addition to Art Weaver's comments, Susan reported receipt of an email from MAISRC thanking for a PLA member's second donation.

Fisheries: Jim Nickel reported the August DNR sampling of the lake resulted in walleye count down from 4 per lift last year to 3.8.

The September perch sampling reported about the same as last year, though there was an unexplained explosive sample increase on the last day.

The next sampling scheduled for the next week will be the electro nets.

Forestry: Jim plans to order 1000 seedlings (down from 1,500 last year) for May 4, 2019 delivery.

Newsletter: Susan reported that 1,100 copies were prepared and address edits were completed for Fall, 2018. Sending via email to those requesting is now happening.

Discussed possible upcoming articles including "Solutions to questions asked by home owners," and perhaps setting up a Facebook page.

Also discussed financing and setting up a "Loon Cam." Chris Kristufek apparently sets up a loon's nest and will be approached by Jodi Billy to discuss how we might do it, how much it might cost, and how we could set it on the web.

Discussed the unpaid bill of Bob Komischke for advertising. The cost covers ads in newsletters published after Bob closed his business. Bob Hamilton proposed forgiving the two bills totaling \$256. Motion made by Dave Spizzo, seconded by Jodi Billy. Motion carried.

Beach Captains: Shu-Mei reported that he and Ted Brausen met with Susan 9/4/18 to conclude on data updates trying to show the current captains and their areas of the beach responsibility.

An updated PLA trifold brochure with new photos for use by beach captains is now available.

They have tentatively set June 8, 2019 for a Beach Captain meeting with a follow-up meeting after the annual meeting.

Public Relations: Discussed Tom Moore's proposed letter and agreed it should be sent out with the annual billing.

Safety Update: Chuck Lane reported he is coordinating the acquisition of items for the annual kids boat safety class conducted by the Sheriff's staff held at Breezy Point City Hall in the early summer. Each year life jackets and pizza are provided by the Pelican Lakes Conservation Club and PLA.

Website: No report

Other Business: Tee shirts are available and advertised in the Newsletters

New Business: Susan encouraged the board members to begin thinking of Goals for 2019, and speakers for the Annual Meeting.

Tracy reported on the updating of the Breezy Point Comprehensive Plan stating that the City was looking for input as to suggestions for the plan from not only citizens of Breezy but also those affected by the City. Comments, complaints, concerns, and suggestions for improving not only Breezy Point but also the Lakes area.

Tracy asked if the Board thought it was O K to share names and addresses of our members in hopes those outside of Breezy Point could be asked for input. A questionnaire is being developed.

It was concluded public records could be shared, such as the County's public records of ownership of lake front properties (not necessarily PLA members).

Next Meeting: November 30 at Breezy Point Resort's Marina.

Submitted by Tracy Donovan, Secretary